

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.

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Third Sunday of the Season of Creation
21 September 2025

Sunday Services

8.00am Eucharist

Reader: Anne Lawson

Preacher: *The Reverend Phil Lui*

10.00am Choral Eucharist

Also available by zoom (*details on back page*)

Reader: John Thompson

Preacher: *The Reverend Phil Lui*

10.00am Sunday School in The Loft
(above the main hall)

Rector

The Reverend Philip Lui 0413 396 435 - phil@eppinganglicans.org.au

Parish Administrator

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Caretaker

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Parish Office

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Morning tea:

Please stay for morning tea in the Main Hall after each of the 8am and 10am Services. Everyone is very welcome. You may meet someone new!



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

Wednesday 24 September

10am Everyday English Classes in the main hall.

Thursday 25 September

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

10.30am Eucharist with Prayers for Healing

7.15pm Evening Bible Study Group lead by Doris Awad at North Epping. Enquiries to Ted on 0431 663 853.

Saturday 27 September

Garden Maintenance from 9.30am to 12noon. Extra hands, of all ages, are always helpful. Enquiries: Gill McLennan 0411 957 270.

Sunday 28 September

Newcomers Lunch from 12noon.

Please RSVP to Phil on 0413 396 435 if you would like to attend.

Season of Creation Bushwalk

Tuesday 30 September

10am to 12noon

Waterloo Park, Marsfield

bookings essential.

Please see the notice board for more details

Season of Creation

Each year, from September 1 to October 4, the Christian family across denominations unites for this worldwide celebration of prayer and action to protect our common home. As followers of Christ, we share a common call to care for Creation.

Thankfulness

Thank God for the long standing work of Mother Union in the Parish and for the Area Day Service, talks and refreshments which was held here last week bringing together MU members from many parishes.

Thank God for our Churchwardens, Treasurer and Parish Council whose diligent work enables the parish to run smoothly.

The Rector will be on leave from Monday 29 September to Sunday 5 October 2025.

The next **RLT meeting** will be held at Deirdre's home on Thursday, 2 October starting at 12.00pm. BYO lunch as usual.

If you are interested in joining, please contact Christine Murray (0418 241 372).

A thank you card from St John's Anglican Church Taree for donations to those affected by the floods, is on the noticeboard.

Church:

Ryde - St Anne; West Ryde - St Columb
West Epping Uniting Church; Epping Baptist Church
Act for Peace - Mission of the Month

For the Parish:

Pray for the process of seeking a part-time Assistant Minister and more Student Ministers. Pray for our Rector Phil and our Synod Representatives Doris Awad and Gillian Taylor as they continue participation in the Synod of the Diocese of Sydney over Monday 22 and Tuesday 23 September 2025.

For the Week:

God of constant mercy, who sent your Son to save us: remind us of your goodness, increase your grace within us, that our thankfulness may grow, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Anniversary of Death:

Aiden Warner 21/9; John Colling 22/9; Joan Bellamy 22/9; Ann Couch 23/9;
Victor Lisle 23/9; Carnie Parsons 24/9; John Couch 24/9; Scott Ekert 24/9;
Veronica Couch 24/9; Chevron Joseph 24/9; Shaun Joseph 24/9;
Iris Fitcher 25/9; Ronald Burgess 26/9; David Phillips 26/9;
Ana Chelladurai 26/9; Dorothea Graham 27/9

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.

Today there are more than **123.2 million people displaced** due to conflict and disaster, more than at any other time in history. During 2023/2024 Act for Peace assisted 15 local partners in 16 countries in the funding of 26 programs, improving the lives of 142,758 people.

Every day, Act for Peace's local partners are there to support and stand with **refugees**. 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 There are a few ways for you to financially support Act for Peace in their global ministry during these times of crisis. Either use the 'Beyond the Parish' side of your weekly offertory (please write 'Act for Peace' next to the stamped date) or use a plain envelope marked 'Act for Peace'. Alternatively, transfer funds electronically to the St Alban's account - please use tag 'Act for Peace', or donate funds directly at www.actforpeace.org.au

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.

Bush Church Aid (BCA) Collection Boxes

As one way of raising money for Bush Church Aid – the ministry to grow the church in rural, regional and remote Australia – parishioners take a money box to collect their loose change. At certain times of the year we bring these back and the money is counted and sent to BCA. If you would like a box, please ask at the office.

September is BCA box opening time. Please bring in your BCA boxes for the September count. They may be left at the church office or placed in the offertory bag, or handed to the duty parishioner 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.

Anglican Board of Mission Lucky Draw

On behalf of the ABM Auxiliary, Margaret Foster and I would like to thank the parish for supporting the Lucky Draw Opportunity. The funds raised will assist Indigenous Christian Leaders with evangelism and pastoral care initiatives, including Rev'd Gloria Shipp's Walkabout Ministry in the Dubbo region. \$690 was raised from the Lucky Draw and the mission lunch on 16/9!

Four parishioners were lucky winners of prizes; Margaret Cummins, Anne Lawson, Joy Mayhew and Christine Murray. Thank you all for supporting ABM 's Reconciliation Project. Jane Bryant

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 abuserreport@safeministry.org.au

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 give 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.

Zoom details for 10am Service:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82516182389?pwd=VGpWNXRMcFpYXVWeVB3N0pzQnpzUT09>

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.



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