

Epping Anglicans

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

Our Mission: Gather, Grow, Go

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

8 March 2026

Sunday at St Alban's

8.00am Eucharist

Reader: Margaret Foster / Preacher: *The Venerable Brett Hall*

@ 10.00am

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

Reader: Anne Lawson / Preacher: *The Venerable Brett Hall*

EPIC Indonesian Congregation (Old Sunday School Room)

Pastor Kian Holik

Chinese Congregation (Lower Hall)

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

Rector	The Rev'd Philip Lui 0413 396 435 phil@eppinganglicans.org.au
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What's coming up at St Alban's...

TODAY Sunday 8 March

Lenten Bible Study in the Seminar Room at 1pm.

Tuesday 10 March

MU meeting at 1.30pm in the Seminar Room

Wednesday 11 March

10am Everyday English Classes

Thursday 12 March

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

10.30am Eucharist with Prayers for Healing. During this service, there will be a brief act of remembrance for Audrey Thompson, the sister of John Thompson and sister-in-law to Christina Thompson, who died on 12 February.

11.45am Lenten study with Reverend Barbara Howard in the Seminar Room

7.30pm Bible Study at North Epping. Enquiries to Ted on 0431 663 853.

Thursday 19 March

6.30pm **Men's BBQ Group** will be held in The Old Sunday School Room (behind the Parish Office).

Sunday 22 March

Annual General Meeting to commence promptly at 11.45am.

Saturday 28 March

9.30am Garden Maintenance. Many of the regular helpers are currently away so extra hands, of all ages, would be greatly appreciated.

Enquiries: Gill McLennan 0411 957 270.

Making of Palm Crosses in The Seminar Room from 9.30am will be a working bee to make Palm Crosses for the following day, Palm Sunday. We would be very grateful to those who can assist. No experience necessary – tuition given. A small pair of scissors would be helpful equipment. Enquiries: Margaret Cummins 9680-4865.

Sourcing of Palms - we are looking for a source of palm branches - Please let Margaret know if you have access to palms.

Sunday 29 March

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

The **Annual General Meeting** of the Parish will be held on Sunday 22 March 2026 at 11.45am. Please find the relevant information on the church porch noticeboard.

Nomination forms for Wardens, Parish Councillors, Synod Reps and Parish Nominators are available at the back of the church and are required by 15 March 2026.

Lenten Devotion and Bible Reading Plan for 2026 - The Rector has prepared a plan for 40 days of reading through the Gospel of John. Please pick up your copy from the church porch.

Passover Meal - Maundy Thursday 2 April at 6pm in the Old Sunday School Room. If you are able to help with preparations, please let the office know.

Cost has been increased to \$20 per head. More details are in the March Newsletter.

RSVP to office@eppinganglicans.org.au / 9876 3362 or leave your name on the list on the noticeboard.

Email address changes

Please note Bill Walton and Kari (our caretaker) have new emails as per below:

Bill Walton - bill@eppinganglicans.org.au

Kari Hewitt - karihewitt94@gmail.com

The **March Newsletter** is available with more details of the activities within the parish and beyond.

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

Church: Bush Church Aid; Chaplains at Royal North Shore Hospital; Berowra - St Mark; Epping Uniting Church; The Catholic Parish of Epping and Carlingford. ABM - Mission of the Month

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

In addition: Continue to hold in your prayers all the places where there is war, violence and upheaval; pray for the people in their fear and uncertainty, pray for comfort for those who are suffering and those who are displaced, and ask for protection for the innocent, the mothers, the children and the elderly; pray for guidance and wisdom and compassion for leaders and decision-makers. .

Prayer for Lent: Lord God, throughout this season of Lent, I ask for your guidance to walk this path of spiritual discipline. Grant me the strength to commit to daily prayer and reflection, to read and meditate on your word, to commit to almsgiving, and increasing acts of kindness and service. Open my heart to the quiet whispers of your voice. During these 40 days, let me reflect on the life and sacrifices of your Son, Jesus Christ, and emerge from it renewed in spirit and commitment to your calling. Amen.

Anniversary of Death: John McNicol 8/3; Hatsue Nagao 8/3; Gertrude Howe 10/3; Marjorie Nicholas 10/3; Gertrude Nyholm 13/3; Robert Carson 13/3; Eleanor Hogan 14/3

Those recently deceased: Elaine Taylor - her funeral will be held on Friday 13 March at 11am at St Alban's with a gathering afterwards at Pennant Hills Golf Club, Beecroft.

Robert (Bob) Dickinson's funeral will take place at Northern Suburbs Crematorium TOMORROW Monday 9 March at 2pm in the South Chapel.

Mission of the Month

ABM AID Lent appeal 2026 - Give Water, Give Life

Lent is a time of the desert, of wandering in a spiritual wilderness. It is also a time in which we come to recognize the importance of **water** and its place as the **source and sustainer of life**.

Clean water, decent toilets and good hygiene are basic human rights. They should be available to everyone, everywhere – but they aren't. ABM AID works with local partners to provide communities in **Kenya, Vanuatu, Myanmar and other places** around the world with clean water.

This Lent, your generosity can bring the lifegiving gift of clean water to vulnerable people. With your support, we work with trusted Anglican partners to bring clean water, safe toilets and essential hygiene facilities to people who need them. For further details, please refer to the Missions display on the narthex board, or visit website www.abmission.org/appeals/appeals-major/lent2026/

There are a few ways to financially support ABM and AID and their partners during Lent this year. Place your gift in the 'Beyond the Parish' side of your weekly offertory envelope, or in a plain envelope marked 'ABM Lent'. Alternatively, transfer funds electronically to the St Alban's account - please use the tag 'ABM Lent', or donate funds directly at www.abmission.org/appeals/appeals-major/lent2026/

FOR YOUR DIARY:

On **Sunday 26 April at 2,00pm**, there will be a Concert in the Parish Hall presented by Paul Weaver and members of the Wilson family, as a **Tribute to Bruce Wilson**, who contributed so much to the musical life of the parish. More details later.

Bush Church Aid (BCA) Collection Boxes

March is BCA box opening time. Please bring in your BCA boxes for the March 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.

Mission of the Month donations received in February

\$260.00 = Anglicare Chaplaincy

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

Total Givings for 2025 as at December

Giving and donations: \$189,849 / Budget: \$206,760 / We are behind by: \$16,911

However giving and donations were up 1% on the last year which is a very promising trend which we would like to see continue into 2026.

As at the end of December 2025 we have experienced a continued increase in giving, which we are immensely thankful for.

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.



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.

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.
