Epping Anglicans

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

Our Mission: Gather, Grow, Go

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost and
Remembrance Sunday - 8 November 2026

Sunday at St Alban's *(Liturgical Colour Red)*

8.00am Eucharist
Reader: Anne Lawson / Preacher: The Rector

@ 10.00am
Sung Eucharist - Also available by zoom *(details on page 4)*
Reader: Meredith Lawn / Preacher: The Rector

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 @ St Alban's

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

6pm Taizé *(final service)*
The Reverend Paul Weaver

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What's coming up at St Alban's…

TODAY: Remembrance Day: We remember the service and sacrifice of military personnel who have died and suffered in wars, conflicts, and peace operations. We also pray for all who currently serve in the defence and police forces in this country - praying that they will be given courage and comfort in danger, and discipline in the just use of force. We pray for their families who wait for their safe return from duty.

Our final Taizé Service tonight:

Taizé services have been held in churches around Epping for over 30 years. They were commenced as an ecumenical time of worship and prayer, taking place in a different church each month, but eventually became based at St Alban's. Members of different denominations have regularly attended and been welcomed over the years. Tonight's Taizé service is our final service at St Alban's for the foreseeable future. All are welcome for this reflective time of singing, scripture and prayer. The service will be 40-45 minutes in length, and we are invited to gather for a time of fellowship afterwards over tea, coffee and light refreshments.

This week …

Monday 9 November: Parish Council Meeting at 7.45pm

Tuesday 10 November: MU are having their Christmas lunch at Wills Café, Anglicare Castle Hill. All are welcome. Please let Elizabeth Jenkins 0403 792 967 or Jan Boyley 0449 274 876 know if you would like to attend by today.

Wednesday 11 November
10am **Everyday English Classes**
12noon – 2pm **Chinese Knowing Jesus Course**
7.30pm **Young Adults Growth Group**

Thursday 12 November
9.30am **Reading, Reflection and Prayers for Healing by Zoom**
10.30am **Eucharist with Prayers for Healing** – all welcome, followed by morning tea

Friday 13 November
7.30pm – 9pm **Mandarin Bible Study** led by Simon Pei – Seminar Room All welcome

NEXT SUNDAY: Christ the King – one service only in the Parish at 9.30am. Preacher: Pastor Kian Holik. Liturgical Colour White. The service will be followed by lunch for all. Each congregation will be contributing food for lunch.

FORWARD DATES:

Sunday 29 November: Advent Sunday 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.

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.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Church: Eastwood - St Philip; Ermington - St Mark; Gladesville - Christ Church; LifeWay Lutheran Church Epping. 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: Sumitha Wickremesinghe 8/11; Myrna Burke 9/11; Sidney Loo Ching 11/11; Elizabeth Johnson 11/11; Agness Passe-de-Silva 11/11; Robert Englebrecht 11/11; Bill Dickinson 12/11; Doreen Brown 13/11.

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**

A Parish Remembers

These books will be available for purchase after the 8am and 10am services today at the back of the church. $15 per copy.

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 August 2026

Offertories and donations totalled $148,592 against a budget of $128,240, placing us $20,352 ahead. This is also $30,011 (25%) 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 appears to be a somewhat robust and stable improvement that has continued. This will enable us to seriously consider candidates to fill some key roles to enable us 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.

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.