

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.

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
175th Anniversary of Anglican Board of Mission
26 October 2025

Sunday Services

8.00am Eucharist

Reader: Margaret Foster
Preacher: *The Reverend Phil Lui*

10.00am Sung Eucharist

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

Reader: Margaret Cummins
President: *The Reverend Phil Lui*

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

Rector

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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...

TODAY

Newcomers Lunch from 12noon at the Rectory.

Wednesday 29 October

10am Everyday English Classes in the main hall.

Thursday 30 October

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.

Tuesday 4 November

7.45pm All Souls Service

Wednesday 5 November

10am Everyday English Classes in the main hall.

Thursday 6 November

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

10.30am Eucharist with Prayers for Healing

12noon **Women's Discussion Group RLT** (Road Less Travelled), will be held at Margaret's home. BYO lunch as usual. If you are interested in joining, please contact Christine Murray (0418 241 372).

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

Sunday 16 November

Violin and Piano Concert in main hall at 12.30pm organised by Isabel Li. More details to come.

Today we celebrate the **175th Anniversary of the Anglican Board of Mission (ABM)**.

Since its founding in 1850, ABM has faithfully served as the national mission agency of the Anglican Church of Australia, working to share God's love, hope and justice through word and action, across cultures and countries, transforming lives spiritually, physically and socially. For 175 years, ABM has partnered with churches and communities both locally and globally, supporting initiatives in ministry, faith formation, education, health, advocacy, and community development. Saint Alban's, and members of the parish, have had a long and close association with ABM over many of these years, which continues today.

St George's Paddington

Give thanks for the appointment to Bishop Stuart Robinson to be the next Rector of St George's, commencing 25 January 2026. Pray for Paul Weaver in his ministry during the period leading up to Stuart's commencement of ministry. And pray both for Stuart and the parish as they prepare for this new period of worship, ministry and witness.

Thoughts and Prayers for Reflection: The November 2025 *Thoughts and Prayers for Reflection* is available in the porch and on the website.

Church: Barker College; Anglican Youth Works; West Epping Uniting Church; Epping Baptist Church. Banksia Women and Rough Edges - Mission of the Month

For the Parish: Pray for our Rector and the development of a ministry team of a part-time Assistant Minister and Student Ministers for growing and ministering to our Parish community.

Pray for students undertaking the HSC examinations (continuing to Friday 7 November), that they will have right judgement, calm hearts and clarity of mind as they sit for their exams.

Pray for peace: pray that the fragile truce in Palestine and Israel will lead to a just, lasting and sustainable peace. Pray for the speedy and fair distribution of humanitarian aid, and pray for courage and hope for those returning to where they previously lived that they may be able to begin to rebuild their lives and communities. Pray that all wars and conflicts will end with a just peace for all.

For the Week: Gracious God we pray for the projects and ministry of the Anglican Board of Mission and Anglicans in Development, giving thanks for the 175 years of witnessing to your Son Jesus Christ's saving, forgiving and reconciling love for all people; pray that the collaboration with Anglican Church Partners across the Pacific, Africa, the Middle East, South East Asia and Sri Lanka to help deliver grassroots community-driven development, will build welcoming, transforming communities of faith to your glory and honour. Amen

Anniversary of Death: Ches Sanderson 20/10; Eric Sharpe 20/10; Jay Pitcher 21/10; Ethel Simpson 21/10; Jean Down 21/10; Beatrice Taylor 22/10; Margaret Smith 22/10; Doris Gibbons 22/10; Carlisle Passe de Silva 23/10; Maurice Simmons 24/10; Graham Sawyer 25/10; Clive Harcourt-Norton 25/11

Mission of the Month: *Banksia Women and Rough Edges* - Saint John's Darlinghurst

St John's Anglican Church, Darlinghurst is in a strategic location to reach out with innovative ministries to the people of East Sydney. **St John's Community Services** (SJCS) offers assistance to those suffering from the trauma of homelessness, domestic violence and exclusion.

SJCS operates Banksia Women, among other programs, and the drop-in centre Rough Edges which St Alban's has supported for many years. Refer to the narthex display, our monthly newsletter, and <https://www.sjcs.org.au/>

Banksia Women is a not-for-profit organisation established in 2019 by SJCS. It supports women, who have experienced domestic and family violence or abuse, in their recovery by providing community, connection and long term support. Further details at www.banksiawomen.org.au Donate at <https://www.banksiawomen.org.au/donate>

Rough Edges has been a community hub and drop-in centre since 1996. It offers a friendly welcome, a hearty meal and a safe place to those experiencing homelessness. Further details at <https://www.roughedges.org.au/> Donate at <https://www.roughedges.org.au/donations>

Roughtober 2025 is a fundraising event, this year on Friday 24 October, where every dollar raised goes to supporting Rough Edges. People swap comfort for compassion and experience a small taste of what it's like to be homeless by choosing something to give up. For further details, and to register, go to <https://www.roughtober.org/>

There are a number of ways you can make a **general donation** to Saint John's Community Services. Either use the 'Beyond the Parish' side of your weekly offertory (please write 'SJCS' next to the stamped date) or use a plain envelope marked 'SJCS'. Alternatively, transfer funds electronically to the St Alban's account - please use tag 'SJCS', or donate funds directly at <https://www.sjcs.org.au/donate>

Total Givings for 2025 as of September

Giving and donations	\$137,664
Budget	\$155,070
We are currently behind by	\$17,406

Require \$5.8k uplift in givings per month to make up the full year budget

As at the end of September 2025 we have experienced an increase in giving which is promising and we are very thankful for. The shortfall mentioned above is a carry over of the gap in giving in the early part of 2025 which we have not been able to bridge.

Mission of the Month donations received in September and October

\$300.00 = Act for Peace (September)

\$325.00 = Banksia Women and Rough Edges (October)

This amount has been donated through the Parish accounts and do not include donations made by parishioners directly.

Anglican Board of Mission

Please support ABM's Reconciliation Fund by attending a Sale, Exhibition and Demonstration of Decorative Mosaics in St Alban's Main Hall

**Saturday 8 November -
11am to 2.30pm**

Tea, coffee and light refreshments on sale. Enquiries: Jane Bryant 9894 0439



EFTPOS Terminal

St Alban's has now made it even easier to make a donation by installing a 'Tap and Go' machine which is placed at the back of the church. Simply select an amount for your once-off donation and tap your debit or credit card. There are four set amounts - \$10, \$20, \$30, \$50 or a custom amount where you can choose your own number (up to \$99). If you would like to donate more than \$99, please tap twice.

Pick which amount you would prefer then tap your card.

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 and 9.30am Thursday Service:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82516182389?pwd=VGpWNXRMcFpYXVWeVB3N0pzQnpsUT09>

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.
