

Epping Anglicans

Parish of Saint Alban's, Epping
with Saint Aidan's, West Epping

Our Vision: To be a city on a hill - a worshipping community,
loving Jesus and the people around us.

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 4 August 2024

8.00am Eucharist

Reader: Ron Arnold

President: The Reverend Paul Weaver

Preacher: The Reverend Phil Lui

10.00am Choral Eucharist

Also available by zoom

Reader: Rema Gnanadickam

President: The Reverend Paul Weaver

Preacher: The Reverend Phil Lui

10.00am Sunday School in The Loft

(above the Main Hall)

Amy Taylor, Children's Ministry Worker

Join the 10am Service by Zoom:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82516182389?
pwd=VGpWNXRMcFilyXVWeVB3N0pzQnpsUT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82516182389?pwd=VGpWNXRMcFilyXVWeVB3N0pzQnpsUT09)

Passcode 389867 if required. If you are dialling in, the number is: 8015 6011

Meeting ID: 825 1618 2389 followed by # (and another # - there isn't a participants number).

Please keep your computer or phone on "mute" during the service.

To mute/unmute your phone, press *6

Please stay on line for a time of fellowship.

Morning tea

Please stay for morning tea and fellowship in the Main Hall after each of the 8am and 10am services. Everyone welcome.



*In Covenant with the communities of
the Roman Catholic Parish of Epping & Carlingford, Epping Uniting Church
and West Epping Uniting Church*

Phil's letter:

Good Morning Everyone,

Is variety and difference good for us as a church?

On the one hand when there is a large amount of uniformity in a church in passions, views and cultures, church can be a peaceful and comfortable place to be.

On the other hand with variety, we need to navigate difference in love, humility and patience.

As we continue to meditate on what it means for us to be the Body of Christ here at St Alban's, Ephesians chapter four challenges us to be united, to keep the bond of peace and to grow the body of Christ as we each are apportioned various and different gifts from Christ.

This chapter parallels well with 1 Corinthians chapter 12, which also presents the idea that there are different parts to the body of Christ and if we want to grow in maturity as the Body of Christ, each member is valuable and each has a contribution to make.

One of the ways I would like the parish to reflect these realities is for each of us to fill out a church survey. The results of this survey will be used to update and articulate our future together. God has given us different points of view and it is important that the leadership of the church considers the opinions of those who are young and mature, those who are new or well established in the parish, those who are enthusiastic or perhaps feeling disenfranchised, God has brought us together as the Body of Christ and it is important for the health of the Body that we hear from each and every person in the church.

Survey link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QK68HVY> or use the QR code. Hard copies are available at the back of the church for those who don't have a computer (*please leave your completed survey in the office letterbox located in the office door*).



The memorial flowers are in loving memory of
Dennis Meintjes
from Craig, Mark and Barbara

Prayer at the time of choosing a new Rector

Bountiful God, give to this parish of Saint Alban a faithful pastor who will faithfully speak your word and minister your sacraments; an encourager who will equip your people for ministry and enable us to fulfil our calling. Give to the parish nominators, Ruth, Meryl, Peggy, Glyn and James; Bp Chris and the diocesan members of the Nomination Board wisdom, discernment and patience, and to us give warm and generous hearts, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.



At the back of St Alban's are enlarged service sheets and bulletins.
If you would like a copy, please ask the duty parishioners.

Church:

Bobbin Head Anglican; Arden Anglican School; The Cathedral Parish of St Alban's Griffith; The Bishop of Bathurst and his Diocese
CBM Australia (Mission of the Month)

In our World and Community:

Pray for all people suffering from war, conflict and oppression, particularly the innocent women and children. Pray for those who mourn, those who are displaced and whose livelihoods are disrupted, may they be held in God's loving care and protection and given the strength to endure this hardship as they face such loss and destruction. Pray that the hearts and minds of those who perpetuate violence and oppression will be changed; and that leaders will advance efforts towards peace. May leaders show wisdom and courage and may they not be compromised by self-interest and blind indifference.

Pray for all people suffering from natural disasters, typhoons, flooding, landslides and forest fires. Pray for those fighting fires, and those undertaking the tasks of rescue and rebuilding.

Pray for international Christian development organisations, including CBM Australia, working to improve the lives of people with disabilities in the poorest places of the world through community-based programs. May they be generously supported in their work to bring lasting change. Pray that in our country there will be justice and equality in the provision of opportunities for all people with disabilities, enabling them to develop their potential, and may they be treated with love and respect.

Pray for women and children around the world who are experiencing violence of any kind. Pray for governments to rule wisely and to make and enforce laws to protect women and children from violence. Pray for support agencies that they may have the resources they need to provide for the rights of victims. Pray for comfort and healing to all those who suffer.

