

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'

Sixth Sunday of Easter

9 May 2021

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.
Please stay home if you feel unwell

8.00am Eucharist

Reader: Brian Haywood

Preacher: *Emma Gray*

10.00am Eucharist

(also available via Zoom)

Reader: Gillian Taylor

Preacher: *Emma Gray*

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

Emma Gray, who is preaching today at 8am and 10am. After completing her PhD, she has now been accepted into the Doctoral Program in Dunedin NZ and will commence shortly.

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

Rector's Letter:

We welcome back with us as guest preacher Emma Gray on this Mother's Day. She will be continuing our series from 1John.

We have seen over this series how John has raised the theme of 'love'. But love, for John, is no wishy-washy sentimental emotion, but rather a costly action directed to the other person. Love for John is sacrificial as he reminded us in chapter 4;

"This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins." 1John 4:10

Surprisingly, the Bible does not say as much about motherhood as it does about fatherhood. But that does not mean mothers are ignored. In fact, not much may be made of motherhood, but the role of mothers can be seen through the significant place different mothers have throughout the Bible. Think Eve, the mother of humanity; Sarah, the mother of Israel; Hannah, the Mother of Samuel; Elizabeth, mother of John the Baptist; and of course Mary, the mother of Jesus. I had an Old testament lecturer who argued all the best theology comes from the stories in the Bible! And what a lot of stories there are about mothers.

Many of these stories are about faithful women who continued to trust God even when circumstances seemed pitched against them. There are the painful stories of infertility and loss, of handing a child over to the plans and purposes of God. The Bible leaves us in no doubt about the cost of love to a mother.

There is an interesting parallel between that verse of John's and the love of a mother. A new born baby shows nothing but need, so the loving bond between a mother and child is all one sided, much like our relationship to God. But as that child grows, so does its love. We have been loved by God and as we grow in him our love should also shine out.

Mothers Day

This Sunday we are celebrating Mothers, Grandmothers, Godmothers, Aunts and Carers. They are such special people in our lives and we want to honour them, and all that they do and have done for us.



The memorial flowers today are in loving memory of
Mary Rose Arnold
from the Arnold Family.

Sunday School is on today
in The Loft
(above the main hall)
at 10am

Church:

Roseville - St Andrew; Roseville College; Roseville East - St Barnabas,
Castle Cove and Grace Anglican; Turramurra South - St Philip
Epping Uniting Church
The Catholic Parish of Epping and Carlingford
Christian Community Aid (*Mission of the Month*)

In our World and Community:

Pray for our world as the COVID pandemic continues. May God's blessing be on those who are ill, bereaved, isolated or frustrated, and especially those in health and caring fields, who assist the suffering. Pray that vaccines will be effective in reducing the effects of the virus throughout the world, and that all governments will have great wisdom in making difficult decisions.

Pray for the Very Rev Kanishka Raffel who has been elected to be our next Archbishop, and for our Diocese as we prepare for new leadership..

Anniversary of Death:

Mary Arnold 9/5; Keith Robey 9/5; Marcia Donald 9/5; Ken Eason 10/5;
Garth Ewart 11/5; Barry Jenkins 11/5; Rita Keough 11/5; Roy Ranyard 12/5;
John Burke 12/5; Dorothy Horsley 12/5; David Quinlan 13/5;
Fred Mussett 14/5; Maurice Simmons 14/5; Ken Armitage 14/5;
Julia Hardman 14/5; Mary Cadman 14/5; Christina Telfer 15/5; Philip Hill 15/5

New Archbishop

The Dean of St Andrew's Cathedral the Very Rev Kanishka Raffel was elected Archbishop on Thursday night at a special session of Synod. Kanishka has been Dean of the Cathedral since 2016. Before the Cathedral he was rector of St Matthew's Shenton Park in Perth for 16 years. He will be consecrated bishop at the Cathedral toward the end of May.

Thanks and Farewell to the Simpsons

For many years our congregation has been blessed in a variety of ways by Richard, Melinda, Sarah and James Simpson. Richard has ministered time and time again at the organ in the absence of our regular organists. Melinda has been helpful in many ways, especially her wonderful assistance with the Sunday School. Sarah, who is now married, was a server, and James has continued his ministry in the Sanctuary right up the last few weeks. They were also involved in our Young People's programs. The family was a Server involved in Family Group for many years, and have been active and helpful in other ways.

We are very grateful for their contribution and their fellowship, and we are grateful to God for them. They are now moving further away from the Parish and feel this is the time to move to a new home church. May God's blessing be with them in all that the future holds.

Mission of the Month Harvest Festival

Emergency Relief Appeal

Christian Community Aid continues to deliver essential, vital services, food and other living essentials to vulnerable community members who feel anxious and wary about the current pandemic.

