

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.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 18 May 2025

Sunday Services

8.00am Eucharist

Reader: Ron Arnold / Preacher: The Rector

10.00am Choral Eucharist

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

Reader: John Thompson / Preacher: The Rector

10.0am 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!



St Alban's is open during the week

for prayer and reflection, when the office is open.



Hope25 seeks to empower Australian Anglican parishes and communities in an intentional season of sharing hope in Jesus from Easter to Pentecost in 2025.

Hope25 - Hope in an Uncertain World is an opportunity for us to share the hope that we have in Jesus. Hope25 is an initiative of the Anglican Church Australia. <https://www.hope25.com.au/>

In our parish the Rector will be running a course explaining Christianity over a series of weeks commencing soon. Please speak with him if you would like to know more.

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

Thursday Evening Bible Study Group

A Bible Study lead by Doris Awad, is on Thursday evenings in North Epping. If you would like to join in this group, please contact Doris at doris@eppinganglicans.org.au for more information.

Garden Maintenance

Saturday 24 May 2025 from 9.30am to 12noon. Extra hands, of all ages, are always helpful. Enquiries: Gill McLennan 0411 957 270.

Newcomers' Lunch

For those who are new to church, if you are interested in finding out more about a newcomers' lunch, or about the church or Christianity, a lunch will be held after the 10am service on **Sunday 25 May**. If you would like to attend, please speak with Phil or Doris.

Paul's Piano Concert - Sunday July 13 at 2.00pm - St Alban's Parish Hall

The theme for this year's piano concert is "Feel-Good Music", with beloved piano classics and music from the movies. In some items Paul will be joined by Carol Coomber and Victoria Norris (Bruce Wilson's daughter and granddaughter) on clarinets.

As usual, your donations will support "Rough Edges" ministry at St John's Darlinghurst. This program will also be presented at Alan Walker Village, Carlingford, with donations supporting Christian Community Aid.

Weekly @ St Alban's on Thursdays

9.30am Reading, Reflection and Prayers for Healing by Zoom (*link on back page*)
10.30am Eucharist with Prayers for Healing

Ecumenical Service

Wednesday 4 June at 11am - Our Lady Help of Christians Church followed by lunch. See noticeboard for more information.

Lighting a candle at St Alban's

The Pastoral Care Committee have organised cards (next to the votive candles) to send to loved ones in need.

Lighting a candle is a prayer -

when you have gone it stays alight as a symbol of love and hope, of light and warmth, uniting your prayers with the prayers of the whole Church of God.

Church:

Ryde - St Anne; West Ryde - St Columb;
Chaplains at Macquarie Hospital, North Ryde
Fr Paul and the people of the Parish of St George's Paddington
Epping Uniting Church; The Catholic Parish of Epping and Carlingford
Christian Community Aid (Mission of the Month)

In our World and Community:

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God of Hope you call on us to be your witnesses in this uncertain world; by your Spirit awaken in us a true vision of your kingdom, a greater certainty of our salvation, and a deeper dedication to your service; that through our words and actions the same Spirit may bring many who are lost to be found, and for them to celebrate the hope that we can only have in Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Anniversary of Death:

John Bardsley 18/5; James Jones 18/5; Arlene Gellately 19/5;
Lory Rutherford 23/5; Scott Jeffery 23/5; Doris Thompson 24/5

Pentecost at Saint Alban's – many languages

The Day of Pentecost is 8 June, and the Season of Pentecost of twenty three Sundays begins. At the 8am and 10am Services on 8 June we plan to continue our tradition of hearing part of the reading from the Acts of the Apostles in many languages. If you can contribute to this – please add your name, language, service you attend and email address to the list on the noticeboard in the Church porch. You will be sent the reading and a link to translations. If you would like more information please contact Peggy Sanders 0413 481 854 pmasanders@gmail.com

Throughout Pentecost we are planning on having The Lord's Prayer read in a language other than English in our Services. Hopefully those who offer to read will also be happy to do this, or if you would like to read The Lord's Prayer, please add your name to the list.

Connect Cards

These cards can be found in the holders on the back of the pews or in the church porch and are available for parishioners to communicate points for prayer, feedback on the service or sermon, or perhaps you would like to bring something to the attention to the ministry staff.

Connect Cards are also for new or visiting people as a first step to help the St Alban's community welcome you. Providing details and some information helps us to be in touch with you. All information is handled confidentially and securely.

The cards can be placed in the offertory bag when they are passed around.

Mission of the Month donations received in May

\$250 = CCA

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

Harvest Festival

in support of Christian Community Aid
(Mission of the Month)



Please support the work of Christian Community Aid as our Mission of the Month, culminating in Harvest Festival to be held at Saint Alban's on **Sunday 25 May**.

CCA is a non-denominational not-for-profit community service organisation that has been delivering services in the Epping and Eastwood area for 60 years. Its focus is to be "problem solvers and game changers combating against poverty, violence, discrimination, and inequality. United we work for the health, wellbeing, education, safety, and financial stability of every person in our community."

For more information about CCA, please refer to the display on the Narthex board, or visit website www.ccas.org.au

There remains high demand on the **CCA food pantry** by families in need. Donations of **non-perishable food** are welcome for the Parish's celebration of Harvest Festival on Sunday 25 May. Tinned and packaged food (no glass bottles or jars please) may be left at the office or in the church narthex **until Thursday 22 May**. Following the Festival all the donated food will be transported from the church display to Christian Community Aid.

So that CCA can make bulk purchases and buy perishable food as required, **cash donations** are also welcome. Use the 'Beyond the Parish' side of your weekly offertory (please write 'CCA' next to the stamped date) or a plain envelope marked 'CCA'. Alternatively transfer funds electronically to the St Alban's account (please use tag 'CCA'), or donate funds directly at <https://ccas.org.au/make-a-donation/>

How can you help?

- Last day to bring in your CCA food donations is this Thursday (22 May).
- If you have any spare rectangular pavers, Phil would love to hear from you.

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=VGpWNXRMcFpLYXVWeVB3N0pzQnpzUT09>

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.