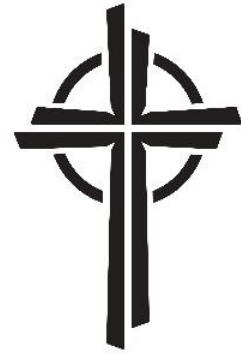


# St Alban's Monthly Newsletter

## MAY 2026



*Services this month*

### **Sunday 3 May – Fifth Sunday of Easter**

*Diocesan Day of Prayer for the Spread of the Gospel*

8am Eucharist with Hymns / 10am Choral Eucharist

*Preacher: The Reverend Phil Lui*

### **Sunday 10 May – Sixth Sunday of Easter**

8am Eucharist with Hymns / 10am Sung Eucharist

*Preacher: Dr Ruth Shatford*

### **Thursday 14 May – Ascension Day**

10.30am

### **Sunday 17 May – Seventh Sunday of Easter and Sunday after Ascension Day**

8am Eucharist with Hymns / 10am Choral Eucharist

*Preacher: David Luis (Anglicare – Northern Region)*

### **Sunday 24 May – Day of Pentecost**

8am Eucharist with Hymns / 10am Sung Eucharist

*Preacher: The Reverend Phil Lui*

### **Sunday 31 May – Trinity Sunday and Harvest Festival**

8am Eucharist with Hymns / 10am Sung Eucharist

*Preacher: Assistant Minister Bill Walton*

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**Sunday School is held at 10am in The Loft (above the Main Hall)**

**Youth Bible Study at 10am**

## **Mothers' Day Stall**

*in aid of The Anglican Church of Melanesia*

Sunday 3 May 2026 - This is an Anglican Board of Mission Project to help address climate challenges, food security, water tank installation, disaster preparedness and positive parenting.

Please support by cooking cakes, biscuits, slices, jams and chutneys etc to sell on 3 May after both services. Barbara Meintjes has kindly offered to sell her beautiful jewellery to support this project. Any inquiries to Jane Bryant (ABM Auxiliary) 98940439.



## **Before The Throne**

*A Day of Prayer for the spread of the Gospel*

**Sunday 3 May 2026 2pm to 3.30pm  
at St Alban's**

Archbishop Kanishka Raffel invites you to join with other churches to pray together. We will be hosting a number of churches in our area.

## **Name Tags and our Seasonal Colours**

We now have new name tags available, and these are in the Liturgical Season Colours (white, red, green and purple).

During May our seasonal colours will be as follows:

Sunday 3, 10, Thursday 14, and Sunday 17, 31 - white

Sunday 24 - Day of Pentecost - red. (You might also like to wear something red)

## **Ascension Day - Thursday 14 May**

We will have our regular Service at Saint Alban's at 10.30am.

## **Pentecost**

### **Readers for Day of Pentecost (Sunday 24 May)**

On the Day of Pentecost it is customary to have volunteer members of the congregation join together in the reading of verses from Acts, Chapter 2 in languages other than English, while standing in the congregation. '.....*a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken .....*'. Peggy Sanders will be seeking volunteers in due course.

### **Readers for The Lord's Prayer in languages other than English –**

In 2025 we instigated the reading of The Lord's Prayer in languages over the whole of the season of Pentecost. This year we would like to repeat the practice, for fewer weeks, between the Day of Pentecost and Saint Alban's Day (Sunday 21 June).

Peggy Sanders will be seeking volunteers for each of the 8am and 10am services for this roster.

## ***What's on at St Alban's during May***

### **Wednesday 6, 13, 20 and 27 May**

Everyday English Classes at 10am.

### **Thursday 7, 14, 21 and 28 May**

9.30am Reading, Reflection and Prayers for Healing by Zoom

10.30am Eucharist with Prayers for Healing

### **Thursday 7 and 21 May**

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

### **Tuesday 12 May**

**St Alban's Mothers Union** Meeting at 1.30pm in the Seminar Room. Join in for a Bible study on All the Mary's. All are welcome to attend, you don't have to be a mother. Men are also very welcome to join. Enquiries: Jan Boyley 0449 274 876

### **Thursday 21 May**

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

### **Saturday 23 May**

9.30am Garden Maintenance. Extra hands, of all ages, are always helpful. Enquiries: Gill McLennan 0411 957 270.

### **Sunday 31 May**

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

Dates for 6pm <b>Taizé Services</b> during 2026 are: June 14, August 9, October 11 and November 8
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## **Thoughts and Prayers for Reflection for May 2026 is now available.**

*Thoughts and Prayers for Reflection* is produced within the parish with a thought and prayer for each day of the month, as well as weekly prayers.

