

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.

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

19 June 2022

8.00am Eucharist

Reader: Jane Bryant
Preacher: *Bishop Ross Nicholson*

10.00am Eucharist

Also available by zoom
Reader: Sue Armitage
Preacher: *Bishop Ross Nicholson*

Join Zoom Meeting:

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

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). *A password isn't required.*

Please keep your computer or phone on "mute" during the service.

To mute/unmute your phone, press *6

Please stay online for a time of fellowship.

Morning Tea

Please stay for morning tea after each of the 8am and 10am services.



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

Rector's letter

In Luke 8 we see two stories of the power and compassion of Jesus. The first occurs on the Sea of Galilee when a ferocious storm arises that scares even hardened fishermen. As the tempest raged, Jesus lay asleep. In a panic the disciples wake Jesus and with a word of rebuke the wind and the waves are calmed. But unlike the wind and waves the disciples are not calmed and in fear and amazement they ask, 'Who is this? He commands and even the wind and the waves obey him.'

In the second story Jesus and the disciples arrive on the other side of the lake and are met by a demon possessed man. In a materialist culture, where only what can be scientifically verified is counted as real, we scoff at the thought of demons and the supernatural. But many other cultures recognise the power and terror of the evil spiritual realm.

But when the King of Creation is present in our world all of nature is under his command. The disciples in a storm tossed boat saw it and so do the pagan villagers who come across a horribly disturbed man who sits peacefully at the feet of Jesus after being exorcised of a legion of demons.

And just like the disciples in the boat, fear grips them at the incomprehensible power of Jesus and they ask him to leave. As he's leaving, the healed demoniac begs to stay with Jesus. Jesus tells him rather he needs to return to his home and 'declare how much God has done for you'.

Both these stories demonstrate the divine power of Jesus. They are a glimpse into the coming Kingdom where all the brokenness of this world is healed. And they both carry a call for the follower of Jesus to be a witness to who Jesus is and what he has done for us.

Sunday School is on TODAY!

10am The Loft



St Alban's Patronal Festival

NEXT SUNDAY

26 June 2022

9.30am

Preacher: Archbishop Kanishka Raffel

A luncheon will be held in the Parish Hall afterwards.

A monetary contribution will be welcomed from those not involved in the catering.

There will be a box at the entrance to the hall.

Church:

Eastwood - St Philip; Ermington - St Mark; Gladesville - Christ Church;
Epping Uniting Church
The Catholic Parish of Epping and Carlingford
Anglican Aid (*Mission of the Month*)

In our World and Community:

Pray for the many places of unrest, conflict, and humanitarian crises in our world: the many suffering the emotional and economic miseries of conflict and oppression; those who mourn; the displaced, the homeless, the hungry and the refugees. Pray for those delivering aid and hope, and pray that there will be leaders with the strength and resolve to bring a peaceful end to conflict.

Pray for our country and our Governments: may our leaders govern for the good of all with wisdom, honesty, integrity and compassion.

Pray for those experiencing economic hardship in our country. May the various agencies seeking to assist be generously supported; and may they bring shelter and nourishment to those in need.

Pray for the continuing Covid and flu situation: the ill and those who are caring for them. Pray for all those of our parish community who are ill, those suffering in mind and body: pray for their families and their carers, and may they experience God's love, peace and caring presence.

For Season of Pentecost:

Almighty God, give us such a vision of your purpose, and such an assurance of your love and power, that we may ever hold fast the hope which is in Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Recently deceased:

Enid Telfer passed away on 16 June.
The funeral details will be announced soon.

Upcoming Wedding:

Cyrus Amoozegar and Negar Modallali this Wednesday at St Albans

Anniversary of Death:

Brian Fletcher 18/6; Ted Lambert 19/6; Graham Hoskin 20/6;
Stanley Lambert 20/6; Lucy Payens 20/6; Jim Pragnell 20/6; Frank Fountain 21/6;
Reg Partington 21/6; Honor Darling 22/6

Parish Roll

Are you new to the Parish or have your details changed? If so, would you kindly let Denise know your new details by email or phone (see back page) and if you are new, kindly fill in a form on the welcome desk.

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

Mission of the Month

Anglican Aid

Anglican Aid is the relief and aid agency of the Sydney Anglican Church. It provides support to domestic and overseas activities including community based benevolent and welfare programs, school education, Christian leadership programs and emergency and relief programs.

Anglican Aid is currently involved in 148 long-term development projects across 40 countries. Christians in local partner organisations and churches are putting their faith into action and caring for the vulnerable.

For further information about Anglican Aid and its projects, please refer to the display on the narthex board, or visit website anglicanaid.org.au

There are a few ways you can financially assist Anglican Aid.

- Donate funds directly at anglicanaid.org.au/donate
 - Transfer funds electronically to the Saint Alban's account – please ensure that you use the tag 'Anglican Aid'
 - Place your gift in the 'Beyond the Parish' side of your offertory envelope (please write 'Anglican Aid' next to the stamped date) or in a plain envelope marked 'Anglican Aid' and deposit the envelope in the offertory box as you arrive for a service at Saint Alban's.
 - Drop off your monetary donation to the Church office on Tuesday morning or Thursday morning; or 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 Anglican Aid.
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Today's Choir anthem

Antonio Vivaldi (1678-1741) - *Gloria Patri*

Gloria Patri is a familiar and popular piece among sacred works by Vivaldi. It was written in 1715. This piece was composed during Vivaldi's employment at the Pieta - a convent orphanage and music school in Venice. The Pieta was first established as a hospice for the needy. A group of nuns established this charitable institution for orphans and abandoned girls in the fourteenth century. By the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries the Pieta was well known for its all-female musical ensembles that attracted tourists and patrons from around Europe.

