

# 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.

**16th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
*Season of Creation - Third Week*  
**17 September 2023**

## **8.00am Eucharist**

Reader: Margaret Foster

*Preacher: The Reverend Paul Weaver*

## **10.00am Choral Eucharist**

**Also available by zoom**

Reader: Gillian Taylor

*Preacher: The Reverend Paul Weaver*

**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 online 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*

## Paul's Letter

The basic principle to which we are called in Christian relationships is LOVE. Our readings from Paul's Letter to the Romans and the Gospel of Matthew remind us of this in different ways. Behind the importance of love, they call us to avoid judgementalism and arrogance, and to be forgiving and humble.

Jesus' words about forgiveness remind us that we are to be willing to keep on forgiving people whom we feel have wronged us. There are things it is not too hard for us to forgive. But there are also times when we have been seriously hurt or affected, and it is easy for us to become angry and to hold onto the hurt, rather than to be willing to let go. We don't have to load ourselves with the idea of forgiving and forgetting! If a hurt remains in our memory, let us learn from it, and ask God to help us to go on without anger and grudges. The scriptures never call us to forget, just to forgive. And why? Because we are all sinners. We have all wronged people in some way, and we have certainly wronged God through our sin. We are not in a position to act as the judges of others.

Paul's words from Romans 14 also remind us that we are not to judge others. This time the context is matters of disagreement between Christians on how we live out our faith. Over the centuries Christians have handled their disagreements very poorly. Some pass judgement on those whom they believe are not living and acting the way they should live and act. Others look down on those whom they believe are holding on to rules that are not required for Christians. Paul calls us to humility. By all means let us hold on to our convictions - although it may be wise to check that our convictions are sound! But let us also appreciate the freedom we have in Christ, without looking down on those who do not seem to have accepted those freedoms. Let us relate to one another with humility, seeking to understand and being ready to accept. Where we disagree, let us be careful to listen and understand, and willing to learn rather than rushing to judgement. We are not to be judges. We all will come before the judgement seat of God: the God of wisdom and all truth, who is also the God of grace and forgiveness in Christ.

---

## Season of Creation 1 September to 4 October 2023

This year we are joining with the global ecumenical community to share the theme of "Let Justice and Peace flow like a river".



Prophet Amos cries out: "But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!" (Amos 5: 24) and so we are called to join the river of justice and peace, to take up climate and ecological justice, and to speak out with and for communities most impacted by climate injustice and the loss of biodiversity. As the people of God, we must work together on behalf of all Creation, as part of that mighty river of peace and justice.



The memorial flowers in the church today  
are in loving memory of Irene Warton from Craig & Suellen Warton,  
Ross Martin, Jean Carden and family.

**Church:**

Killara - St Martin; Lindfield - St Alban; East Lindfield - St Peter;  
Pymble - St Swithun  
Epping Uniting Church; The Catholic Parish of Epping and Carlingford  
Christian Blind Mission (*Mission of the Month*)

**In our World and Community:**

Pray for people suffering loss and misery as a result of the devastating earthquakes and flooding in Libya and Morocco; pray that God will grant the people strength and courage at this time. Pray that there will be a generous response and provision of humanitarian assistance to aid the people in the days and weeks ahead as they face the tragedy of loss, and begin to rebuild their lives.

Pray for the Synod of the Diocese as it continues to meet this week – pray for the Archbishop, the bishops, the clergy and laity, and the Diocesan staff. Pray for our Synod representatives Corey, Gillian and Bishop Ross as they participate in the work of the Synod.

Pray for those in our parish, and known to us, who are sick, frail or struggling with infirmity. Pray for God’s grace to comfort and reassure them in their need, that their fears may be calmed. Pray for those who care for the sick, the aged and the infirm and those who tend the injured and dying that they may be sustained and strengthened in their role.

Pray for our parish, may our community use the gifts and grace bestowed on us to be welcoming and sharing, and may we seek to sustain each other in our faith and service – may we encourage each other in our outreach.

Pray that will continue to listen with open hearts and ears, and learn from our Indigenous brothers and sisters, to find within ourselves the humility to accept their invitation to friendship and partnership, as we are asked to walk together towards understanding and healing.

As God’s people we have a responsibility to care for God’s creation. Pray that people of all faiths will use the Season of Creation as a time to remember, respect, pray and act for the good of all of creation.