## **The June Newsletter**

Our Newsletters give more information on what is happening at St Alban's. If you know of a parish event coming up during June, would you please let the Parish Office know. The deadline for the June Newsletter is Tuesday 26 May.

## **Ecumenical Service for Week of Prayer for Christian Unity:**

On **Wednesday 20 May at 11am** the Parish of Saint Alban's Anglican, the Catholic Parishes for Epping and Carlingford, the Parish of West Epping Uniting Church, and the Parish of Epping Uniting Church will host a Service followed by a light lunch at **Epping Uniting Church, Corner of Chester and Oxford Streets, Epping.**

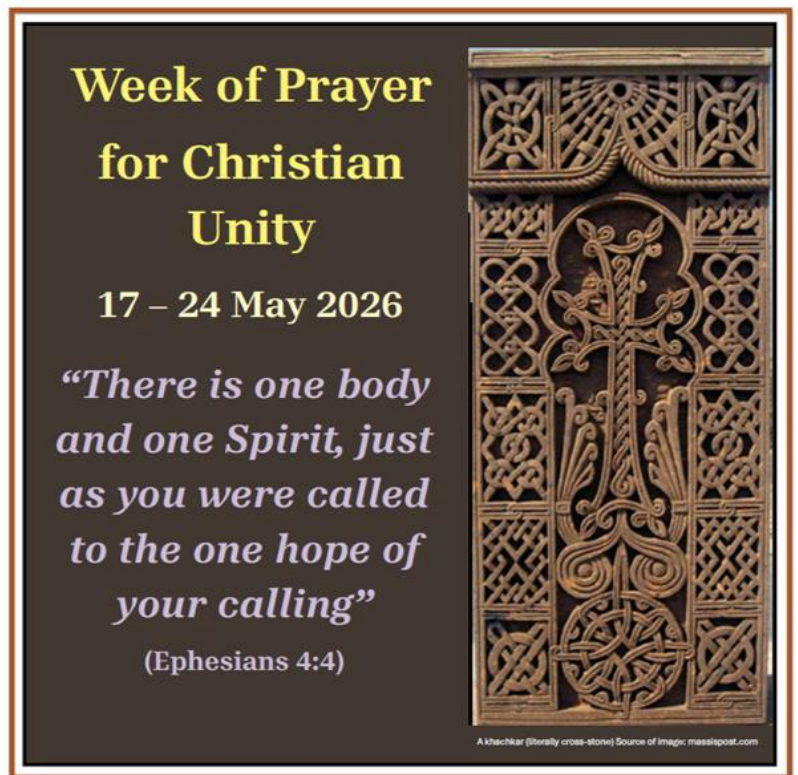
All welcome, come and celebrate our unity in faith.

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity:  
Sunday 17 May – Sunday 24 May**

The theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in 2026: *“There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling”* (Ephesians 4:4)

Lord Jesus Christ, you show us how to be patient with one another in humility and gentleness. May the light you have shined on our path lead us towards unity and help us heal the wounds of division and indifference that often break communities apart. Amen.

Lord Jesus Christ, by the action of the Holy Spirit in the one baptism, you have bestowed wonderful graces and multiple gifts upon us for the sake of building up your Body, the Church. Grant us now the willingness to fully appreciate the richness of their diversity and use them fully to further the spread of the Gospel. In your name we pray. Amen.



**Week of Prayer for Reconciliation:  
Wednesday 27 May - Wednesday 3 June**

Holy Father, God of Love, You are the Creator of all things. Our hope is in you because you gave your Son Jesus to reconcile the world to you. We pray for your strength and grace to forgive, accept and love one another, as you love us and forgive and accept us in the sacrifice of your Son. Give us the courage to accept the realities of our history so that we may build a better future for our Nation. Teach us to respect all cultures. Teach us to care for our land and waters. Help us to share justly the resources of this land. May your power and love be the foundations on which we build our families, our communities and our Nation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

(Extract from Reconciliation Prayer written by – *Wontulp-Bi-Buya Indigenous Theology Working Group, 13 March 1997, Brisbane*)

## **For Your Prayers**

### **Parishes in our Mission Area**

Beecroft, St John the Evangelist; Eastwood, St Philip; Gladesville, Christ Church; Macquarie, St George and St Dunstan; North Epping, All Saints; Ryde, St Anne; Soul Revival; West Ryde, St Columb; North Ryde, St John; Bridge, Trinity Chapel

### **Ecumenical Churches in our Area**

Catholic Parish of Epping and Carlingford; Uniting Church Parishes of Epping and West Epping; Epping Presbyterian Church; Epping Baptist Church; and Epping Congregational Church.