Pray for those from our parish community, or known to us, who are unwell, frail or confused. Pray that they will experience God's calming spirit. Pray for caregivers, give them hearts of compassion, and help them to know how to reassure the anxious; and help them to listen and assist in finding answers to their concerns. When they need comfort, help them to communicate care and understanding.

Prayer for the Week: from Saint Paul (Ephesians 3:16-21)

I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, the Father may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.

Anniversary of Death:

Dennis Meintjes 1/8; Neville Jansz 5/8; Nell Fairbairn 8/8; Ellen Johnson 8/8;
Selwyn Gilling 9/8; Selina Van Derweyden 9/8; Roy Cooper 9/8

Mission of the Month CBM Australia

CBM Australia is part of an international Christian development organisation devoted to improving the lives of people with disabilities in the poorest places on earth. **Poverty and disability go hand in hand** creating a cycle of inequality, isolation and exclusion that leads to the most **extreme forms of poverty**. Throughout its 116-year history and over 46 years in Australia, CBM (formerly Christian Blind Mission) has developed proven community-based programs that help millions of people benefit from real, lasting change.

Currently more than one billion people are **living with disabilities**, and they are **unduly impacted** during times of crisis and disaster. CBM's areas of work include:

- * **Preventing blindness** - preventing and treating avoidable blindness such as cataract, river blindness and trachoma.
- * **Ending poverty** - helping practically by providing aids and equipment, access to much-needed treatment, learning a skill and going to school.
- * **Transforming lives of people with disabilities** - influencing communities, organisations and governments to change attitudes and policies so everyone is included.

For further details, please refer to website www.cbm.org.au

There are a few ways for you to financially support CBM in their global ministry during these times of crisis:

- Donate funds directly at <https://my.cbm.org.au/donate>
- Transfer funds electronically to the Saint Alban's account – please ensure that you use the tag '[CBM](#)'.
- Place your gift in the 'Beyond the Parish' side of your offertory envelope (please write 'CBM' next to the stamped date) or in a plain envelope marked 'CBM' and deposit in the collection box at Saint Alban's.
- Drop off your monetary donation to the Church office on Tuesday or Thursday morning; deposit it in the Church office mailbox any time; or mail a cheque to PO Box 79 Epping 1710 – please make the cheque payable to the Saint Alban's account and attach a separate note that the funds are intended for CBM.



Communion – Bread and Wine.

We receive bread in the form of a wafer, and gluten-free wafers are available. Wine, or non-alcoholic grape juice, is offered in a small individual disposable cup. If you prefer, you may receive wine from the chalice. Please indicate to the clergy as they approach you at the Altar Rail.

Bulletin notices:

Please send items to be considered for next Sunday's bulletin by **WEDNESDAY at 2.30pm** to the office.

The House of Welcome

Thanks to the kindness of John Griffin-Miller we were able to deliver seven magnificent rugs and eleven beanies to The House of Welcome on Monday morning.

This donation was gratefully received, and thank you to all those who continue to knit loyally for the outreach, that we are able to provide warmth to those not so fortunate as ourselves.

If you would like to knit strips/squares/beanies (no pompoms on top) in acrylic yarn we would be delighted to have your contribution.



The strips are often knitted with scraps of yarn left over from other projects which when joined up form a very colourful, warm and practical rug to bring comfort to someone at this chilly time of the year.

The strips are 60 inches (150 cm) measured on a smooth surface - such as a table top, not on carpet. They are knitted with No.7 or No.8 needles and are sixty stitches in width.

Margaret Cummins

Mission of the Month donations received in July

\$755 = House of Welcome

This amount has been donated through the Parish accounts and do not include donations made by parishioners directly to each mission.

We are a parish committed to pray regularly for peace in the world, and to pray for all those caught up in the misery and dislocation of war, violence and oppression. We pray for the people of Ukraine, the people of Israel and of Palestine, including those soldiers and citizens who have been drawn into wars not of their making.

Prayer for peace and hope in the midst of the ongoing Israel-Gaza conflict, and the ongoing war in Ukraine

O God of all hope and peace, we bring to you the needs of our broken and hurting world. Our hearts are breaking with images of lives lost and torn apart by grief in Israel and Palestine, and in Ukraine.

O God, we pray for all your suffering children. Protect the vulnerable, strengthen the fearful and comfort the grieving. We pray for an end to violence and warfare so that the challenging work of rebuilding and healing may begin.

Help us, O Lord, to affirm our common humanity so that in our differences we may build together for justice and peace. In Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

The Anglican Board of Mission Commemoration Service for the **Martyrs of New Guinea** is to be held at 11.00am on Saturday 7 September at Saint Luke's Anglican Church, 11 Stanmore Road, Enmore. Refreshments to follow.



