



St. John's Anglican Church Albany Consecrated 1848.

**Sunday, 24th August 2025
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**



Sentence of the Day

**'You, O Lord, are my
hope, my trust from my
youth. Upon you have I
leaned since my birth.'**

Psalm 71.5–6

Collect

**O God, the Judge of all,
through the saving blood of
your Son you have brought
us to the heavenly
Jerusalem and given us a
kingdom which cannot be
shaken:
fill us with reverence and
awe in your presence,
that in thanksgiving we and
all your Church may offer
you acceptable worship;
through Jesus Christ our
Lord, who lives to intercede
for us, now and for ever.
Amen.**

Prayer of the Week

**Creator God, you have
made us for yourself,
and our hearts are
restless until they find
their rest in you:
teach us to offer
ourselves to your
service, that here we
may have your peace,
and in the world to
come may see you face
to face;
through Jesus Christ
our Lord. Amen.**

Today's Readings

1st Reading Jeremiah 1.4-10

⁴ Now the word of the Lord came to me saying,
⁵ 'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
and before you were born I consecrated you;
I appointed you a prophet to the nations.'
⁶ Then I said, 'Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.'
⁷ But the Lord said to me,
'Do not say, "I am only a boy";
for you shall go to all to whom I send you,
and you shall speak whatever I command you.'
⁸ Do not be afraid of them,
for I am with you to deliver you,
says the Lord.'
⁹ Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me,
'Now I have put my words in your mouth.'
¹⁰ See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms,
to pluck up and to pull down,
to destroy and to overthrow,
to build and to plant.'

2nd Reading Hebrews 12.18-29

¹⁸ You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest,
¹⁹ and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them.
²⁰ (For they could not endure the order that was given, 'If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.'
²¹ Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, 'I tremble with fear.')
²² But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering,
²³ and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect,
²⁴ and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood

that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.
²⁵ See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven!
²⁶ At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, 'Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven.'
²⁷ This phrase 'Yet once more' indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain.
²⁸ Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe;
²⁹ for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

Gospel Reading Luke 13.10-17

¹⁰ Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath.
¹¹ And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight.
¹² When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, 'Woman, you are set free from your ailment.'
¹³ When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God.
¹⁴ But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, 'There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day.'
¹⁵ But the Lord answered him and said, 'You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water?'
¹⁶ And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?'
¹⁷ When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

The Psalm for today is Psalm 71, Verses 1-6

- ¹ To you, Lord, have I come for shelter:
let me never be put to shame.
- ² In your righteousness rescue and deliver me:
incline your ear to me and save me.
- ³ Be for me a rock of refuge, a fortress to defend me:
for you are my high rock, and my stronghold.
- ⁴ Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked:
from the grasp of the pitiless and unjust.
- ⁵ For you, Lord, are my hope:
you are my confidence, O God, from my youth upward.
- ⁶ On you have I leaned since my birth:
you are he that brought me out of my mother's womb,
and my praise is of you continually.

Next Sunday's Readings

1st Reading Jeremiah 24-13

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2nd Reading Hebrews 13.1-8, 13.15-16

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Gospel Reading Luke 14.1, 14.7-14

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"Sung version of The Lord's Prayer"

Our Father, which art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses

as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the Kingdom, the power, and the
glory,
Forever and ever. Amen.

HYMNS – EUCHARIST SETTING DUDMAN

TIS 756

	8am	9.30am
Introit		59
Gradual	526	526
Offertory	609	609
Recessional	106	106

Children's
Church is
available at our
9:30am service.
This week's
Children's Talk
is "Jesus Heals
on the Sabbath"



A WARM WELCOME TO ALL VISITORS - All are welcome at the Lord's table. Baptised, communicant members of all Christian denominations, are very welcome to receive Holy Communion and any person welcome to come forward to receive a blessing. If you are unable to come to the altar rail and wish to receive the Sacrament in your pew, please speak to a sides person.

