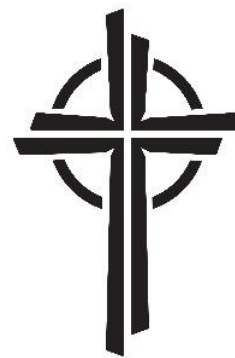


St Alban's Monthly Newsletter

AUGUST 2026



Sunday at St Alban's

8.00am Eucharist

@ 10.00am

Also available by zoom

EPIC Indonesian Congregation

(Old Sunday School Room)

Pastor Kian Holik

Chinese Congregation

(Lower Hall)

The Reverend Simon Pei

Sunday School in The Loft

(above the Main Hall)

Youth Bible Study

Combined Church Fellowship with morning tea in the main hall after services

Services this month

Sunday 2 August – Tenth Sunday after Pentecost (and Moore College Sunday)

8am Eucharist with Hymns / 10am Choral Eucharist

Preacher: Dr Ruth Shatford

Sunday 9 August – Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

8am Eucharist with Hymns / 10am Sung Eucharist

Preachers: The Reverend Phil Lui and Student Minister David Wong

6pm Taize Service

The Reverend Paul Weaver

Sunday 16 August – Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

8am Eucharist with Hymns / 10am Choral Eucharist

Preacher: Assistant Minister Bill Walton

Sunday 23 August – Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8am Eucharist with Hymns / 10am Sung Eucharist

Preacher: The Reverend Phil Lui

Sunday 30 August – St Aidan's Day, Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost and Day of Prayer for Refugees

8am Eucharist with Hymns / 10am Sung Eucharist

Preacher: The Reverend Paul Weaver

(The Rector will be preaching at the Indonesian Service at 10am)

What's on at St Alban's during August

Wednesday 5, 12, 19 and 26 August

Everyday English Classes at 10am.

Thursday 6, 13, 20 and 27 August

9.30am Reading, Reflection and Prayers for Healing by Zoom

10.30am Eucharist with Prayers for Healing

Thursday 13 and 27 August

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

Thursday 6 August

12noon **RLT Women's Discussion Group** will be held at Christine Murray's home. New members are very welcome. Enquiries to Christine on 0418 241 372.

Friday 7, 14, 21 and 28 August

7.30pm to 9pm - **Mandarin Bible Study** led by Simon Pei held in the Seminar Room. All welcome.

Sunday 9 August (Chinese Congregation)

BITES – Bible Talk Easy and Santai (means chill or relaxed). This is part of a training program and is a talk, show/group discussion during a shared lunch.

Tuesday 11 August

MU meeting for a bible study at 1.30pm in the Seminar Room. All welcome.

Thursday 20 August

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 22 August

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

11am-1pm Indonesian Prayer Meeting in Seminar Room.

(EPIC) every fourth Saturday of the month a **prayer group** meeting held in the Seminar Room from 11am to 1pm focusing on events happening in the world.

Sunday 30 August

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

Dates for 6pm **Taizé Services** during 2026 are:

August 9

October 11

November 8

Forward Notice

Saturday 5 September 2026 the Service of Commemoration of the Martyrs of New Guinea will be held at Saint Albans at 11am, followed by refreshments in the Parish Hall.

News from the Chinese Congregation:

We give thanks for the guest preacher on 19 July The Reverend Min Yaw LAW, the former Rector of Cabramatta Anglican Church, who gave an inspiring sermon on "Prayer on the gospel mission with God". Our schedule in the Chinese congregation is to have a guest preacher on the topic of "mission" once every month from now on, to raise more awareness about mission among the saints.

Thoughts and Prayers for Reflection for August 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 August Newsletter

Our Newsletters give more information on what is happening at St Alban's. If you know of a parish event coming up during September, would you please let the Parish Office know. The deadline for the September Newsletter is Tuesday 25 August 2026.

