

# 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.

## 17th Sunday after Pentecost

2 October 2022

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### 8.00am Eucharist

Reader: Brian Haywood

Preacher: *Bishop Ross Nicholson*

### 10.00am Eucharist

**Also available by zoom**

Reader: Derek Jones

Preacher: *Bishop Ross Nicholson*

### 4.30pm 'All in church'

*Bishop Ross Nicholson*

#### Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82516182389>

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). *A password isn't required.*

**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 after each of the 8am and 10am services.



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

## **The Rector's letter**

We often think of the Apostle Paul as a remote theologian, giving directions to wayward congregations. But when we do that, we forget the strong pastoral role that Paul had with those churches he wrote to. We can overlook the deeply personal connection he had with these places, scattered around the Mediterranean.

We can also forget that he wrote deeply personal letters to individuals to strengthen, encourage and challenge them in their faith in Christ. If you want to see just how challenging, have a read of the very short letter to Philemon! But it is to the second letter to Timothy that we will be directing our attention over the next four weeks.

Timothy was the son of a pagan father and a Jewish mother who converted to Christianity. He himself was probably converted on Paul's missionary journey to Lystra in Lycaonia, in what is modern day Turkey. But Paul refers to him in his opening salutations as 'my loyal child in the faith' and 'my beloved child'. He uses the very intimate form of the word for a young person to show he considers Timothy to be his spiritual son.

From his first letter, we see that Timothy may not have had a lot of self-confidence, unlike his colleague Titus, who also received a letter from Paul. He may have felt insecure about the fact that being in his mid-thirties he would have been considered too young to be a leader in the church or synagogue.

I would encourage you to take some time in the next week to read both these letters to Timothy. As you read, think about times when you may have been similarly encouraged by an older Christian to take a big step up in your walk with Christ. Maybe you could think of a younger person you could share a similar encouragement or challenge with.

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### **"All in Church"**

**Sundays from 4:30pm-5:30pm in the Lower Hall**

with casual play and fellowship starting at 4:10pm. Dinner will be included.

All people, from all ages are welcome to participate. Please be praying this would advance God's kingdom, by reaching people in our community.

#### **Help wanted!**

Would you be willing to help cook a dinner for the 'All in Church' Service? We would not need anything too special. Even if it was providing some pre-made frozen food to reheat would be delightful. If you are willing to help, there is a roster to write your name at the back of church. Enquiries: Rev'd Phil Lui.

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## **TAIZE SERVICE,**

**Next Sunday (9 October) 6.00pm**

On the second Sunday of each month, we hold a service of prayer and worship in the style of the ecumenical community of Taize. This service, 40-45 minutes in length, is based around the singing of simple reflective Christian chants, together with Bible readings, prayer, and a time of reflective silence. It has been found by many people to be a refreshing and gentle style of worship, and a helpful contrast to our traditional Anglican services.

All parishioners and other interested people are invited to join us on Sunday for our next Taize service. You are invited to stay for tea or coffee afterwards.

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**Church:**

Roseville - St Andrew; Roseville College; Roseville East - St Barnabas,  
Grace Anglican; Turramurra South - St Philip  
LifeWay Lutheran Church Epping; Parish of St John the Baptist, Epping, UK  
*Act for Peace (Mission of the Month)*

**In our World and Community:**

Pray for our parish in our evangelism, outreach and hospitality, and particularly, at this time, for our 'All in Church': be with those leading, those attending and those providing support.

Pray for our parish, for good stewardship of our resources and for the financial resources needed to advance our ministry and the extension of God's kingdom.

Pray for all those of our parish community who are ill, those undergoing operations and procedures, those suffering in mind or body or spirit, or close to death: pray for their families and their carers, may they experience God's love, peace and caring presence. Pray for those who mourn that they will be surrounded by God's love.

Pray for the many people suffering the miseries of conflict, oppression, famine, storms, flooding, and other humanitarian crises: pray for those conscripted to fight against their will, those who mourn, the displaced, the homeless, the hungry and the refugees, may they receive aid and hope, and a place of safety.

As this Season of Creation comes to a close we pray that with other Christians around the world, from across denominations, we will continue to celebrate God's beautiful and precious Earth, and every living creature on Earth, and in our renewed commitment to preserving and restoring that beauty, and considering ways to inhabit our common home sustainably, we may rely on God's leading.

