

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.

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Aboriginal Sunday

18 January 2026

Sunday Services

8.00am Eucharist

Reader: Brian Haywood

Preacher: *Ken Bock OAM*

10.00am Sung Eucharist

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

Reader: Sue Armitage

Preacher: *Ken Bock OAM*

10.00am Children's Holiday Program 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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Bill Walton

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Doris Awad - doris@eppinganglicans.org.au,

Gloria Walton

Aimee and David Wong

Indonesian Congregation (EPIC) Pastor

Kian Holik - kian@eppinganglicans.org.au

Caretaker

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

Saturday 24 January

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.

Sunday 1 February

During our 10am Service we will have Prayer and Blessing for students, teachers and all involved in education.

Today is Aboriginal Sunday

Annually, Aboriginal Sunday is celebrated the Sunday before January 26, as an opportunity for church congregations and faith communities to stand in solidarity and pray for justice and the flourishing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. This year in our parish we have chosen to mark this today; we pray for justice, healing and reconciliation.

The **Annual General Meeting** of the Parish will be held on Sunday 22 March 2026. You are reminded that there are changes to the Nomination Process for Office Holders which is outlined on page 3 of the January Newsletter.

Would you like to help with English Classes this year?

We are in need of someone to assist with hall arrangements, equipment and attendance. English Classes run on Wednesdays during the school term. If you would be interested in filling this role, please let the Parish Office know.

Fellowship

Each Sunday in our services at the Lord's Table we celebrate fellowship with God and fellowship with each other. We have the opportunity after our services to continue that fellowship over breakfast or morning tea in the parish hall. If you are not in the habit of joining your fellow parishioners in the hall after services, please think about doing this and enjoying some additional time as part of the church family.

After the 8am service breakfast is served, even if you don't attend the 8am service come early (around 9am – 9.15am) and have some breakfast and fellowship before the 10am service. Please invite another member of the congregation to join you in the hall for breakfast/morning tea.

January Newsletter

Copies are still available at the back of the church. If you have anything to contribute to the February Newsletter, please send to the office by Tuesday 27 January.

Congratulations

To Kari (our caretaker) and Esmarie who had a baby boy on 13 January 2026.

If you would like to help them with a meal, you can leave a non returnable container in the main hall kitchen freezer. Please label what the meal is and who it is for and the date it was frozen.

For Your Prayers

Church: Eastwood - St Philip; Ermington - St Mark; Gladesville - Christ Church; Epping Presbyterian Church; Macquarie Community Church. Bush Church Aid - Mission of the Month

For the Parish: Pray for our Rector Fr Phil and our ministry team - Assistant Minister Bill and Student Ministers Gloria, Aimee, David and Doris. Pray for them as they plan for serving in our parish community. Pray for Pastor Kian and Liza, and the Indonesian Congregation, pray for the students that they can study well and be salt and light at university. As our regular and new ministries and activities commence may we be attentive to God's voice as we discern how best we can serve him and each other here in this community of faith.

In our World and our Country: Pray for peace where there is conflict; pray for calm and justice where there is brutality and repression; pray for the flourishing of our First Nations Peoples; pray for those suffering as a result of bushfires, and those experiencing flooding in various parts of our country. Pray for leaders with wisdom, integrity, and compassion seeking to protect the vulnerable, uphold justice and equity, and serve the common good.

In our Community and Families: Pray that those in need will receive God's grace, through the prayers, caring and compassion of the community around them. Pray for families, students and teachers as they prepare to return to places of education.

Please pray for Paul Weaver as he conducts his final full service as Acting Rector at St George's Paddington today. He will participate next Sunday in the Commissioning Service for Bishop Stuart Robinson, who is to commence as the new Senior Minister at St George's. Please pray for Stuart as he prepares to take up his new ministry.

For the Week: Almighty God, by whose grace alone we are accepted and called to your service strengthen us by your Holy Spirit and make us worthy of our calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Anniversary of Death: Gordon Young 18/1; Bobbie de Boos 19/1; Katie Dickinson 19/1; Kathleen Woodman 20/1; Val Dougall 21/1; Anthony Moon 23/1; Dora Perry 24/1; Doreen Peacock 24/1

Those recently Deceased: Regina Matchin whose funeral will be held tomorrow, Monday 19 January at 1.30pm at St Alban's.

Mission of the Month Bush Church Aid

The Bush Church Aid Society of Australia, an association within the Anglican Church, has a priority in mission to the isolated, remote urban and rural people of Australia. Please refer to the display on the narthex board, the January Newsletter, or visit website www.bushchurchaid.com.au for further information.

There are a few ways for you to financially support BCA. Either use the 'Beyond the Parish' side of your weekly offertory (please write 'BCA' next to the stamped date) or use a plain envelope marked 'BCA'. Alternatively, transfer funds electronically to the St Alban's account - please use the tag 'BCA', or donate funds directly at www.bushchurchaid.com.au/donate.



Office arrangements:

The Parish Office will be open Tuesdays and Thursdays during January.

"IN THE LOOP" - Communication and Prayer

Many members of the parish will be aware of our system of rapid communication to inform parishioners, by email, when a situation of need has occurred within the parish, such as emergencies, funerals, illness or other significant events. This enables a group of concerned people to pray for members of the congregation and their loved ones, in times of particular need.

If you would like to ask for prayer through "In the Loop", contact Barbara Meintjes as below. If you are sharing information or asking for prayer for someone else, it is important to have their agreement, and to let Barbara know that you have their agreement. If you wish to join the group of parishioners who are "In the Loop", please contact Barbara Meintjes on barbarameintjes@hotmail.com.

Members of "In the Loop" are asked to be discreet in their use of information they receive. At all times the use of information in "In the Loop" will be at the discretion of the Clergy.

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

Communion – Bread and Wine.

We receive bread in the form of a wafer, and gluten-free wafers are available. Wine, or non-alcoholic grape juice, is offered in a small individual disposable cup. If you prefer, you may receive wine from the chalice. Please indicate to the clergy as they approach you at the Altar Rail.

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 Services available by Zoom:

<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.
