

Epping Anglicans

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

Our Mission: Gather, Grow, Go

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Second Sunday of the Season of Creation
13 September 2026

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

8.00am Eucharist

Reader: Elizabeth Jenkins / Preacher: Lachlan Shead

@ 10.00am

Sung Eucharist - Also available by zoom *(details on page 4)*

Reader: Meredith Lawn / Preacher: Lachlan Shead

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 Bible Study

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

Rector	The Rev'd Philip Lui 0413 396 435 phil@eppinganglicans.org.au
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Lachlan Shead, who is preaching today, is exploring going into the ministry and is currently undertaking a ministry apprenticeship at Macquarie University. He has been attending St Alban's since the beginning of the year.

What's coming up at St Alban's...

Wednesday 16 September

10am Everyday English Classes

12noon-2pm Chinese Alpha Course

7.30pm Young Adults bible study in The Loft led by The Rector

Thursday 17 September

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

10.30am Eucharist with Prayers for Healing - all welcome.

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

Friday 18 September

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

Next Sunday 20 September 2026

17th Sunday after Pentecost. Preacher: Bill Walton

Saturday 26 September

9.30am Garden Maintenance. Come along and join in with others helping to maintain our grounds. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

Enquiries: Gill McLennan 0411 957 270.

Sunday 27 September

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

The Synod of the Diocese of Sydney meets this week and next - see the current Newsletter for more details. Do keep our Rector and our Synod Representatives, Doris and Gillian, the Archbishop and all the clergy and laity in your prayers.

Thank you: We had a wonderful service of Commemoration of the Martyrs of New Guinea on Saturday 5 September in Saint Alban's. Thank you to everyone who participated and assisted and extended to all our visitors such a warm welcome.

Breakfast and Morning Tea: After our 8am and 10am services we have combined Church Fellowship over refreshments - if you would like to contribute there is a collection box on the serving counter.

Office arrangements - Denise (our Parish Administrator) is away on six weeks leave. Thank you to all who are helping cover her position while she is away. The office will still be open and emails will be replied to in due course.

Bush Church Aid (BCA) Collection Boxes

September is BCA box opening time. Please bring in your BCA boxes for the September count. They may be left at the church office or placed in the offertory bag, or handed to the duty parishioner at any service. If you would like to become a supporter of BCA please contact the parish office and a collection box will be sent to you. Boxes are opened and proceeds forwarded to BCA half yearly.

Upcoming Organ Recital

Sunday 27 September at 12:00 Noon

Please join us at St Alban's for a special midday organ recital!

Four exceptionally talented young organists - Isabel Li, Enoch Pan, Christine Pan, and Rory Martinic (students of Chris Czerwinski) - will be performing their official competition programs. This concert serves as their final "warm-up" showcase before the Sydney Organ Competition on 5 October. The demanding program features masterpieces by Bach, Vivaldi, Buxtehude, Mendelssohn-Bartholdy, Boëllmann, Alain, Duruflé, and Wesley.

Admission is free, and all are welcome to attend and support these brilliant musicians!

F o r Y o u r P r a y e r s

Church: Ryde - Chaplains at Macquarie Hospital, North Ryde; Anglican Retirement Villages; LifeWay Lutheran Church Epping. Church Missionary Society (CMS) and CMS Missionary, Julie - Mission of the Month.

For Your Prayers for the Month are included in the Monthly Newsletter. Please refer to these to include in your prayers.

In addition - Pray for our Parish: each of the congregations and the various ministry groups within each congregation, including our Sunday School and our Youth Group; the bible study groups; prayer groups; and Alpha programs. Pray for our Parish Administrator, Denise, as goes on leave this week. May she have an enjoyable time of travel and relaxation.

Pray for comfort for all those in the parish who are in need of our prayers - those recently bereaved, those who are sick, injured, facing surgery, recovering from surgery or in hospital. Continue to pray for the people in Nepal, Tibet and China affected by the flash floods. Grant strength, endurance and skill to emergency workers and search teams, and grant courage to those bereaved, and those searching for family and friends.

Prayer for the Week: God our Father, you judge your people with wisdom and rule us with love. Give a spirit of understanding to the synod of this diocese that it may make wise decisions that will give glory to you and be a blessing to your people. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Those recently deceased: Ngaire Young died on 23 August. A Thanksgiving Service will be held at St Alban's on Thursday 24 September at 10.30am. All who attend the weekly Healing Service are encouraged to attend. There will still be prayers for healing included.

Anniversary of Death: William Rook 13/9; Frederick Collett 13/9; Fred Carson 14/9; Ron Richardson 15/9; Pamela Sunnocks 17/9; Peter Greene 18/9; Francis Whittington 19/9.

St Alban's is open during the week
for prayer and reflection, when the office is open.

Giving in offertories and donations to June 2026

Offertories and donations totalled \$111,896 against a budget of \$96,180, placing us \$15,716 ahead. This is also \$23,252 (26%) higher than at the same time last year. These figures do not include giving from the Indonesian and Chinese congregations, as their offerings support their own ministry resources.

It is encouraging that this improvement has continued, which gives us confidence to explore increasing staff days to support the growth God has graciously given our church, and to address other areas of need in the Parish. The Wardens are thankful for this positive result in giving and continue to be 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. The Wardens

Mission of the Month - Church Missionary Society

The mission of the Church Missionary Society (CMS) is to reach 'gospel-poor' peoples for Christ, to equip Christians as leaders in the church and the world, and to engage churches in **cross-cultural mission**. Currently CMS partners with over 80 organisations in gospel ministry in almost 50 countries. Hundreds of churches in Australia are engaged in cross-cultural mission through CMS. On Saturday 6 June, Saint Alban's hosted the recommissioning of CMS missionary **Julie** to return to South East Asia for her second term. Pastor Kian Holik (EPIC) in his sermon very much encouraged Julie and her six supporting churches, represented by about sixty people at the service. As Julie states, serving in South East Asia while 'stepping into another culture has shown me the power of God's loving presence. *I have seen it in the lives of new friends, as God draws many to depend upon him and the grace that he offers.*' For further insights into Julie's mission, please refer to cms.org.au/missionaries/jusn/#. At the same website you can sign up for Julie's monthly newsletter to receive stories, photos and prayer points. Supporters are very welcome to reply to her newsletter - replies go to a secure email address. You can also **financially support Julie** directly at this website. For further information about the work of CMS, please refer to the display on the narthex board or visit website cms.org.au/. There are a few ways for you to **financially assist CMS** generally in their cross-cultural mission. Either use the 'Beyond the Parish' side of your weekly offertory (please write 'CMS' next to the stamped date) or use a plain envelope marked 'CMS'. Alternatively, transfer funds electronically to the St Alban's account - please use tag 'CMS'.

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=VGpWNXRMcFpYXVWeVB3N0pzQnpsUT09>

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.