**Prayer for this week:**

Heavenly Father, when our hearts struggle to forgive wholly and fully we thank you for demonstrating such forgiveness by graciously extending it to us. Help us forgive freely and let go of bitterness, and grant us the strength to trust in you and your way, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

**Anniversary of Death:**

Irene Warton 12/9; Pamela Sunnocks 17/9; Peter Greene 18/9;  
Francis Whittington 19/9; Helen McIntyre 20/9; Beryl Atkinson 20/9;  
Aiden Warner 21/9; John Colling 22/9; Joan Bellamy 22/9; Ann Couch 23/9;  
Victor Lisle 23/9

---

**Sydney Diocesan Synod 2023 ...**

will continue this week Monday and Tuesday (18 and 19). Please keep our parish Synod Representatives Corey Chen and Gillian Taylor, with Bp Ross in your prayers as they participate in the business of the Synod.

---

## 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 115-year history and over 45 years in Australia, CBM has developed proven community-based programs that help millions of people benefit from real, lasting change.

Currently over 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](http://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 as you arrive for a service 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.

---

### Prayer for the Voice

Dear Lord

We pray for a bright and just shared future for all who call Australia home.

We ask that Your grace of acceptance and compassion will guide us.

Let the Creator Spirit lead our journey with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples of this land.

May we share Your Spirit more deeply; celebrate the gifts You have given us.

Help us appreciate true harmony and peace just as our Old People did; Keep us strong, make us resilient and remember us in this time.

Now is an opportunity to change our Nation's history for the better.

Walk with us as we write a new chapter together and may we be one in Your love.  
Amen.

---

## Surprise Sunday Lunch

We've had Soup Sunday, we'll have Sandwich Sunday and **next Sunday** will be **SURPRISE SUNDAY**. We would like some volunteers to bring pot luck meals to share before the Hymnfest. Main course or desserts would be marvellous! Please let Bp Ross know if you can help.

---

## "Hymnfest: Ten Well Known Hymns played by Ten Organists"

NEXT SUNDAY 24 September @ 2pm at St Alban's Church

Invitations have been sent to the congregations of all churches in Epping, as well as local residents, to join us in an attempt to 'lift the roof off the church' with sacred song.

There will be a potluck lunch in the Hall commencing at 12 noon so that parishioners can stay around following the services. Posters for the event listing the 10 hymns have been placed on the noticeboards at the church entrance and in the hall.

---

## Men's BBQ

**THIS Thursday 21 September**

**6.30pm in The Shack (behind the Parish Office)**



The Men's BBQ is happening every third Thursday of the Month. This will be held in The Shack, which is warm.

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

Enjoy fine dining, good company and an uplifting time.

---

## Referendum on the Voice to the Parliament

The date has now been set for the Referendum - 14 October 2023. There are many avenues to ensure that we as responsible Christian voters are fully informed.

**A Forum on the Voice** is being sponsored by the **Epping Uniting Church**, Chester Street on **Tuesday 26 September 2023 at 7pm**. Members, friends and family of St Alban's are invited (this is a public meeting).

Speakers are **Brooke Prentis** who is an Aboriginal Christian Leader, an Aboriginal Education and Reconciliation Action Plan consultant and a writer, previously CEO of Common Grace. Mr **Jerome Laxale** MP (Member for Bennelong) and Mr **Julian Leeser** MP (Member for Berowra). The audience will have the opportunity to pose questions to the members of the panel. Followed by a light supper. (*See flyer on the noticeboard*)

On our church noticeboard you will find information on the Voice from National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglican Council (NATSIAC) and the Uluru Statement.

The Anglican Board of Mission (ABM) has developed a resources page on its website where it has collected the Anglican Church engagement with the voice. <https://www.abmission.org/resources/anglican-responses-to-the-voice-referendum/>

Both Bishop Ross and Fr Paul have recommended reading material: *"Everything You Need to Know about the Uluru Statement from the Heart"*, by Megan Davis and George Williams. *'One Blood'* by John Harris

---

## **Garden working bee THIS SATURDAY**

Thank you to all those who helped with the working bee last month. The working bee will continue on the 4th Saturday of each month from 9.30am to 12noon.

The next date will be **Saturday 23 September**.

Enquiries: Gill McLennon 0411 957 270



---

The next meeting of the **RLT Women's Discussion Group** will be held at Ida's home on Thursday 5 October at 12noon Please bring your lunch as usual.

---

**BCA Boxes** - It is BCA box opening time again. Please bring in your BCA boxes ready for the September count. They may be left at the church office or placed in the offertory box at any service. If you would like to become a supporter of BCA please contact the parish office and a collection box will be sent to you. Boxes are opened and proceeds forwarded to BCA half yearly.



