

Epping Anglicans

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

Our Vision: To be a Worshipping, Recognisably Anglican, Multi-racial, All-age,
Gathered, Christian Community - 'a city on a hill'

St Alban's Patronal Festival

20 June 2021

This service will be printed in a booklet for everyone to have their own copy
and will be available at the church entrance.

Individual cups will be used for Holy Communion.

Please stay home if you feel unwell

9.30am Festival Eucharist

(also available via Zoom)

Reader: Christine Murray

President: The Reverend Paul Weaver

Preacher: The Reverend Catherine Eaton

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, unless
otherwise indicated.**

To mute/unmute your phone, press *6

Sunday School is on today
in The Loft
(above the main hall)

From Father Paul:

It is a great blessing to join with our parishioners for our 125th Patronal Festival at St. Alban's, and a special pleasure to welcome Catherine Eaton, whom many of you will remember well, as our Guest Preacher.

We are all familiar with the idea that a church is first and foremost a community of Christian believers: the family of God gathering in a particular place. The building we have, the traditions we hold to, our style of worship are all very significant, but first and foremost, what matters is that we are the Body of Christ, we are brothers and sisters in Christ.

I have spent over 20 years sharing in the life of this Parish: as a young minister in 1977-81, as a member of the congregation while serving as a Hospital Chaplain from 2003-2016, and most recently as an Associate Priest since the beginning of 2017. Sarah and I returned to the parish in 2003 especially because of the care taken with worship and liturgy, and because of the warm welcome we received and friendships which were renewed.

Even in times of change, we want to ensure that our worship is both truly honouring to God, and uplifting and upbuilding to our people. But we need to recognize that people are different, the things that others respond to may not be what matters to us. As we are very aware of the increasing age of so many of our parishioners, and sadly how many are frail while many have died, we are also aware of our declining numbers. There is a big challenge for us to think (and pray) more and more purposefully about how we can effectively reach out to people with the Gospel of Christ, and with the invitation to join us in our worship and fellowship. This challenge will become more and more obvious as our development plans move forward.

We live in interesting times. Plenty of challenges – but also plenty of opportunities! We will need to keep thinking about what really matters: how we hold onto what is really important here at St. Alban's, while being flexible enough to be open to people with different backgrounds and their own particular needs.

May our loving God show us the way forward as we move into the future which is both his and ours.

PS I must apologize once again that we were unable to present the service last Sunday by Zoom. Michael Marzano, who has been doing such a sterling job with our Zoom services, was unwell. We trust that things will be back to normal this week. It is clear that we need a few people to share the job of running the Zoom services. You need some confidence to use audiovisual equipment, but please be assured that training will be provided. If you would like to find out more about this important ministry, please speak to Michael or to me.

Welcome to St Alban's

Welcome to all who have come to share with us on this Patronal Festival Sunday. A special welcome to parishioners, former parishioners and friends of St Alban's who are living at the Anglican Retirement Villages at Castle Hill and Glenhaven.

Thank you to the Reverend Catherine Eaton, who is here as our guest preacher, for her ministry to us today.

Please stay after the service for a chat and a lovely morning tea in the main hall.



Church:

Mosman - St Clement; Mosman - St Luke; Naremburn/Cammeray - St Cuthbert's and All Saints'; Neutral Bay - St Augustine's and Cremorne Point LifeWay Lutheran Church Epping; Parish of St John the Baptist, Epping, UK
Anglican Aid (*Mission of the Month*)

In our World and Community:

Pray for Archbishop Kanishka Raffel, as he takes up his new ministry. Ask that God will bless him through the Holy Spirit and the people of our diocese through his ministry. May he and his wife Cailey be able to move effectively into this new stage of their lives. Pray for those who are supporting him in the office and the Regional Bishops.

Pray for the people of Israel and Palestine as the situation develops. May leaders of both communities seek to find ways to live together with peace and justice. Pray also for the leaders and people of Myanmar, that ways to justice and peace will be found.

Give thanks for the blessings God has given our Parish over the years, and for the life, fellowship and witness of our church. May God continue to provide for our church and show the way forward as we look to the future. May each of us play our part as servants of Christ and of each other.

This is Refugee Week. Pray for all who live under threat, and all who seek safety and asylum because their homelands are not safe places. May leaders of all countries seek to establish justice and safety for all, and may we and other stable nations be generous to those in desperate need. Pray also for the work of the House of Welcome as it supports Refugees and Asylum Seekers.

Pray for Ross and Jenny during their time away on Long Service Leave: for safety in travel, and great times of refreshment for them both. Pray also for Paul in his increased responsibilities during this period.

Continue to pray for our world as COVID afflicts so many people. Pray especially for India, and other countries where the pandemic seems to be out of control. Ask God to help health professionals and others assisting those who are ill. May more and more people receive the vaccine, including here in Australia, and may national leaders make wise decisions as they respond to the crisis.

Recently deceased:

Henry Lunney, whose memorial service will be held here
this Wednesday at 11am.

Anniversary of Death:

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; Raymond Burke 26/6

A booklet '*Guidelines for Funeral Service*'
has been produced as a caring initiative
by our Pastoral Care Committee.
If you would like one,
copies are available at the back of each church.



Mission of the Month

Anglican Aid

Anglican Aid is the relief and aid agency of the Sydney Diocese of the 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.

Through Anglican Aid's long-term development projects across 35 countries, Christians in local partner organisations and churches are putting their faith into action and caring for the vulnerable.