The Parish Magazine

The Parish magazine for August, September and October 2026 is available. The Magazine records recent events in the Parish, gives details of parish activities and publishes articles of general interest.

The deadline for contributions for the following edition is 2 October 2026.

Change to our Service Sheets

From next Sunday you will receive the Service Sheet and a separate sheet with the readings and the hymns.

For Your Prayers

Moore College Sunday, 2 August

Our Almighty God and Heavenly Father,

We thank you for your faithfulness to Moore College

throughout its 170 year history. We thank you for the generosity of our original benefactor, Thomas Moore, and all who have followed his example in generously supporting the College in prayer and in other ways. Thank you for your provision of wise and gifted governors, faithful and courageous principals, generous pastorally-minded teachers who live and teach under the authority of your word, skilled and dedicated staff in every area of the College's life, and generations of students eager to take the gospel of Jesus to the city and the world. Thank you that Jesus, who he is and what he has done, remains at the centre of all the College seeks to do. As we look together at what you've done over this time in and through the College, we are amazed and humbled. Please continue to use the College, and provide its needs, so that more and more men and women in Sydney and beyond may come to entrust themselves to the Saviour and receive the gifts of forgiveness and life through him. Amen



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 and Epping Baptist Church.

Pray for our whole Parish

As we celebrate the growth of our parish give thanks to God for his goodness to us, and pray for our Rector Phil in his leadership; and give thanks and pray for each of our congregations and their leaders - Pastor Kian (Indonesian congregation) and The Reverend Simon (Chinese congregation), pray that we will have the resources for the various ministries within each of our congregations. Pray for our Assistant Minister, Bill; our Student Ministers Doris, Gloria, Aimee and David - giving thanks for their commitment, and asking for God to guide them in their studies. Give thanks, and pray for our Parish Administrator Denise, our Music Director Chris and the organists and choir - and all those who minister and worship with us. Pray for guidance and vision for our Wardens and Parish Council as they seek to enable and manage the growth of the parish, and address all the issues related to the maintenance and use of our buildings. Ask God to help us each to see how our talents, resources and time may be used to his glory - may we all be guided and inspired to 'gather, grow and go' together.

Pray for our Mission of the Month: CBM Australia.

Give thanks and pray for Mustard Seed Christian Childcare operating outside school hours care in the parish. Pray for the leaders and the children and their families who will be reached through this Christian early childhood education and childcare.

Pray for all those in the parish, and known to us, who are ill or hurting in body, mind or spirit. Pray for God's healing touch to restore strength, and bring peace to anxious minds. Pray for God's mercy and compassion to surround them and all who care for them.

Pray for EPIC (Indonesian Congregation)

- We give thanks to God for EPIC weekend away (24-26 July). We praise God for 16 people who participated in the event. Please pray that the word of God from the book of Acts and the fellowship will strengthen those who came.
- We are thankful for Juli and Lin and her family who have been with us in the last couple of years, since we were in Eastwood. They finished their studies and are returning to Indonesia for good. Please do pray for their safe journey, smooth adjustment back to their homeland, and for their involvement in work, church and family, that they may glorify Christ.
- We are thankful for a couple of new members joining us and for a few people who have visited us. May they consider EPIC to be their home church.
- Please pray for Pastor Kian Holik and his preparation for an upcoming trip in October for training in Singapore and to visit returnees and encourage Bible Colleges and churches especially in two cities in Indonesia: Bandung and Surabaya.

Pray for Chinese Congregation

- Our Friday night Bible study group resumed after the school winter break. Pray that the Lord will lead more saints to the group and give us clear understanding and insight about the biblical truth, and the Holy Spirit give us the power to live out the life worthy of God's grace.
- The two Alpha groups - one mainly for the Chinese background ESL students; the other one in the night at RMC, mainly for the International students from China. Pray that the Lord open people's hearts and provide all the necessary resources for the ministries.

