

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.

6th Sunday after Epiphany
16 February 2025

8.00am Eucharist

Reader: Doris Awad

President: The Reverend Phil Lui

Preacher: The Reverend Bruce Hunter

10.00am Choral Eucharist

Also available by zoom

Reader: John Thompson

President: The Reverend Phil Lui

Preacher: The Reverend Bruce Hunter

10.00am Spark Sunday School in The Loft

(above the Main Hall)

Join the 10am Service by Zoom:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82516182389?
pwd=VGpWNXRMcFILYXVWeVB3N0pzQnpsUT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82516182389?pwd=VGpWNXRMcFILYXVWeVB3N0pzQnpsUT09)

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

Let us continue our fellowship commenced during our service by joining together over morning tea in the Main Hall after each of the 8am and 10am Services. Everyone is very welcome.

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

Thank you ...

to the Reverend Bruce Hunter who is preaching at both services this morning. We are thankful for his ministry to us.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

Wednesday 5 March at St Alban's

12noon - Eucharist and Ashing

7.45pm - Solemn Eucharist and Ashing

Palm Crosses

If you have a palm cross from a previous service that you would like to bring back, please do so by Sunday 23 February, then it would be used to create the 'ash' for Ash Wednesday.

Please leave in the porch.

Annual General Meeting for the Parish

will be held on: **Sunday 30 March at 11.30am**

AGM Reports:

Parish organisations are invited to submit brief reports for publication.

Please forward your report by **Friday 28 February** to the parish office.

Pew
Reflections
REFLECTIONS
BGM

Jeremiah 17.5-10;
Psalm 1;
1 Corinthians 15.12-20;
Luke 6.17-26

St Luke reports to us today that Jesus announces what appears to be a topsy-turvy world, one where the poor, the hungry, the sorrowful and the hated will be blessed by God – unlike the rich, the ones with full bellies, the ones who now laugh, and the well-regarded. This explanation of how God wants the world to work should cause us all to ask ourselves how we, individually and corporately, can create space for the poor, the hungry, the sorrowful and the hated to be welcomed among us.

- Pray that we can become ever more inclusive, both personally and as a Church.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of the Anglican Church of Melanesia

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The Memorial Flowers today are in loving memory of
Doug Pearson
from Margaret and family.

Church:

Killara - St Martin; Lindfield - St Alban; East Lindfield - St Peter;
Pymble - St Swithun
The Epping Blue Church
(Korean congregation who meet at St Aidan's)
Fr Paul and the people of the Parish of St George's Paddington
Bush Church Aid (Mission of the Month)

In our World and Community:

Pray that in our diversity in this country there will be tolerance and respect for each other and a passionate commitment to justice for all. Pray that we might be an example of love, and a blessing to others.

Pray that the ceasefire in Gaza and Israel will continue, and the release of captives will continue, and the safe delivery of much needed supplies will continue.

Pray for those continuing to suffer because of war, violence and injustice in various parts of the world; and pray that leaders will turn from war to peace, governing with justice and compassion.

Pray for those from our parish community who are unwell and those suffering in mind, body or spirit. Pray for those providing care that they may show God's love and patience. Pray for the families of those who have recently died, give them comfort in knowing God's grace.

Pray for our parish – for our continuing ministries; the activities that we are planning to restart; and pray for the activities that we plan to undertake in 2025. Pray for our Rector in his leadership, and pray for Kari as he undertakes the programs for our children and youth.

Pray for the work of BCA (Bush Church Aid) ministering in remote parts of Australia. Pray that those ministering the word and sacrament may be encouraged by the support of parishes such as ours.

Prayer for the Week:

I will give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart: even before the gods will I sing your praises. I will bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name: because of your faithfulness and your loving-kindness, for you have made your name and your word supreme over all things. At a time when I called to you, you gave me answer: and put new strength within my soul.

Psalm 138: 1-3

Anniversary of Death:

Doug Pearson 13/2; Alison Daniels 16/2; Norah Dickinson 20/2;
Raymond Newland 21/2; Millicent Hauff 21/2; John Skeoh 21/2;
Enid Hubbard 22/2

**St Alban's is open
during the week**

for prayer and reflection, when the office is open.

Mission of the Month

Bush Church Aid Society of Australia

The Bush Church Aid Society of Australia, an association within the Anglican Church, has a priority in mission to the isolated, remote urban and rural people of Australia.

Since 1919 BCA has enjoyed responsibility for ministries ranging from flying padres, church services, scripture in schools and family counselling, to welfare and medical services. Mission vans, hostels, hospitals, the Flying Medical Service, Mail Bag Sunday School, clergy, nurses and others played their part in taking the love of Christ to all corners of our vast continent.

