Epping Anglicans

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

Our Mission: Gather, Grow, Go

ALL SAINTS DAY
1 November 2026

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

8.00am Eucharist
Reader: Jane Bryant / Preacher: Dr Ruth Shatford

@ 10.00am
Choral Eucharist with Baptisms - Also available by zoom *(details on page 4)*
Reader: Rema Gnanadickam / Preacher: Dr Ruth Shatford

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

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What's coming up at St Alban's…

TODAY: We thank our Diocesan Lay Assistant, Dr Ruth Shatford AM, for preaching at our services today.

Tuesday 3 November
7.45pm All Souls Preacher Fr Paul Weaver
A gentle Eucharist where we have an opportunity to remember our loved ones, and we are invited to bring a flower to place on the Altar, and to light a candle. During the commemoration of the faithful departed the names of those to be remembered is placed at the foot of the cross.

Wednesday 4 November
10am **Everyday English Classes**
12noon – 2pm **Chinese Knowing Jesus Course**
7.30pm **Young Adults Growth Group**

Thursday 5 November
9.30am **Reading, Reflection and Prayers for Healing by Zoom**
10.30am **Eucharist with Prayers for Healing** – all welcome, followed by morning tea
12noon **RLT** meeting at Margaret Pearson's home. New members are very welcome. Enquiries: Christine 0418 241 372.

Friday 6 November
7.30pm – 9pm **Mandarin Bible Study** led by Simon Pei – Seminar Room All welcome

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NEXT SUNDAY: 8 November – Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost and Remembrance Sunday. Preacher: Assistant Minister Bill Walton
Taizé at 6pm

FORWARD DATES:
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 Sunday 8 November

Sunday 15 November: **9.30am** our Parish will celebrate the **Festival of Christ the King**, with one service including all congregations. This will be followed by **lunch -** we are asking members of our congregation to bring sandwiches, or a slice, or cake, or cheese or fruit.
Please fill in details on the sign-up sheet in the porch

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 will be asking for contributions of food.

Sunday 6 December: A Christmas Stall 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.

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TODAY: Thoughts and Prayers for Reflection for November; **The Parish Magazine** edition for November 2026 - January 2027; and **The Monthly Newsletter** for November are available and also on the Parish website.

SYNOD SUMMARY: The 2026 Synod Summary for parishes is now available on the Parish Noticeboard. The summary highlights the key decisions of the Synod, as well as action items for parishes.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Church: Beecroft - St John the Evangelist; Macquarie - St George and St Dunstan; West Epping Uniting Church; Epping Baptist Church. 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.

Those recently deceased: John Noller (Snr) on 26/10/26. His funeral was held last Friday at St Alban's.

Anniversary of Death: James Wright; Fred Bell; Charles Johnson 1/11; George Lavis 1/11; Judith Johnson 1/11; Thelma Tagg 2/11; Gordon Howitt 2/11; Eugene Brayner 3/11; Margaret Holloway 3/11; George Walker 4/11; Alix Eaton Evans 7/11; Roma Baldwin 7/11.

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.

How to donate

- You are encouraged to visit 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.
- Complete your secure online donation.

Alternatively

- Place a cash donation in the 'Beyond the Parish' side of your offertory envelope (please write 'Christmas Connection' next to the stamped date), or in a plain envelope marked 'Christmas Connection', and put the envelope in the offertory bag during a service or in the church collection box, or
- Transfer your donation electronically to the Saint Alban's account – please ensure that you use the tag 'Christmas Connection'.

Every gift, whatever its size, helps remind a neighbour in need that they are supported, valued and not alone. You are also encouraged to write a **short message or prayer** for someone receiving Anglicare's support. Details for submitting messages online and/or writing cards are at **https://christmas.anglicare.org.au/#gift** Later in November there will be a dedicated **Message Mailbox** set up at church for you to drop in your handwritten Connection Cards.

Essex Street Development: The Parish has been advised of a proposed Significant Development Application (SSDA) at 15, 17 & 19 Essex Street, Epping, which is being advanced by Eloura Developments Epping Pty Ltd (Eloura). Notting Hill Advisory has been engaged by Eloura to coordinate community and stakeholder engagement for the proposed SSDA. **The proposal has no direct impact on the St Alban's site and the Parish is not a party to this development.**

The detail was in last week's bulletin (25 October) and is on the noticeboard. Members of the congregation are welcome to attend a session to her from the project team: Community Webinar (online): Wednesday 4 November 2026, 6pm – 7pm. Join online for an overview of the proposal and the opportunity to ask questions. Please register using **this** webinar registration link. (https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/8511804853866405719)

Community Information Session (in person): Thursday 5 November 2026, 5pm –7pm, Epping Leisure and Learning Centre (Meeting Room 1), 1 Chambers Court, Epping NSW 2121. Drop in at any time to view information and speak with the project
team.

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 on line for a time of fellowship.