Clean water, sanitary toilets and good hygiene practices are essential for communities to thrive and be healthy. In Tanzania for example, fewer than 3 out of 5 people have access to safe drinking water, and only 1 out of 3 people have access to improved toilets. Anglican Aid is partnering with local churches to build a centrally located borehole that every family in the village can access. With access to clean water, a flood of blessings flow: fewer waterborne illnesses, fewer deaths, better nutrition, more children in school, and more time for parents to look after a farm or a business. During the COVID-19 pandemic, handwashing practices are hugely improved.

For further information about Anglican Aid and all of its projects, including the COVID-19 Relief Appeal, 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 to Anglican Aid on their website at anglicanaid.org.au/donate where there is a choice of credit card or EFT. You can nominate a project or use the default 'Where most needed'.
- 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 collection box as you arrive for a service at Saint Alban's.
- Drop off your monetary donation to the Church office on Tuesday or Thursday mornings; leave it in the Church office letterbox any time; or mail a cheque to the Church office at PO Box 79 Epping 1710 with a note that the funds are intended for Anglican Aid.

Prayer Support for the people of Myanmar

During his sermon at Saint Alban's on 6 June, the Reverend Dr John Deane, Executive Director of the Anglican Board of Mission spoke about the current situation in Myanmar.

There are further details on the ABM website at <https://www.abmission.org/news.php/545/prayer-support-for-the-people-of-myanmar>

There is also a 'Donate' link on this webpage, where you may wish to contribute to the Myanmar Emergency Response appeal - use the drop-down list to select.

RLT

The next meeting of the RLT Women's Discussion Group will be held at Jill's home on Thursday 1 July, starting at 12.00pm. Please remember to bring a sandwich.

HOUSE OF WELCOME - Winter Newsletter

I have received a copy of the House of Welcome Winter Newsletter "Connect" which contains a lot of interesting information about the work they undertake. There is a lot to read, and if you would like to have a hard copy, there will be a few printed copies in the Narthex area. There will also be a copy on the notice board.

Our annual appeal for cash donations to the House of Welcome will be held in July and it might be timely and of interest to read of the many activities undertaken by the House of Welcome in the asylum seeker community.

Christine Hard *on behalf of the Pastoral Care Committee*

"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 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 the Loop" will be at the discretion of the Clergy.



1 Samuel 17.32-49
Either Psalm 9.9-20 or Psalm 133;
2 Corinthians 6.1-13; Mark 4.35-41

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Today the Psalmist reminds us again of the love which God has for the poor: *[God] has remembered the poor: he has not forgotten their cry ... the needy shall not always be forgotten: nor shall the hope of the poor perish for ever.* Given that the poor claim a special place in the heart of God, how can we best help the poor here in Australia, and throughout our Partner Churches?

- Work out how you can help the poor today and go online and make a generous donation (to Anglicare or ABM)
- Give thanks for the work and witness of the Church of North India.

Text: Robert McLean, ABM's Partnerships Coordinator © Anglican Board of Mission, 2020

WHAT'S ON...

Monday 21 June

Tuesday 22 June

9-11am Staff meeting

Wednesday 23 June

11.00am Memorial Service for Henry
Lunney

Thursday 24 June

10.30am Eucharist with Prayers for Healing

Friday 25 June

Next Sunday Services

Fifth Sunday after
Pentecost

27 June 2021

8.00am Eucharist

Preacher: Christopher Lawn

10am Eucharist

Preacher Christopher Lawn

Office arrangements

This week the office will be open Tuesday and Thursday.

Please consider paying your offertory directly into the church account.

The details are:-

St Alban's Ac: BSB No: 032 081 A/c: 000024

St Aidan's Ac: BSB No: 032 081 A/c: 810086

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.

Preachers for Coming Weeks

June 27 - Pentecost 5

Christopher Lawn

July 4 - Pentecost 6

The Reverend Paul Weaver

July 11 - Pentecost 7

Dr Ruth Shatford

July 18 - Pentecost 8

Bishop Ross Nicholson

Use the QR code for a Quick Response!

We are still required to register our attendance at church services. Although QR codes are not mandatory for church services (apart from funerals and weddings), any paper records of attendance at a church service DO need to be digitised within 4 hours under the new regulations. If at all possible, please register your attendance at church using the QR code which is on the sign-in table.

The Parish has a QR code which is designed to be used with the **Service NSW app**. If you haven't already, we recommend you download this app and install it on your smartphone. (Please set up a My Service NSW account if you don't have one.)

On arrival at church, open and log into the Service NSW app (it may be necessary to use your four-digit code, as set by you during installation) and under Tools select 'COVID Safe Check-in'. Your camera will be switched on by the app and you will be asked to point it at the QR code. Your contact details should automatically appear – confirm these, then press 'Check in'. (Please check out at the end of the service.)

Thank you for your assistance in doing this, and in helping others - our aim is to eventually have the sign-in sheet used only by those who do not use a smartphone, and perhaps by those that have an early model phone.

Catch Up on Sermons

On the Epping Anglicans website, you can find sermons preached most Sundays, and some others prepared by the clergy and other preachers over recent years.

Reflect on sermons you have heard recently, read sermons you did not hear at the time, and go back to earlier sermons as well. Printed copies of recent sermons are often available from the shelves near the back door of the church.

You are invited to make use of this easily-accessible resource.

www.eppinganglicans.org.au

Parish Directory

Parish Office (at St Alban's) is open Tuesday and Thursday mornings (during COVID-19)

Address - 3 Pembroke Street Epping 2121 (PO Box 79 Epping 1710)

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