

Epping Anglicans

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

Our Mission: Gather, Grow, Go

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

28 June 2026

Sunday at St Alban's

(Liturgical Colour Green)

8.00am Eucharist

Reader: Ron Arnold / President: The Rev'd Paul Weaver / Preacher: *The Rev'd Phil Lui*

@ 10.00am

Sung Eucharist - Also available by zoom *(details on page 4)*

Reader: Gillian Taylor / President: The Rev'd Paul Weaver / Preacher: *The Rev'd Phil Lui*

EPIC Indonesian Congregation (Old Sunday School Room)

Pastor Kian Holik

Chinese Congregation

The Reverend Simon Pei

Sunday School in The Loft (above the Main Hall)

Youth Bible Study

Combined Church Fellowship with morning tea in the main hall after services

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Newsletter: More information about Services and Events and other information about the Parish is in the Monthly Newsletter, which is available in the Porch, and on the website

What's coming up at St Alban's...

TODAY - Sunday 28 June

Newcomers Lunch from 12noon. Please RSVP to Phil on 0413 396 435 if you would like to attend.

Wednesday 1 July

10am Everyday English Classes.

Everyone is invited to come to the Church Hall at 11am for a Celebration of Cultures with our Everyday English Students. There will be morning tea with food from different countries. Our students would love to practise their conversation skills with real English speakers!

Thursday 2 July

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

10.30am Eucharist with Prayers for Healing - all welcome.

12.00pm **RLT Women's Discussion Group** will be held at Jill Gumbley's home. New members are very welcome. Enquiries to Christine Murray on 0418 241 372

Friday 3 July

7.30pm to 9pm - **Mandarin Bible Study** led by Simon Pei held in the Seminar Room. All welcome.

Mothers Union will not be meeting in July.

Thank you

What a wonderful celebration of the parish last Sunday - thank you to all who contributed and participated.

The memorial flowers today are in loving memory of
Ray Jenkins from Elizabeth and family

Thoughts and Prayers for Reflection: The July 2026 *Thoughts and Prayers for Reflection* is available in the porch and on the website.

Dear church family, I am full of gratitude as I write this from the comfort of my home. I am finally back from the hospital and recovering well each day.

I wanted to take a moment to convey my heartfelt thanks to everyone who reached out with messages of encouragement, love, and support. Most of all, thank you for lifting me up with your prayers. I really felt the strength and comfort of those prayers during some difficult moments whilst in hospital, and they were a beautiful reminder of how blessed I am to belong to this congregation.

Thank you too for being such wonderful deliverers of God's love. I look forward to sharing in fellowship with you all again very soon.

God bless each and every one of you. Kindest regards and sincerest best wishes,
Gerry Wagstaff

We welcome **Mustard Seed Christian Childcare** who will commence outside school hours care in the lower hall from Monday 6 July, during the next school holidays.

Mustard Seed exists to help local churches reach their communities with the good news of Jesus Christ, and to provide high quality, Christian early childhood education and childcare.

When Mustard Seed is operating, the gates will be closed for added security of the children. If you need access during the hours of their operation, please contact the office. We look forward to a great relationship with their team.

Ian Ratcliff - a former parishioner and chorister at Saint Alban's, and his wife **Theano** have written about their journey of faith that has taken them to work with **SIM Australia and Banda Health in Nairobi, Kenya** in *The Parish Magazine* (pages 42 - 44). While they are on home assignment in Australia they will be spending time with us at Saint Albans' and we will be able to hear about their work and time in Kenya over the past two years. Please mark these two opportunities in your diary.

- ♦ **Saturday 18 July** all members of the parish and guests are invited to a **Mission Morning** in the Hall.
 - ♦ **Sunday 19 July** Ian will be the preacher at the 8am and 10am Services.
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An Afternoon of Music for Pleasure

Sunday 26 July at 2pm here at St Alban's

Paul Weaver will be playing the piano and Emily Horspool on the clarinet.

Music by Beethoven, Rachmaninoff, Saint-Saens, Finzi, Joplin and more

Donations are invited to support the work of Rough Edges.

F o r Y o u r P r a y e r s

Church: Ryde - St Anne; West Ryde - St Columb; West Epping Uniting Church; Epping Baptist Church
Anglican Aid - Mission of the Month.

For Your Prayers for the Month are included in the Monthly Newsletter. Please refer to these to include in your prayers.

In addition - please continue to pray for those in need in our parish - those who are unwell, those in pain, those who are sick in mind or body or spirit. Pray that they will be free them from anxiety, give them patience and help them to feel comforted knowing they are loved.

Give thanks to God for the joy of our worship and fellowship together last Sunday; pray that each of our congregations may flourish and reach out to our communities to share our faith and the message of the love of God.

Prayer for the Week: Lord, grant our Rector, our Ministry Team, our Wardens and Parish Council wisdom and vision, and fill our community with a spirit of unity. Open our eyes to the needs of those around us, and give us the generous hands to serve them. Make our parish a beacon of Your light in this area. May we be a welcoming home for all who seek peace, strength, and Your saving grace. We ask this in Your holy name. Amen.

Those recently deceased: Reverend Jane Chapman died on 24 June 2026. Her funeral details are not available yet.

Anniversary of Death: Ray Jenkins 28/6; Harold Graham 28/6; Eric Nyholm 29/6; Elaine Bardsley 30/6; Luverne Morse; Jack Harms; Maureen Liverside; Lawrence Ho; Leo Ilchook 1/7; Agnes Gray 2/7; Raymond Irving 4/7; Alison Nicholls 4/7

Giving in offertories and donations to May 2026

Offertories and donations totalled \$88,948 against a budget of \$80,150, placing us \$8,798 ahead. This is also \$16,005 (22%) higher than at the same time last year.

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

This encouraging improvement gives us confidence to begin exploring increasing staff days to support the growth God has graciously given our church, and to address other areas of need in the Parish.

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

The Wardens.

Mission of the Month - Anglican Aid

Anglican Aid is the relief and aid agency of the Sydney Anglican Church. It provides support to domestic and overseas activities including community based benevolent and welfare programs, school education, Christian leadership programs and emergency and relief programs.

Anglican Aid is currently involved in **138 long-term development projects across 34 countries**. Christians in local partner organisations and churches are putting their faith into action and caring for the vulnerable. For further information about Anglican Aid and its projects, please refer to the display on the narthex board, or visit website anglicanaid.org.au

There are a few ways you can **financially assist** Anglican Aid. Either use the 'Beyond the Parish' side of your weekly offertory (please write 'Anglican Aid' next to the stamped date) or use a plain envelope marked 'Anglican Aid'. Alternatively, transfer funds electronically to the St Alban's account (please use tag 'Anglican Aid'), or donate funds directly at anglicanaid.org.au/donate

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=VGpWNXRMcFILYXVWeVB3N0pzQnpsUT09>

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 on line for a time of fellowship.