---

## **Rugs/Beanies/Scarves**

Last week Pastoral Care Coordinator, John Griffin-Miller, delivered 10 rugs, 8 beanies and 2 scarves to Mission Australia at Hornsby.

They were very grateful for the donation, as they had run out of stock, and we all realise the nights are still reasonably chilly.

Many thanks to everyone who continues to support this outreach.

Margaret Cummins

---

## **Volunteers Needed for Court Morning Teas**

Can you help by serving tea and coffee one morning a month at the Children's Court George St Parramatta? Hours are 9 am to 12 noon on weekdays. The court staff and clients really appreciate this morning tea service.

To find out more please ring Jane Bryant 9894 0439 or Mrs Prue Feather 0422759059.

---

## **Organ Recital**

THIS Sunday 17 September @ 2pm at Christ Church St Laurence  
Fr Daniel Dries will be playing and featuring works by J.S. Bach, Franck, Finzi, Parry and Vierne. Entry is via note donation.

---

## **Movement for the Ordination of Women**

Sunday 17 September at Christ Church St Laurence

Celebrating 40 years of activism on behalf of the women's ordination in the Anglican Church. See the church noticeboard for more information.

---

## **"Marvellous Musicals"**

A concert of solos and duets with Lachlan Roots and Karen Main  
with Paul Weaver at the piano.

Sunday 15 October at 2.00pm in the Parish Hall

---

# WHAT'S ON...

## Monday 18 September (Synod)

John Ramsden Wollaston, priest and missionary of Western Australia

Office closed

## Tuesday 19 September (Synod)

9.00 am Staff meeting

10.00am Ladies Bible Study led by Jenny Nicholson via zoom (*link below*)

## Wednesday 20 September (Synod)

John Coleridge Patteson, first bishop of Melanesia, martyr

**Phil's day off**

7.15am Prayer meeting via zoom (*link below*)

10.00am ESL classes

7.30pm Choir practice

## Thursday 21 September

**MATTHEW, APOSTLE, EVANGELIST AND MARTYR**

9.30am Reading, Reflection and Prayers for Healing by Zoom (*link below*)

10.30am Eucharist with Prayers for Healing

6.30pm Men's BBQ

## Friday 22 September

**Rector's day off**

Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82516182389> - **Passcode 389867**

---

**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.

---

*We remain committed to pray for the people of Ukraine, and all those caught up in the misery and dislocation of this war, and those affected by earthquake.*

### **Prayers for the people of Ukraine, Russia, Turkey and Syria**

God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine today. We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons. We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow, that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them. We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions. Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen.



We also recognise the suffering of Russian soldiers and citizens who have been drawn into a war not of their making. May they display courage in their convictions and calls for peace. May they look to you as a source of comfort in the face of tyranny and the hardships that will flow from their government's actions. Amen.

Lord we pray for all affected by the earthquake in Turkey and Syria: for those working to make safe we pray for your strength; for those bereaved or injured we pray for your comfort; for those made homeless we pray for your provision. Just as you heard the Psalmist's cries for rescue, please answer our prayers for your people in crisis. In your mercy and grace. Amen

**Next Sunday Services  
at St Alban's**

**17th Sunday after Pentecost  
Season of Creation**

24 September 2023

**8am Eucharist with Hymns**

Preacher: The Reverend Phil Lui

**10am Sung Eucharist (also streamed)**

President: The Reverend Phil Lui



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

**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, we are including the offertory made to the Parish by direct transfer. Otherwise, the offertory box is located in the aisle at each service and brought forward for the blessing of the gifts.

**Parish Directory**

**Parish Office (at St Alban's)**

**Address** - 3 Pembroke Street Epping 2121 (PO Box 79 Epping 1710)

**Phone** - 9876 3362

**Rector**

Bishop Ross Nicholson 0407 916 603  
rossnicholson@eppinganglicans.org.au

**Assistant Minister**

The Reverend Philip Lui 0433 456 987  
phil@eppinganglicans.org.au

**Honorary Senior Associate**

The Reverend Paul Weaver 0408 285 776  
paul@eppinganglicans.org.au

**Parish Administrator**

Mrs Denise Pigot 98763362  
office@eppinganglicans.org.au

**Children's Ministry Worker**

Amy Taylor  
youthstalbans@gmail.com

**Music Director**

Chris Czerwinski 0452 557 695  
krzysztof\_czerwinski@yahoo.com

**Website** - [www.eppinganglicans.org.au](http://www.eppinganglicans.org.au)