How tempting it is to ask Jesus for a 'sign', like the disciples, when, as for them, Jesus is with us fully in our life. There is nothing more we need, but to trust him in love.

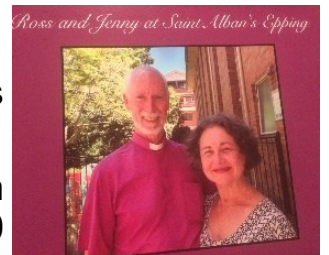
- May we trust Christ in love and so build his church, the faithful community of love.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of the nation's Torres Strait Islander clergy, virtually all of whom work for the church without a stipend.

Text: Pamela Davey and the Rev'd Sr Jan Crombie SSA (ABM Board) © Anglican Board of Mission, 2024

Commemorative photo book reprints

If you haven't seen the photo book and would like to do so, it is now available in the parish office.

If you would like to purchase a copy, Gillian Taylor can place an order over the next couple of months. They will cost between \$50 and \$60, depending what special offers are available from Snapfish at the time. Please let Gillian know either at church, phone 0412 724 516 or email mgt2@ozemail.com.au if you would like a copy.



St Alban's Sound System

A new amplifier has been installed which has improved the sound quality in the church. This is the first step to upgrade the AV system. If you would like to contribute towards the cost (\$2500) of this equipment, the bank details are on the back page of this bulletin. Thank you if you have already contributed.

Donations

Thank you to those who have given to the recent requests in the bulletin for financial assistance for the new AV system, air conditioner in the choir loft and votive candles.

So far we have received: Air conditioner - \$425, AV system - \$500 and Candles - \$150.



Men's BBQ Thursday 15 August at 6.30pm

The Men's BBQ is happening every third Thursday of the Month.

BYO meat for the barby, drinks, some salad or sides, to share.

Enjoy fine dining, good company and an uplifting time.

Tin Bin (*hessian bag*) ...

Thank you for your ongoing support. It is greatly appreciated by Christian Community Aid at Eastwood. All types of packaged food (not fresh) and bathroom supplies will be happily received.

WHAT'S ON...

Monday 5 August

Oswald, king and martyr

Office closed

Tuesday 6 August

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

9.00am Staff meeting

Wednesday 7 August

10.00am ESL

7.30pm Choir practice

Thursday 8 August

Dominic, priest and friar

9.30am Reading, Reflection and Prayers for Healing by Zoom (*link on front page*)

10.30am Eucharist with Prayers for Healing

Friday 9 August

Phil's day off

Mary Sumner, founder of the Mothers' Union

If you are a **NEWCOMER**, to St Alban's,
we would like to make contact with you.

To do this please scan the QR code and we will be in touch.

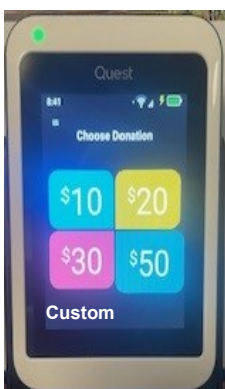


Safe Ministry

The Parish of St Alban's with St Aidan's Epping NSW is committed to the physical, emotional and spiritual welfare and safety of all people, particularly within its own community.

If you have any questions or concerns you can contact the Acting Rector Rev. Phil Lui on 02 9876 3362 or email phil@eppinganglicans.org.au

You can also contact the Diocesan Safe Ministry Team on 02 9265 1604 email info@safeministry.org.au or to report abuse 1800 774 945 email abuserreport@safeministry.org.au



EFTPOS Terminal

St Alban's has now made it even easier to make a donation by installing a 'Tap and Go' machine which is placed at the back of the church. Simply select an amount for your once-off donation and tap your debit or credit card. There are four set amounts - \$10, \$20, \$30, \$50 or a custom amount where you can choose your own number (up to \$99). If you would like to donate more than \$99, please tap twice.

Pick which amount you would prefer then tap your card.

Next Sunday Services

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

11 August 2024

8am Eucharist with Hymns

Preacher: The Reverend Phil Lui

10am Morning Prayer and Baptisms

(also available by Zoom)

Preacher: The Reverend Phil Lui

6pm Taizé

The Reverend Paul Weaver

Please consider paying your offertory directly into the church account.

The details are:- St Alban's Account, BSB No: 032 081, A/c: 000024

Please indicate which service you attend. If you wish some of your giving to go to the Mission of the Month or any other specific cause, please indicate it on your direct transfer.

During the blessing of the gifts of the people, we are including the offertory made to the Parish by direct transfer; handed in to the office, and the offertory made using the EFTPOS Terminal at the back of the church. Otherwise, the offertory box is located in the aisle at each service and brought forward for the blessing of the gifts.

We also have an EFTPOS terminal at church for a once-off donation.

Parish Directory

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