Pray for Peace in our World: Lord, we pray for world peace in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. We pray for countries to find diplomatic solutions that will bring harmony between nations, and for wars, conflicts and oppression to end. We pray for your continued grace and goodness to overflow in this world so that humans can live alongside one another respectfully, allowing for mutual flourishing. In our country we pray for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, and we pray for their Elders in their leadership of their communities. Amen.

Anniversary of Death: Jean Stanton; Harry Carruthers; Edward McKillop; Dennis Meintjes 1/8; John Oxley 1/8; Monica Irving 2/8; Hamish and Kenneth Alexander 2/8; Sheila Hale 2/8; Neville Jansz 5/8; Nell Fairbairn 8/8; Ellen Johnson 8/8; Selwyn Gilling 8/8; Selina Van Derweyden 9/8; Roy Cooper 9/8; Isabel Whittington 10/8; Lance Fitcher 10/8; Catherine Nyholm 11/8; Jenny Schubert 11/8; Ian Arnold 11/8; Joy Jones 12/8; Dudley Mander 12/8; Alison Macdonald 12/8; Audrey Church 13/8; Jean Burges 13/8; Edith Tagg 14/8; Dawn Nyholm 14/8; Robert Jones 14/8; John Dempster 15/8; Norman Costello 15/8; Sandra Broadfoot 15/8; Barbara Bell 16/8; Mary Bien 16/8; Frank Horley 16/8; Noreen Kemp 16/8; Thomas Gray 17/8; Brian Sculley 17/8; Don Craig 17/8; Bessie Couch 18/8; Elaine Currey 18/8; Vera White 19/8; Gail Simpson 19/8; Vera Richardson 20/8; Aaron Simmons 20/8; Gladys Hughes 22/8; Ovidiu Demetrescu 22/8; Beatrice Sylvester 23/8; George Cummins 23/8; George Lonsdale 24/8; Lionel Goff 24/8; Ross Sellers 25/8; Clarice Harsum 25/8; William Arcus 27/8; Nona Ashley 27/8; Edward Tagg 28/8; Alan Gordon 28/8

Mission of the Month CBM Australia

CBM Australia is part of an international Christian development organisation devoted to improving the lives of people with disabilities in the poorest places on earth. **Poverty and disability go hand in hand** creating a cycle of inequality, isolation and exclusion that leads to the most **extreme forms of poverty**. Throughout its 118-year history and over 48 years in Australia, CBM (formerly Christian Blind Mission) has developed proven community-based programs that help millions of people benefit from real, lasting change.

Currently more than one billion people are **living with disabilities**, and they are **unduly impacted** during times of crisis and disaster. CBM's areas of work include:

- **Preventing blindness** - preventing and treating avoidable blindness such as cataract, river blindness and trachoma.
- **Ending poverty** - helping practically by providing aids and equipment, access to much-needed treatment, learning a skill and going to school.
- **Transforming lives of people with disabilities** - influencing communities, organisations and governments to change attitudes and policies so everyone is included.

For further details, please refer to website www.cbm.org.au

There are a few ways for you to financially support CBM in their global ministry during these times of crisis. Either use the 'Beyond the Parish' side of your weekly offertory (please write 'CBM' next to the stamped date) or use a plain envelope marked 'CBM'. Alternatively, transfer funds electronically to the St Alban's account - please use tag 'CBM', or donate funds directly at <https://my.cbm.org.au/donate>



"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.

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 talents are a blessing to our church.

Mission of the Month donations received this year

\$1073.00 = ABM and Good Friday

\$354.30 = ABM Melanesia

\$300.00 = Anglican Aid

\$1071.00 = Anglicare

\$260.00 = Anglicare Chaplaincy

\$640.00 = BCA

\$940.00 = CCA

\$300.00 = House of Welcome

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

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

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krzysztof_czerwinski@yahoo.com

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and Gloria Walton

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

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Chinese Congregation Pastor: Simon Pei - simon@eppinganglicans.org.au

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