For more information about the BCA, please refer to the display on the narthex board, or visit website www.bushchurchaid.com.au

There are a few ways for you to financially support BCA:

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

Prayer for Peace and Hope in the Middle East, Ukraine, and Myanmar

As war, violence and unrest continue in many areas of the world including the Middle East, Ukraine and Myanmar as a parish we remain committed to pray for all those caught up in the misery and dislocation caused, suffering the loss of loved ones, homes and livelihoods. We pray for the soldiers and citizens drawn into wars not of their making; and we pray for the children traumatised and suffering from disease and hunger. We pray for leaders who will seek the cessation of war, the restoration of peace and the rebuilding of community.

Prayer

Almighty and Everlasting God, our days are in your hands; we lift up all those who are victims of violence and injustice, that you might surround and uphold the men, women and children caught up in war, violence and unrest. Empower your Church and all humanitarian workers to bring hope and healing to the wounded, relief to the suffering, and comfort to those who mourn. We pray that you would soften the hearts of all those leaders involved in these conflicts, that they would be led to work for justice and lasting peace for their people, these things we ask in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Bulletin notices:

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

Everyday English Classes

Classes are held at 10am in St Alban's Main Hall on a Wednesday.

Learn English with friends followed by morning tea.

More volunteers are needed to help with morning tea and conversation English (not teach).

If you have any friends or neighbours who don't speak English, please let them know about the classes.

Men's BBQ Thursday 20 February 2025

6.30pm in The Seminar Room (behind the Parish Office)

BYO meat for the barby, drinks, some salad or sides, to share.

Enjoy fine dining, good company and an uplifting time.

Garden Working Bee

**Changed date! The next working bee will be on
Saturday 1 March 2025**

(as a large event will be held here on 22/2/25)

9.30am to 12noon.

Extra hands, of all ages, would be so helpful.

Enquiries: Gill McLennon 0411 957 270.



World Day of Prayer

at St Alban's Epping

Friday 7 March

10.30am

focus country: The Cook Islands

Kari Hewitt (our Children and Youth Ministry Worker) will be speaking

Lunch will follow. BYO sandwich.

Fruit, cake, tea and coffee will be provided.

Members of all church are very welcome.

Enquiries to Elizabeth Jenkins 0403 792 967

Mission of the Month donations received in January and February

\$400 = Anglicare Chaplaincy

\$280 = BCA (February)

This amount has been donated through the Parish accounts and do not include donations made by parishioners directly to each mission.

Parish Magazine

The latest edition of the magazine (February - April) is available at the back of the church and on our website.

Thank you to all who have helped to create another great issue.

If you would like to donate to the printing of the magazines, please see the back page of the bulletin for account details, or use the Tap n Go machine at the back of the church, or cash through the offertory box.

St John's First Aid Training Course

A CPR course (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation) will take place during the day here at St Alban's (date yet to be organised). The course is suitable for anyone wanting to learn the skills to perform CPR, maintain their competence, or refresh their existing skills.

The course takes 2 1/2 hours and does not require any other certification or training to have been completed previously and is suitable for new students.

The cost is \$85 and there is a maximum of 18 people.

Eleven people have already let Denise know they are keen. If you are interested and haven't yet let Denise know (office@eppinganglicans.org.au or 9876 3362), please **RSVP by TODAY**, as the local churches will be invited to fill any vacancies.

Lenten Quiet Day

St Johns Birchgrove Cnr Birchgrove and Spring Street
Saturday 8 March 2025 9.30am to 4.15pm

The Sydney Mission College of the Oratory of the Good Shepherd invites you to a Lenten Quiet Day.

The event will be led by the Reverend Dr Erica Mathieson, who has extensive experience serving in various Australian parishes. Participants are requested to bring their own picnic lunch, with tea and coffee provided. The day will commence with coffee and conversation at 9:30 am, followed by a time of silence, Morning Prayer, Holy Communion, Evening Prayer and addresses.

For further enquiries, contact Br Brian Luhr OGS OAM 0400 193 626.

"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.

WHAT'S ON...

Monday 17 February

HOLY INNOCENTS

Office closed

Tuesday 18 February

9.00am Staff meeting

Wednesday 19 February

10.00am Everyday English Classes

7.30pm Choir practice

Thursday 20 February

William Grant Broughton, first bishop of Australia

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

10.30am Eucharist with Prayers for Healing

6.30pm Men's BBQ group

Friday 21 February

Rector's day off

**If you are a NEWCOMER, to St Alban's,
we would like to make contact with you.**

To do this please scan the QR code and we will be in touch.

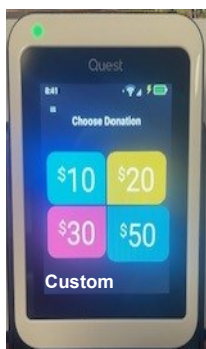


Safe Ministry

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 Rector, The Reverend 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



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.

Next Sunday Services

7th Sunday after Epiphany

23 February 2025

8am Eucharist with Hymns

Preacher: The Reverend Michael Aitken (Anglicare)

10am Sung Eucharist

(also available by Zoom)

Preacher: The Reverend Michael Aitken (Anglicare)



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

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

Parish Office

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