CCA remains in urgent need of food and toiletry donations to support these members of our community. Non-perishable items most needed include:

- * cereals
- * noodles and rice
- * pasta and pasta sauce
- * canned food and soups
- * jams, peanut butter and other spreads
- * long life milk and juices
- * toiletries including soap, deodorant, shampoo and conditioner.



Please leave your donations

- in the CCA collection bag in the narthex, as you arrive for a service at Saint Alban's, or
- at the church office any Tuesday or Thursday morning, or
- at CCA, 12 Lakeside Road, Eastwood Mon – Fri 9am to 5pm.

We are also appealing for monetary donations so that CCA can purchase perishable food as required for their clients. There are a few ways you can financially assist CCA:

- Donate funds directly to CCA on their website at <https://www.ccas.org.au/make-a-donation> where there is a choice of several payment methods.
- Transfer funds electronically to the Saint Alban's account – please ensure that you use the tag 'CCA'.
- 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 CCA.

Harvest Festival Sunday 30 May

Please note While there is heightened need in the community, the Parish will continue to deliver all donations to CCA on a weekly basis, instead of holding them for one large display in the church as in other years. There will be smaller displays in the church for Harvest Festival on 30 May this year.

CCA has assured the Parish that our support continues to play a vital role in the well-being of the community, maintaining connection and engagement for the isolated and hope that together we will get through the current crisis.



We pray for God's blessing on Ross and Jenny Nicholson as they take Long Service Leave over the next nine weeks. May this be a time of good and safe travel (within Australia!), and of real refreshment for them both. We look forward to seeing them again in mid-July.

This week the office will be open Tuesday and Thursday.

The May to July 2021 edition of the
Epping Parish Magazine is now available.

Copies are available to collect from the Church and the Parish Office.

If the Parish Office has your email address you will be emailed an electronic copy. It is
also available on the Parish website.

Please contact the Parish Office if you would like a copy mailed to you:
office@eppinganglicans.org.au or 9876 3362

The Council of Christians & Jews of NSW

SHOAH MEMORIAL SERVICE

for Christians and all people of compassion
to remember the Jewish Holocaust 1933-1945

Tuesday 11 May 2021
6pm

The Great Synagogue, Sydney
Entry via 166 Castlereagh Street

Guest Speaker: Joe Symon, Holocaust Survivor
Music by the Mater Chorale

Anglican Aid's INDIA COVID-19 Emergency Appeal

Anglican Aid is responding to the COVID-19 crisis in India by supporting Herbertpur Christian Hospital with essential supplies and equipment. We have received urgent requests for help to provide equipment like ventilators, monitors, PPE (personal protective equipment) kits, and food for the COVID patients. Your tax-deductible gift will provide equipment for hospital staff and medical supplies for patients.

<https://anglicanaid.org.au/india-covid19-appeal/>

Position Vacant

Sydney Diocesan Services (SDS)

Accountant – Management and Financial (Full time)

This role is responsible for the effective financial administration of SDS and other organisations within the Diocese. The role is largely autonomous, with a focus on management accounting (finance, forecasting and budgeting). The ideal candidate is an experienced accountant with at least 5 years' experience, and is CA or CPA qualified. You will have a financial or management accounting background and will be looking to consolidate your management accounting experience.

You can apply by sending your resume and a covering letter to recruit@sydney.anglican.asn.au. Any enquiries should be directed to Michael Blaxland, CFO on 02 9265 1667.

WHAT'S ON...

Monday 10 May

Tuesday 11 May

9-11am Staff meeting

1.30pm MU Meeting

Wednesday 12 May

Thursday 13 May

10.30am Eucharist with Prayers for Healing

Friday 14 May

Next Sunday Services

Sunday After
Ascension

Seventh Sunday of Easter

16 May 2021

8.00am Eucharist

Preacher: The Reverend Greg Harris,
BCA

10am Eucharist

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Epping Ecumenical Covenant

This Tuesday evening, members of our Parish Council will gather with leaders of our sister Covenant Churches to share fellowship and catch up. Our next Ecumenical Service will be on Tuesday 25 May at 7.45pm here at St Alban's.

At this service the Covenant will be signed for this year.

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

"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.

We are exhorted by the Psalmist today to *sing to the Lord a new song: for he has done marvellous things*. If you were to examine your life what things would you describe as marvellous ones that God has done for you? What about in your parish? In our city? In Australia? We're reminded to look for the blessings in our lives. Perhaps today's the day to begin a gratitude diary, to help you focus on where God has been blessing you and the wider community.

- Thank God for every mercy and grace, blessing us beyond all measure
- Give thanks for the work and witness of the Church of Ceylon.

Text: Robert McLean, ABM's Partnerships Coordinator © Anglican Board of Mission, 2021

Please consider paying your offertory directly into the church account.

The details are:-

St Alban's Ac: BSB No: 032 081 Ac: 000024

St Aidan's Ac: BSB No: 032 081 Ac: 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.

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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