We respectfully acknowledge the Menang Noongar people as the traditional custodians of the land on which we worship and minister, and pay respect to elders past and present.

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Hello Dear Friends

I pray your week has been good. This Sunday is the Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost and our readings have made me think about what God wants for us and also prejudices.

Our sentence is from Psalm 71, where David prays that he may never be ashamed of his dependence upon God who he describes as his hope, rock, refuge, strength and confidence all lifelong. We pray collectively that we be filled with reverence and awe. We hear of Jeremiah's call to the prophetic office - to be a prophet to the Jews and all neighbouring nations and how he is equipped by God. The author of Hebrews continues to tell us that the New Testament dispensation is more excellent than the old. And our Gospel gives us Luke's account of Jesus healing and strengthening an infirm woman on the Sabbath.

I found a story!!! An organist was practicing one day in a great church in Europe. As he was playing, a man came up to the organ and asked if he could play. The organist looked at him and thought to himself. "I shouldn't let this man play, just look at him, he is unshaven, his clothes are soiled, he looks like a down and out." So, he told the man no. But the unkempt stranger asked again and again. Finally, the organist let him play thinking he couldn't play very long, for what does a down and out know about organs. The down and out's fingers danced over the keyboard in a way the organist hadn't heard in his lifetime. The stranger played on and on.

The organist was spellbound. When the stranger got up to leave, the organist could not contain himself and said, "Who are you - what is your name?" As the down-and-out slowly walked away, he turned and said over his shoulder: "My name is Felix Mendelssohn." The organist gasped.

He said to himself, "I almost did not let the master play." The organist had almost let his prejudice get the better of him – and would have missed out on one of the most awesome moments of his playing career.

We all prejudices which we need to overcome

This morning's Gospel reading also deals with Prejudices and in this case - the prejudice that the Sabbath was so holy that you can't even heal on the Sabbath. Jesus dealt with the prejudice by healing one of the two cripples who met him in our Gospel reading. I would like to ask, "which one went away healed"?

Two cripples, you might ask – I only saw one. Yes, two....The two people that met with Jesus that morning were - I would suggest to you - both crippled in their own way. The first was, obviously, the woman.

The Scripture tells us that she had been crippled by a spirit for 18 years. Her disability was obvious. It was a real miracle to heal her. She went away from Jesus healed. The second cripple was the ruler of the Synagogue. He too was crippled by a spirit – the spirit of legalism. The spirit of legalism can be a real killjoy.

Instead of rejoicing that God had worked a wonderful miracle, he set about to denigrate it. The Synagogue ruler ran the services - the Rector, if you like. The people would look up to him for spiritual guidance. So why did he decide to take issue with Jesus?

Part of the reason might be that he felt miffed that Jesus' healing was an invasion of his prerogative. But I think the major reason was because what Jesus did - offended his understanding of the law of God.

The issue wasn't that Jesus had healed the woman. No one claimed that Jesus' healing was other than from God. No one disputed that that was a good deed. Rather it was the day that Jesus chose to perform the healing that caused the fuss He did it on the Sabbath and the Pharisees had defined that as work.

Israel had been overrun by the Romans, and the Jews were struggling to keep their identity. Their identity was bound up in their God and the covenant that they had with him. And they believed that only by slavishly keeping the rules of that Covenant could they satisfy God. The issue for the Ruler of the Synagogue was that by healing on the Sabbath, Jesus was breaking the fourth commandment - Remember the Sabbath

day by keeping it holy.

Six days you shall labour and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your manservant or maidservant, nor your animals, nor the alien within your gates. For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore, the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

You might ask, what's the issue? Jesus isn't working on the Sabbath – is he? He's not charging for his services! Indeed, he is helping a human being. Well, in order to avoid breaking the Commandments, the Pharisees had fenced the Commandments around with more severe rules.