### **Pray for our Parish**

Pray for our Rector Phil in the leadership of this parish, and pray for each of our congregations, for our Assistant Minister, Bill; our Student Ministers Doris, Gloria, Aimee and David; pray for Pastor Kian and for The Reverend Simon. Pray also for Fr Paul, for our Parish Administrator Denise, and all those who minister and worship with us. Pray also for our Wardens and Parish Council.

### **Pray for Peace in our World**

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Prince of Peace. Strengthen the bond of peace among us and in our troubled world. Change the hearts of all who make war; touch the wounds of all who are afflicted by war. Let the light of your love shine in all the dark places of our world and hasten the day when all peoples may dwell in peace with justice. Amen.

### **Anniversary of Death**

Frances Costello 1/5; Mark Sculley 2/5; Claire Chapman 2/5; Ronald Bolton 2/5; Max Aitchison 4/5; James McLardie 5/5; Susan Friend 5/5; Peter Gibson 5/5; Tom Arthur 7/5; Mary Arnold 9/5; Keith Robey 9/5; Marcia Donald 9/5; Ken Eason 10/5; Garth Ewart 11/5; Barry Jenkins 11/5; Rita Keough 11/5; Roy Ranyard 12/5; John Burke 12/5; Dorothy Horsley 12/5; David Quinlan 13/5; Fred Mussett 14/5; Maurice Simmons 14/5; Ken Armitage 14/5; Julie Hardman 14/5; Mary Cadman 14/5; Christina Telfer 15/5; Philip Hill 15/5; Bill Futchter 16/5; John Warton 17/5; Alma Adams 17/5; John Bardsley 18/5; James Jones 18/5; Arlene Gellately 19/5; Lory Rutherford 23/5; Scott Jeffery 23/5; Doris Thompson 24/5; Shirley Brownlow 27/5; Rhett Campbell 28/5; Kevin Lee 28/5; Denis Dwyer 28/5; Peter Hauff 29/5; Martin Hardman 29/5; David Deall 30/5; Doris Cummins 30/5; Miriam McWhite 31/5

## 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 31 May**.



CCA is a non-denominational not-for-profit community service organisation that has been delivering services in the Epping and Eastwood area for over 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 the CCA Community Hub, please refer to the display on the Narthex board, or visit website [www.ccas.org.au](http://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 31 May. Tinned and packaged food (no glass bottles or jars please) may be left at the office or in the church narthex **until Thursday 28 May**. Following the Festival all the donated food will be transported from the church display to the CCA Community Hub.



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/>

## Calling All Knitters

Our Mothers Union Group regularly visits the Maternity Wards at Norwest Private, The San and Royal North Shore Hospitals. Each mother is given a gift. There is a need for knitted booties for newborn babies up to 6 months of age. Blue, pink, cream or white colours are fine.

Mothers Union would appreciate donations of booties, or baby socks and bibs and singlets as summer gifts.

Inquiries please call Jane Bryant 0432 258 737.



## **"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](mailto: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.

## **Volunteers Needed: Share Your Gifts and Serve!**

Are you looking for a meaningful way to get involved, meet others, and contribute to our parish community? We believe everyone has unique gifts and talents, and we have many opportunities for you to put them to use for God's glory.

We are currently seeking volunteers for the following ministries:

- **Welcoming Team:** Greet fellow parishioners and visitors, helping everyone feel welcome and at home.
- **Hospitality Team:** Assist with breakfast or morning tea on a Sunday.
- **Tech/Media Team:** Assist with zoom and presentation slides during services.
- **Maintenance Team (including Garden Maintenance):** Help keep our church a safe and welcoming physical environment.
- **Flower Guild:** Help beautify the church with others capable people.

## **How to Get Involved**

If you're interested in any of these roles or want to learn about other opportunities, we'd love to connect with you.

Please contact the Parish Office (details on back page).

Your time and talent are a blessing to our church.

## Zoom details for Sunday 10am Service

<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.

**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.

## PARISH STAFF

**Rector:** The Reverend Philip Lui 0413 396 435 - phil@eppinganglicans.org.au

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**Honorary Senior Associate** The Reverend Paul Weaver 0408 285 776  
paul@eppinganglicans.org.au

**Parish Administrator:** Denise Pigot 98763362 - office@eppinganglicans.org.au

**Music Director:** Chris Czerwinski 0452 557 695  
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**Student Ministers:** Doris Awad - doris.awad@student.moore.edu.au  
and Gloria Walton

**Student Ministers and Children's Ministry Workers:** Aimee and David Wong

**Indonesian Congregation (EPIC) Pastor:** Kian Holik  
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**Chinese Congregation Pastor:** Simon Pei - simon@eppinganglicans.org.au

**Caretaker:** Kari Hewitt 0402 119 004 – karihewitt94@gmail.com

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