Epping Anglicans

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

Our Mission: Gather, Grow, Go

CHRIST THE KING
15 November 2026

Sunday at St Alban's

9.30am
Combined Parish Festival Choral Eucharist
Also available by zoom *(details on page 4)*
Preacher: Pastor Kian Holik

Sunday School in The Loft *(above the Main Hall)*

Youth @ St Alban's

Combined Church Fellowship with lunch in the main hall after service

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What's coming up at St Alban's…

This week …

Wednesday 18 November
10am **Everyday English Classes**
12noon – 2pm **Chinese Knowing Jesus Course**
7.30pm **Young Adults Growth Group**
7.30pm - **Choir practice**

Thursday 19 November
9.30am **Reading, Reflection and Prayers for Healing by Zoom**
10.30am **Eucharist with Prayers for Healing** – all welcome, followed by morning tea
7.30pm **Bible Study** at North Epping - enquiries to Ted on 0431 663 853

Friday 20 November
7.30pm – 9pm **Mandarin Bible Study** led by Simon Pei – Seminar Room All welcome

NEXT SUNDAY: The Sunday before Advent and DV Sunday: with other parishes in the Sydney Diocese, we will take time to consider the presence of domestic and family violence and abuse in our community and in the church. We will hear a message from our Archbishop, and we will have the opportunity to pray for marriages, families, victim-survivors, and churches. This Sunday will also mark the commencement of the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence which runs from 25 November – 10 December, which is a global United Nations campaign. See November Newsletter, page 2, for more details..

FORWARD DATES:

Sunday 29 November: Advent Sunday 8am Eucharist; 10am Advent Hymns, Prayers and Lessons (in Morning Prayer). Preacher: Assistant Minister Bill Walton

At the end of the Service we will farewell The Reverend Paul and Sarah Weaver as they leave our parish and relocate to the inner west of the city. After the 10am service we will have the opportunity to talk with them over morning tea. We are asking for contributions of sandwiches, cakes and slices.

Some will remember, and others may not have been here, at the end of January 2022 we had a Eucharist to mark Fr Paul's retirement as the Associate Priest in the Parish, and to mark our recognition and express our appreciation of his Ministry and Sarah's contribution to our Parish. Family, friends and previous parishioners were present, and the Eucharist was followed by a wonderful Celebratory Luncheon. On this occasion we were able to present Paul and Sarah with a number of gifts, which they appreciated very much. We were delighted that Paul and Sarah were not leaving us at the time, but continuing as members of the parish - and we know that both have continued to support and contribute to the ministry of the parish in so many ways - and now is our opportunity to be present on Advent Sunday and to say thank you and bid them farewell, enjoy an extended 'morning tea', as they relocate to the new home and community.

Sunday 6 December: National Church Life Survey. Our parish will be participating in the National Church Life Survey (NCLS), as we have every five years since 1996. This important survey takes about 20 to 30 minutes to complete and helps us listen to your thoughts, evaluate our collective church health, and discern our future ministry directions.
We will be conducting the Attender Survey during each of our Sunday morning services on 6 December. Everyone will have the option to complete it on paper or online. If you would like to complete it online, please remember to bring your smartphone, tablet, or smart device with you to church that day.
Thank you for your valuable contribution to our church community! For more information, please visit the NCLS Research website at **https://www.ncls.org.au/research/**

A Christmas Stall (Sunday 6 December) will be held after the 8am and 10am services. Donations of edible goods and new craft items would be welcome. Enquiries: Elizabeth Jenkins 0403 792 967.

The North Epping Carols 2026 will be held on Friday 11 December 2026 at Epping Oval (60 Norfolk Road, North Epping).



Food available from 6.30pm. Carols begin at 7.15pm followed by fireworks at 9pm.

The Reverend Ryan Austin-Eames will be inducted as the new Rector at St Paul's Burwood on Thursday 26 November at 6.30pm - Choral Evensong with Induction and Installation as the 10th Rector of the Parish. (St Paul's ask for RSVP for anyone wishing to attend - please check their website for the form.)

