

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.

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 7 July 2024

8.00am Eucharist

Reader: Margaret Foster

President: The Reverend Phil Lui

Preacher: The Reverend Bruce Hunter

10.00am Choral Eucharist

Also available by zoom

Reader: Corey Chen

President: The Reverend Phil Lui

Preacher: The Reverend Bruce Hunter

At 10am, while Sunday School is in recess,
parents are welcome to take children up to The Loft to play.

Join the 10am Service by Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82516182389?>

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Passcode 389867 if required. If you are dialling in, the number is: 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.

Morning tea

Please stay for morning tea and fellowship in the Main Hall after each of the 8am and 10am services. Everyone welcome.



*In Covenant with the communities of
the Roman Catholic Parish of Epping & Carlingford,
Epping Uniting Church
and West Epping Uniting Church*

Welcome to St Alban's

Welcome to all who have come to join with us to worship our Risen Lord.

A special welcome to Reverend Bruce Hunter who is our guest preacher today.

Bp Ross and Jenny Nicholson

Bp Ross will be commissioned as the Dean of St Paul's Cathedral, Rockhampton in the Diocese of Central Queensland on Saturday 20 July 2024 at 10.30am. The Commissioning Service will not be streamed. A message from our Parish will be presented on our behalf by the Chancellor of the Diocese.

Ross and Jenny are slowly making their way north towards Rockhampton. Before they left we were able to present them with the final gifts of a lovely book of photos taken in the Parish over the last seven years including the farewell Eucharist and lunch, and a cheque being the balance after the cost of the Akubra hats and photo frame of St Alban's book marks. In total, \$3058.00 was contributed to the farewell gifts.

Please keep Ross and Jenny in your prayers as they move into their new home, and prepare for this stage of their ministry.

Our archive copy of the book of photos is sometimes available at morning tea for those who would like to see it.

Sunday School is in recess and will resume 28 July.

We are a parish committed to pray regularly for peace in the world, and to pray for all those caught up in the misery and dislocation of war, violence and oppression. We pray for the people of Ukraine, the people of Israel and of Palestine, including those soldiers and citizens who have been drawn into wars not of their making.

Prayer for peace and hope in the midst of the ongoing Israel-Gaza conflict, and the ongoing war in Ukraine

O God of all hope and peace, we bring to you the needs of our broken and hurting world. Our hearts are breaking with images of lives lost and torn apart by grief in Israel and Palestine, and in Ukraine. O God, we pray for all your suffering children. Protect the vulnerable, strengthen the fearful and comfort the grieving. We pray for an end to violence and warfare so that the challenging work of rebuilding and healing may begin. Help us, O Lord, to affirm our common humanity so that in our differences we may build together for justice and peace. In Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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 Acting Rector Rev. Phil Lui on 02 9876 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

Church:

Harbord - St Mark; Loquat Valley School; Manly - St Matthew;
Manly Vale/Allambie Heights
The Epping Blue Church (Korean congregation who meet at St Aidan's)
The House of Welcome (Mission of the Month)

In our World and Community:

Pray for all those who have been displaced from their home, those living in makeshift camps, and those trapped in uncertainty. Pray for those in Australia who are refugees and asylum seekers, particularly those living in limbo. Pray for the organisations such as The House of Welcome working to provide a safe community for forcibly displaced peoples seeking to settle in this country, and that all may be treated with respect and dignity.

Pray for peace, for dialogue and for the cessation of the hostilities in the places of conflict: pray for aid for the people suffering deprivation, upheaval, sorrow and mourning, facing malnutrition and starvation; and all the innocent who are living in fear and struggling with the disruption to their lives. Pray for leaders with the courage to bring about peace and justice.

Pray for our Parish and our faith community. Pray that as we have as a parish rededicated ourselves to the service of Christ we will continue our commitment to serve God and each other and use our skills, talents and financial resources for the furtherance of God's kingdom in this place.