The orphanage prided itself on the quality of its musical education and the excellence of its choir.

Vivaldi, a priest, music teacher and virtuoso violinist, composed many sacred works for the orphanage where he spent most of his career. Gloria Patri enjoys well-founded popularity and has been performed at many sacred events.

Thank you very much to Enoch Pan who is playing the organ and Chris Lawn on cello.

Prayers for the people of Ukraine, and for the people of Russia

God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine today.
We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.
We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.
We pray for those with power over war or peace,
for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions.
Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear,
that you would hold and protect them.
We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.
Amen.

We also recognise the suffering of Russian soldiers and citizens who have been drawn into a war not of their making. May they display courage in their convictions and calls for peace. May they look to you as a source of comfort in the face of tyranny and the hardships that will flow from their government's actions.
Amen.

RLT

The next meeting of RLT Women's Discussion Group will be held on Thursday 7 July at 12.30pm at Ida's home. Please bring your lunch as usual.

Zoom Prayer Meeting

We will be continuing the Parish Zoom Prayer meeting at 7.15am on Wednesday mornings.

If you would like to join us, use the Sunday morning Zoom Church link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82516182389> Meeting ID: 825 1618 2389

A Voice in the Wilderness

You are invited to a Zoom study group 'A Voice in the Wilderness: Listening to the Statement from the Heart'. A series of 8 sessions following the 8 Chapters in the Anglican Board of Mission – Australia Study Guide commencing TOMORROW Monday 20 June 2022 at 730pm.

This reflective study group will include a number of guest presentations.

To register and for further details please email Moya Holle mjholle@bigpond.com or Graeme Curry ephraemben@gmail.com phone 0432 786 901.

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



Office arrangements

The office is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays. You can still contact Denise on the office phone on Wednesdays and Fridays.

Bishop Ross will be away attending a Focus on Ministry Group from tonight (19/6) until Wednesday.

"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.

Jam and Pickles (*and sometimes fresh eggs*) ...

are available to purchase from the back of the church on Sundays and Thursdays or the church office (on Tuesday and Thursday mornings). The proceeds go to support Pastoral Care.

The jam and pickle makers thank parishioners for their generosity in supplying empty jars. However, at present we have a surfeit so would respectfully ask **no more jars please** for the time being unless you are returning a jar in which you purchased one of St Alban's jams or pickles.

Name Tags ...

For our fellowship, it would be helpful to wear your name badge. If you don't have one, there are two styles to choose from. A magnetic badge at a cost of \$10 (those with pacemakers should talk to their doctor beforehand) and a clip style for \$8.

If you would like to purchase one, please contact Denise in the church office.

Free books

There are still a few more books and cards in the hall foyer, left over from the bookstall, which are being given away for free. Please take a look.

WHAT'S ON...

Monday 20 June

Office closed

Tuesday 21 June

9.00am Staff meeting

11.00am Ladies Bible Study led by Jenny Nicholson via zoom (*link below*)

7.45pm Evening Bible Study with Bishop Ross.

Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84072186575>

Wednesday 22 June

Alban, first British martyr

7.15am Prayer meeting via zoom (*link below*)

12.30pm Wedding at St Alban's

Thursday 23 June

9.30am Reading, Reflection and Prayers for Healing by Zoom (*link below*)

10.30am Eucharist with Prayers for Healing (Bp Ross Nicholson)

Friday 24 June

THE BIRTH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

The link for the above zoom meetings is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82516182389>

Pew
Reflections
REFLECTIONS
BGM

1 Kings 19.1-4 (5-7) 8-15a;
Psalms 42 and 43;
Galatians 3.10-14, 23-29;
Luke 8.26-39

In today's reading from the Old Testament we learn of the meeting between God and Elijah the Prophet at Horeb. It's familiar to many of us because of its use as the basis for one of the verses of the hymn, *Dear Lord and Father of Mankind*. Elijah discovers that the Lord is not in the earthquake, nor wind, nor fire, but in the sound of sheer silence. In our sound-filled lives silence is something that people sometimes dread. Yet, it is in the silence that we can encounter the holy. We need not be afraid of silence but allow the 'still, small voice of calm' to speak to us and direct us. If I were to examine myself, would I find times in my life where I had listened to profound silence, or is my life filled with background babble?

- Still small voice, help me to slow myself and my racing thoughts so that I can listen to your words of calm.
- Give thanks for the Church of North India, remembering especially today their ministry in a predominantly non-Christian context.

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Next Sunday Services
ST ALBAN'S
PATRONAL FESTIVAL

26 June 2022

9.30am Eucharist at St Alban's *(also streamed)*

Preacher Archbishop Kanishka Raffel

Luncheon to follow

**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, we are including the offertory made to the Parish by direct transfer.

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