**Prayer for this week**

Lord, make us people who recognise, nurture and act towards a more sustainable world for the benefit of all who draw life from this planet. Raise up campaigners who will speak out for wisdom, restraint and compassion. And teach us to partner you in protecting this precious world and the lives of our most vulnerable global neighbours. Amen.

**Anniversary of Death:**

Gertrude Haywood 3/10; David Parsons 4/10; Edward Field 6/10;  
Dorothy Lambert 6/10; Norma Sawyer 7/10; Norman Woolven 7/10;  
Gordon Smith 8/10

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**Parish Roll**

Are you new to the Parish or have your details changed? If so, would you kindly let Denise know your new details by email or phone (see back page) and if you are new, kindly fill in a form on the welcome desk.

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**Sunday School**  
*is in recess until 16 October 2022*

## Mission of the Month Act for Peace

Act for Peace is the international aid agency of the National Council of Churches in Australia. As part of the ACT Alliance, Act for Peace works with local organisations around the world, saving lives when disaster strikes and helping to build long-term change.

Since the beginning of the war in **Ukraine**, more than **eleven million** people have had to flee their homes, creating a humanitarian crisis on a scale not seen in Europe since World War II. They join nearly **90 million** other people around the world who are displaced today, more than at any other time in history. Since August, millions more have become displaced in **Afghanistan**, with many arriving in Pakistan seeking safety.

Every day, Act for Peace's local partners are there to support and stand with them. They will never stop showing kindness, often at great personal sacrifice, to help find a safe permanent home for the people uprooted by conflict and disaster. It's through these **acts of kindness** over the long-term that ultimately mean people find safety.

This **gives refugees hope**, but it also **gives us all hope**. Despite the difficult times we are living through, people are stepping up to meet the challenge, sharing the burden with those struggling to survive. Please help **share the burden** and turn **despair into hope** for refugees and displaced people.

For further details, please refer to [www.actforpeace.org.au](http://www.actforpeace.org.au)

There are a few ways to financially support Act for Peace in their global ministry:

- Donate funds directly at [www.actforpeace.org.au](http://www.actforpeace.org.au)
- Transfer funds electronically to the Saint Alban's account – please ensure that you use the tag '[Act for Peace](#)'.
- Place your gift in the 'Beyond the Parish' side of your offertory envelope (please write 'Act for Peace' next to the stamped date), or in a plain envelope marked 'Act for Peace', 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 Act for Peace.



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You are invited to share in a Conference by Zoom arranged by the Theological Reflection Commission of the NSW Ecumenical Council

“BEING CHRISTIANS TOGETHER”

This Saturday 8 October 2022 at 10am

More information can be found on the notice board.

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## Prayers for the people of Ukraine, and for the people of Russia

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.

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## Royal Recollections

As the Editor of *The Parish Magazine*, I would be happy to receive from parishioners a few lines, a paragraph or two, or a longer item, in which you share your recollections and memories of Queen Elizabeth II or King George VI. These recollections and tributes will be published in the next edition of *The Parish Magazine*. Perhaps you met the Queen? Perhaps you saw her passing by but remember the occasion very well. Perhaps there is a particular event from her reign which you clearly remember and which made an impression on you.



Please share your memories. You could take a handwritten contribution to Denise in the Church Office or give it to me one Sunday before 10 October. Alternatively, you could email it to [julie.evans@ihug.com.au](mailto:julie.evans@ihug.com.au)

I look forward to receiving many contributions!

Julie Evans

Image from Australian Government website  
<https://www.pmc.gov.au/her-majesty-the-queen>

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## MU Meeting

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 11 October at 1.30 pm in the Seminar room. We will be doing the final bible study on 1 Peter Chapters 4 and 5. Could you please read these before our meeting and bring your MU Bible study book to the meeting. The Rev'd Janis Donohoo will be leading us in the study.

We would welcome any who would like to join us.

Enquiries to Jan Boyley 0449274876

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**RLT** - The next meeting of RLT Women's Discussion Group will be held on Thursday 6 October at 12.30pm at Jill's home. Please bring your lunch as usual.