Prayer at the time of choosing a new Rector:

Bountiful God, give to this parish of Saint Alban a faithful pastor who will faithfully speak your word and minister your sacraments; an encourager who will equip your people for ministry and enable us to fulfil our calling. Give to the parish nominators, Ruth, Meryl, Peggy, Glyn and James; Bp Chris and the diocesan members of the Nomination Board wisdom, discernment and patience, and to us give warm and generous hearts, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

Prayer for the Week:

Holy Father, God of Love, You are the Creator of all things. We acknowledge the pain and shame of our history and the sufferings of our peoples, and we ask your forgiveness. We thank you for the survival of Indigenous cultures. 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. Help us to bring about spiritual and social change to improve the quality of life for all groups in our communities, especially the disadvantaged. Help young people to find true dignity and self-esteem by your Spirit. 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.

Wontulp-Bi-Buya Indigenous Theology Working Group, 13 March 1997, Brisbane

Anniversary of Death:

Janet Edwards 7/7; Arch Horsley 9/7; John Cornish (senior) 9/7;
Edward Murray 10/7; Brian Hastings 10/7; Robert Kimber 11/7;
Winifred Jayatilleru 12/7; Lilian Wright 15/7; Betty Baxter 15/7

Mission of the Month

The House of Welcome

The House of Welcome at Granville assists and supports **refugees** and **asylum seekers** in the areas of housing, employment, community connection as well as case work. It provides shelter, a resource/referral centre, medical and legal support, and assistance in finding emergency and permanent accommodation, gaining employment and enrolling in English classes.

Its impact has been in the areas of:

- * *Housing* 95 people housed every night
- * *Employment* 200 people assisted with employment
- * *Casework* 440 people provided with emergency assistance and assisted in developing plans centred on their individual needs
- * *Foodbank* 5405 food parcels and financial distributions to people in need
- * *Social enterprise* eight trainee job placements and 9400 satisfied catering customers
- * *Advocacy* 35+ meetings with political representatives.

The Pastoral Care Committee of our Epping parish has actively supported The House of Welcome during the past several years, among other national and international refugee organisations.

For further information, please refer to the display on the Narthex board or visit <https://www.houseofwelcome.org.au/>

There are a few ways you can financially assist The House of Welcome.

- Donate funds directly at <https://www.houseofwelcome.org.au/donate>
- Transfer funds electronically to the Saint Alban's account – please tag as 'House of Welcome'.
- Place your gift in the 'Beyond the Parish' side of your offertory envelope (write 'House of Welcome' next to the stamped date) or in a plain envelope marked 'House of Welcome' and deposit in the collection box in the church
- Drop off your monetary donation to the Church office on Tuesday or Thursday morning; deposit it in the Church office mailbox any time; or mail a cheque to the church office at PO Box 79 Epping 1710 – please make the cheque payable to the Saint Alban's account and attach a separate note that the funds are intended for The House of Welcome.



NAIDOC Week is here: 7 - 14 July

NAIDOC Week is an annual week-long celebration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history, culture and achievements in the first week of July every year (Sunday to Sunday). In 2024, NAIDOC Week is a time in our national calendar to come together to celebrate and recognise the contributions and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. As we approach 2024 NAIDOC Week celebrations in this post-Voice referendum year we hold to the call in Hebrews 10:23-25 to consider how we can spur one another onto love and good deeds in our communities.

Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching. Hebrews 10: 23-25

We are inspired by the resilience and tenacity of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. Their encouragement to not give up, to engage, and join their efforts to bring urgent change through justice, truth-telling, treaty and genuine relationship. Non-Indigenous Australians can support by praying, showing up, by listening, learning, and amplifying First Nations voices - this is how we add logs to the fire. May we take actions together to keep the flame of justice, truth and hope burning so all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, now and into the future, are safe, free and flourishing. (Extract from https://www.commongrace.org.au/naidoc_week_2024)

St Alban's Sound System

A new amplifier was recently installed to help with the sound quality in the church. This is the first step to upgrade the AV system. If you would like to contribute towards the cost (\$2500) of this equipment, the bank details are on the back page of this bulletin.

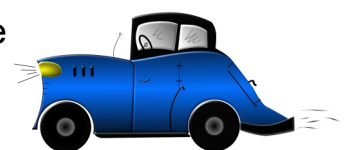
Oxford Movement Evensong

The Parish of Christ Church St Laurence (812 George St, Haymarket) extends an invitation to a Festival Evensong, Procession, and Benediction on Sunday 14 July at 6.30pm. This service will commemorate Oxford Movement Sunday, giving thanks for the liturgical tradition within Anglicanism. The service will be followed by light refreshments. No RSVP required. All welcome. If parishioners would like to attend this service please let Phil know as we may be able to travel together.