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Church: Hunters Hill Parish; North Epping - All Saints. Epping Presbyterian Church; Macquarie Community Church. Anglicare Christmas Connection 2026 - Mission of the Month.

For Your Prayers for the Month: Please refer to the prayers in the Newsletter.

Our Parish: Pray for the Rector and the Clergy and Ministry Team of our parish, and for our mission that we may Gather, Grow and Go and bring Christ to our community. Pray for the sick and those in need, and pray for those who are grieving the death of a loved one. Give them patience in their need, and may those caring for them provide God's comfort and grace. Pray for peace in our community, in our country and in the world.

Anniversary of Death: Edna Snyman 16/11; Shirley Bolton 16/11; Eileen Nicol 17/11; David Rien 17/11; Bruce Wilson 18/11; Albert Abel 19/11; Margaret Lundie 21/11.

MISSION OF THE MONTH

Anglicare Christmas Connection 2026

Throughout November, Saint Alban's is supporting **Anglicare Christmas Connection 2026**—an opportunity to share Christ's love in practical ways and to bring help and hope to families facing hardship and isolation. This appeal replaces Anglicare's **Toys 'n' Tucker** Christmas appeal from previous years. The more focussed Christmas Connection appeal supports Anglicare's frontline services, including financial wellbeing, foster care and chaplaincy. Your gift will help Anglicare provide practical assistance and personal care to people in need throughout the year.

a Practical help

- You are encouraged to visit online the Anglicare Christmas Connection secure website at **https://christmas.anglicare.org.au/#gift**
  Choose from **twelve gift options** representing practical Anglicare services—such as community pantry groceries, foster care support or face-to-face financial counselling. Select the gift that reflects the kind of practical support you would like to provide, and complete your **secure online donation**.
- Alternatively, transfer your donation electronically to the Saint Alban's account – please ensure that you use the tag 'Christmas Connection'.
- For **cash donations**, please place in a Christmas Connection envelope, with your chosen gift card, and put the envelope in the bag during the offertory collection. Both cards and envelopes are available from the temporary display stand now in the narthex.
- For **credit card** payments not online, and donations by **cheque**, please complete the tear-off slip attached to the envelope.

Please note that one of the 12 gift cards is marked 'A Gift for Where It's Needed' whereby you can **nominate any amount**. Please remember that every gift, whatever its size, helps remind a neighbour in need that they are **supported, valued and not alone**.

b Meaningful connection

You are also encouraged to write a **short message or prayer** for someone receiving Anglicare's support. Please use the tear-off message panel of the Christmas Connection gift card. A **Message Mailbox** is now set up in the narthex for you to drop in your handwritten Connection Cards.

Guidance for writing messages and examples are at **https://christmas.anglicare.org.au/giving/write-a-message**

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 Rector, The Reverend Phil Lui on 09876 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 abusereport@safeministry.org.au

Giving in offertories and donations to September 2026

Offertories and donations totalled $164,669 against a budget of $144,270, placing us $20,399 ahead. This is also $27,005 (20%) higher than at the same time last year.

These figures do not include giving from the Indonesian and Chinese congregations, as their offerings mostly support their own ministry resources.

It is encouraging that this continues to be a somewhat steady and robust upward trend. This will further reinforce confidence to enable us to seriously consider candidates to fill some key roles to build on this growth trajectory that we are experiencing.

The Wardens continue to be thankful for this positive result in giving and are greatly encouraged by it. We continue to pray that this momentum will continue, helping us remain faithful in the Parish's mission through the rest of 2026 and into 2027.

The Wardens.

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.

Offerings for EPIC Indonesian congregation, please specify EPIC in the reference.

Offerings for the Chinese congregation, please specify 'Chinese' in the reference.

If you wish give to the Mission of the Month or any other specific cause (eg Assistant Minister/Student Minister Fund), 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.

Zoom details for Services available by Zoom:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82516182389?pwd=VGpWNXRMcFlLYXVWeVB3N0pzQnpsUT09
Passcode 389867 *if required.*
Dialling in: 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.