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## **Myanmar Lunch and Learn**

*Presented by ABM and St Alban's*

**Sunday 6 November in St Alban's Main Hall**

12noon for 12.30pm

First hand stories from ABM pilgrims to Myanmar

Enjoy a light lunch of authentic Myanmar food with wine or fruit juice

FREE admission

For catering purposes please register by 31 October 2022 through TryBooking

[www.trybooking.com/CCPWU](http://www.trybooking.com/CCPWU)

or St Alban's Office [office@eppinganglicans.org.au](mailto:office@eppinganglicans.org.au) / 9876 3362

For further information please contact Peggy Sanders 0413 481 854.

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## **Anglicans Together Annual Dinner**

**Thursday 17 November 2022 at 7pm**

Castlereagh Boutique Hotel, 169 – 171 Castlereagh St Sydney,

The Rt Rev'd Michael Stead, Bishop of South Sydney and Professor Peter Sherlock, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Divinity, Melbourne will engage in a conversation and discussion on the theme "Anglicans Together – is it possible or a pipe dream?", moderated by the Rt. Rev'd Genieve Blackwell, Assistant Bishop, Diocese of Melbourne.

Tickets are \$75 each for members, and \$90 each for non-members, including a 2-course meal and tea and coffee. Seating is limited to 78 people; Make a group and book a table together, while this option is available.

Purchase at: [https:// www.trybooking.com/CBKHQ](https://www.trybooking.com/CBKHQ). To join or renew Anglicans Together membership, go to their website.

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## **Financial statement**

The half yearly statement of accounts can be found on the church noticeboard.

Details of how to contribute to the ministry of St Alban's is on the back page.

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Epping Baptist are running the **Alpha course** and have invited other churches to participate. If you would like to be part of the team or attend please call Bp Ross.

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## **Community Garden**

A suggestion has been made to build a community garden in the front yard of the Rectory. If you would be interested in finding out more on this project or being involved, please talk to Bp Ross.

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## **Zoom Prayer Meeting**

We will be continuing the Parish Zoom Prayer meeting at 7.15am on Wednesday mornings.

If you would like to join us, use the Sunday morning Zoom Church link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82516182389> Meeting ID: 825 1618 2389

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# WHAT'S ON...

## Monday 3 October

Office closed - public holiday

## Tuesday 4 October

Francis of Assisi, friar and preacher

- 9.00am Staff meeting
- 10.00am Ladies Bible Study led by Jenny Nicholson via zoom (*link below*)
- 7.45pm Evening Bible Study with Bishop Ross.  
Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84072186575>

## Wednesday 5 October

- 7.15am Prayer meeting via zoom (*link below*)
- 7.30pm Choir practice

## Thursday 6 October

William Tyndale, biblical scholar

- 9.30am Reading, Reflection and Prayers for Healing by Zoom (*link below*)
- 10.30am Eucharist with Prayers for Healing (Bp Ross Nicholson)
- 12.30pm RLT at Jill's home

## Friday 7 October

The link for the above zoom meetings is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82516182389>

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## Office arrangements

The office is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays. You can still contact Denise on the office phone on Wednesdays and Fridays.

Bp Ross can be contacted on 0407916603.

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

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## COVID-19 and attendance at Services

Services of worship are open to all people. Due to COVID-19 still being present in the community, we recommend that those attending worship or other church activities:

- Be fully vaccinated;
- Stay at home if feeling unwell;
- Use hand-sanitiser regularly.

We also encourage parishioners to receive the extra booster.

We thank you for your consideration of others, while we no longer ask you to wear a mask while in the church building, if you feel more comfortable wearing a mask, please feel free to do so.

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## Next Sunday Services

18th Sunday after Pentecost

9 October 2022

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Preacher Bishop Ross Nicholson

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Preacher Bishop Ross Nicholson

### 4.30pm 'All in Church'

### 6.00pm Taizé

The Reverend Paul Weaver

## Bulletin notices

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

## 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.

## Parish Directory

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

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

**Phone** - 9876 3362

<b>Rector</b>	Bishop Ross Nicholson 0407 916 603 rossnicholson@eppinganglicans.org.au
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<b>Music Director</b>	Chris Czerwinski krzysztof_czerwinski@yahoo.com

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