School holidays

During each school holidays, Team Kids who run the before and after school care, also have vacation care programs. They are here every week day during the holidays and use the courtyard between the church and hall for outdoor activities.

If are attending a church function during the day and require parking, please only use the car park.



At the back of St Alban's are enlarged service sheets and bulletins.
If you would like a copy, please ask the duty parishioners.



Men's BBQ Thursday 18 July at 6.30pm

The Men's BBQ is happening every third Thursday of the Month.
BYO meat for the barby, drinks, some salad or sides, to share.
Enjoy fine dining, good company and an uplifting time.

Garden Working Bee

Saturday 27 July 2024.

Every 4th Saturday of each month from 9.30am to 12noon.
Extra hands would be so helpful.

Enquiries: Gill McLennon 0411 957 270.



Mainly Music

Fridays 10am to 12pm during school terms
LifeWay Lutheran Church, 56 Norfolk Road Epping
More information on the noticeboard in the main hall

St Alban's Bookmarks

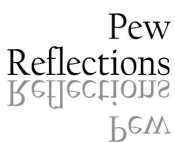
In 2023 for the celebration of the Centenary of the church building, a set of bookmarks were produced depicting some of the windows in the church.

A display of them can be found on the church noticeboard. If you would like to purchase one or more, please enquire at the Parish Office. \$2.50 each or 5 for \$10.00

PA/Zoom Operators still needed....

We are looking for people to monitor the PA and Zoom equipment for the 10am service on a rostered basis. This may suit a young person who is undertaking their Duke of Edinburgh Award as part of their service requirements for the Award.

Confidence required more than technical skill. Please let Phil know if you are interested.



2 Samuel 5.1-5, 9-10; Psalm 48; 2 Corinthians 12.2-10;
Mark 6.1-13



The people around Nazareth were not impressed by Jesus and his highfalutin' sermons. Indeed, they took offence at them. Maybe they felt that they were too good, too upmarket or perhaps too socially nice to need the message he had come to teach – unlike those other sinners over there. Whatever their impediment it amounted to just one thing: unbelief.

- Give thanks for all those whose minds are receptive to the Good News and pray that our minds may always be ready to hear Jesus' message to us.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia

Text: Robert McLean @ Anglican Board of Mission, 2024.

WHAT'S ON...

Monday 8 July

Office closed

Tuesday 9 July

9.00am Staff meeting

Wednesday 10 July

7.30pm Choir practice

Thursday 11 July

Benedict of Nursia, abbot

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

10.30am Eucharist with Prayers for Healing

Friday 12 July

Phil's day off

Bulletin notices

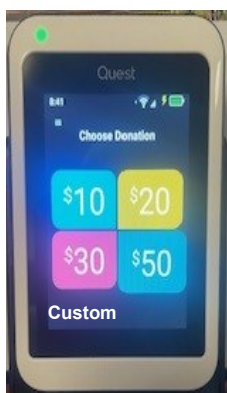
Please send items to be considered for next Sunday's bulletin by
WEDNESDAY at 2.30pm to the office.

Mission of the Month donations received for May and June

\$555 = Christian Community Aid for May

\$430 = Anglican Aid

These amounts have been donated through the Parish accounts and do not include donations made by parishioners directly to each mission.



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.

Church Funnies

A little boy was overheard praying: "Lord, if you can't make me a better boy, don't worry about it. I'm having a real good time like I am."

Next Sunday Services
EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
and Sea Sunday

14 July 2024

8am Eucharist with Hymns

President: The Reverend Paul Weaver

Preacher: The Reverend Phil Lui

10am Sung Eucharist

(also available by Zoom)

President: The Reverend Paul Weaver

Preacher: The Reverend Phil Lui

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 some of your giving to go 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. Otherwise, the offertory box is located in the aisle at each service and brought forward for the blessing of the gifts.

We also have an EFTPOS terminal at church for a once-off donation.

Parish Directory

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