

# 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'

## SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

17 January 2021

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

Individual cups will be used for Holy Communion.

**at St Alban's**

### **8.00am Eucharist**

Reader: Jane Bryant

*President: Bishop Ross Nicholson*

*Preacher: The Reverend Paul Weaver*

### **10.00am Eucharist** (also available via Zoom)

Reader: Sue Armitage

*President: Bishop Ross Nicholson*

*Preacher: The Reverend Paul Weaver*

*Sermon at 8 & 10: "Recognised by Jesus - Recognising Jesus"*

(Please stay home if you feel unwell)

## **Next Sunday's Services**

**3rd Sunday after Epiphany - Australia Day**  
**24 January 2021**

**At ST ALBAN'S**

**8.00am Eucharist** - Preacher: Bishop Ross Nicholson

**10.00am Eucharist** - Preacher: Bishop Ross Nicholson

We welcome **Aleks Mitsios** as our new Organist. Aleks has been playing for most of our services at St Alban's over the past few months, and we are delighted that he is now able to officially take up this position and to share his musical gifts and ministry with us.

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## Rector's Letter

In last week's Bulletin I finished asking 'As we begin this new year, how will you be part of this Great Commission?' The goal of the Great Commission is that as followers of Jesus we make disciples, that is, other followers of Jesus. If we take a close look at the Great Commission we can see that there are three parts to the disciple making process - 'Going', 'Baptising' and 'Teaching'. If we take this observation and Paul's statement from 1 Corinthians 12 that we are one body (remember the introduction to the passing of the peace?) with many parts, then we can safely assume that we will all have different parts to play in the fulfilment of the Great Commission.

Remember from Mark 1 that John the Baptist came proclaiming a baptism for the repentance of sin. The gospel writers tell us that people came from all around to hear John's preaching. John's ministry reached deeply into the wider community. His 'going' was into the desert regions along the banks of the Jordan.

In the gospel reading this morning from John 1:43-51 we see Jesus deciding to 'go' to Galilee. He finds Philip and gives him the command to 'Follow me.' Even Jesus follows the prescriptions of the Great Commission. Philip then 'goes' and finds Nathanael and tells him that they have found the one whom Moses and the prophets wrote about. Nathanael's a bit sceptical and states 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?'

What happens next ought to be a great encourager for those of us who are a little hesitant to share our faith. Philip doesn't give a full blown exposition of the gospel. He doesn't copy John the Baptist's approach and tell Nathanael he's a sinner who needs to repent. He merely says 'Come and see.'

It's when Nathanael is introduced to Jesus that his scepticism is assuaged. It's Jesus who does the convincing of Nathanael that he truly is the Son of God. Because we are part of a body and a body has different parts, the first step in obeying the Great Commission lies in knowing what our part is. John the Baptist knew his role was to prepare the way of the Lord. Philip was an inviter, he invited Nathanael to assess for himself the person of Jesus. Next week we'll see how Jesus called the other disciples in Mark 1:14-20 and in preparation for that you might like to read John 1:35-42 and reflect on what part you could play in making disciples of all nations.

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### Use the QR code for a Quick Response!

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.

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### Church:

Shore School; Willoughby - St Stephen; Willoughby Park -  
St John's & St James'; CMS (Chinese Anglican Church) in Northern Region  
Epping Uniting Church; The Catholic Parish of Epping and Carlingford  
Bush Church Aid (*Mission of the Month*)

### In our World and Community:

Pray for the people of the USA, that tensions will be calmed, that violence and threats of violence will end, and that the inauguration of Joe Biden as President this week will take place peacefully and positively. Pray for healing throughout the nation. Continue to pray for other nations where there is tension and oppression, that peace and justice will be established in these places.

Pray that those who are on holidays will be kept safe, and have a refreshing time away. Pray especially for parents and those caring for children.

Pray for all who will be beginning new studies or employment this year, and for those who will be seeking employment.

Pray for the work and ministry of the Bush Church Aid Society, our Mission of the Month, in its support of work in rural and isolated areas, and all who serve with the BCA.

Pray for the church everywhere, especially Christians facing persecution and suffering, and those who are isolated from Christian fellowship.

Pray for our Parish as we look to the opportunities and challenges of the coming year. Especially pray for Ross in his leadership responsibilities, and for all of us in our fellowship, service and worship. May we have God's wisdom and strength as we move forward in to the future.

### Anniversary of Death:

Jacob Chelladurai 17/1; Gordon Young 18/1; Bobbie de Boos 19/1;  
Katie Dickinson 9/1; Kathleen Woodman 20/1; Val Dougall 21/1;  
Anthony Moon 23/1

## For your Prayers

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### Appreciation to Jan McIntyre

As advised at the end of 2020, Jan McIntyre has stepped down from the role of Co-ordinator of the Pastoral Care Committee. The planned expression of appreciation to Jan had to be postponed when services in the church were suspended on 20 December 2020.

Towards the end of the **8am Service on Sunday 31 January 2021** the parish will have the opportunity to express our appreciation of Jan's enormous contribution to the life of the parish - in her pastoral care committee co-ordinator role, in her previous roles as Warden and Rector's Warden, and in the numerous other ways that she has expressed her caring and concern for all of us.

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### Memorial Garden

Shortly after the 10am service today, the ashes of the late **Pauline Frazer** will be placed in the Memorial Garden. We give thanks for Pauline's life and for her fellowship and involvement at St Alban's, and we welcome members of her family who are with us this morning.

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## 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](http://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 ensure that you 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 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 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 BCA.

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**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

### Parish Directory

**Parish Office** (at St Alban's)

is open Tuesday and Thursday mornings (during COVID-19)

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