For example, one Pharisaic rule regarding the Sabbath held that an animal could be led out to water - provided nothing was carried. A man could draw water for the animal and pour it into a trough for an animal to drink from, but – to avoid breaking the fourth commandment - could not hold a bucket for the animal to drink out of!

Another such Pharisaic rule was that you were only allowed to medically treat someone for an illness on the Sabbath when that person's life was in danger. It was held to be OK to break the 4th Commandment in a life-threatening situation. However, you could not break the fourth commandment just to alleviate suffering!

So - Why is Jesus so hard on the Synagogue ruler?

Jesus said to the ruler: "You hypocrite". Hard words. Not the way "to make friends and influence people" But why did he do it?

I think it was because the man was implicitly claiming to act on God's behalf and yet flatly contradicting the spirit of God's law. It is the spirit of God's law that counts not the letter of it.

Look at Jesus' reasoning. "If on the Sabbath you untie your donkey and lead it to water, why should this woman, who has been bound 18 years not be set free."

Legalism had so crippled the ruler's mind that he could not see how inconsistent his words were. He was abiding by the spirit of the law for animals but abiding by the letter of the law for people. Instead of reacting as he did, the ruler should have gone away rejoicing at the woman's good fortune.

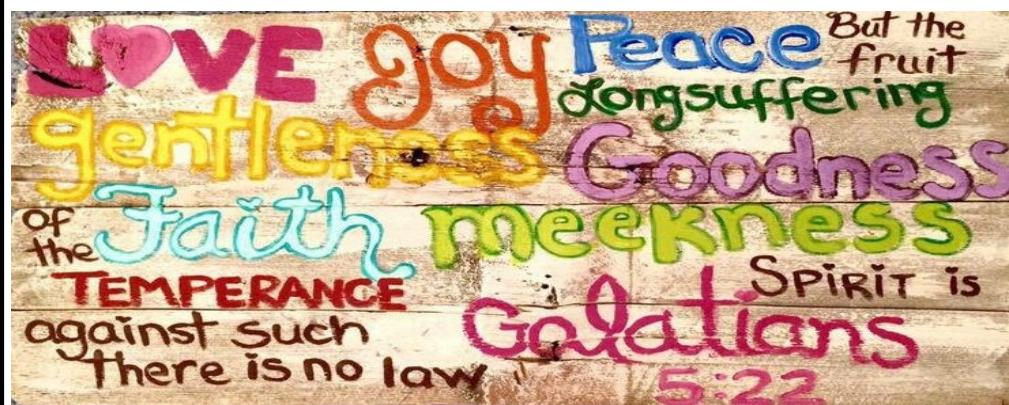
We all have our Prejudices - Sabbath or general, which hinder us from seeing Jesus' work in other people's lives. The rules that we add over and above what is in Holy Scripture. Look at what St. Paul says in Galatians 5:22 'But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.'

The Christian life is meant to be joyful – not heavy. The woman went away rejoicing in her healing; the synagogue ruler missed out.

Jesus said: I have come that you might have life and life in abundance (Jn 10:10) I am a Christian, and Jesus gives me abundant life. Let us not lose out by putting up unnecessary barriers - like the Synagogue ruler did - to the work of Jesus.

Blessings

Karen



The Diocese of The Murray- Bishop Ven Simon John Waters, Current Administrator, clergy and people.

Parish of Ravensthorpe - St. Andrew's (Ravensthorpe), Community Church (Lake King), St. Peter the Fisherman's (RC) (Hopetoun), Priest-with-Oversight - Ven. Geoff Chadwick, wife Gabby, Assisting Clergy Revd. Harold Lee (Retired) and wife Sue.

Please pray for:

- * That the parish may be looked at for a Priest.
- * That both mines and farming industries may enjoy safety in the workplace.

Diocesan Ministry - Education Council and Bishop's Courses for Ministry .

For the World:

- * Workers in sheltered workshops and those who care for them.
- * Those who work to contain critical outbreaks of infectious diseases and those contaminated by them.
- * Those responsible to ensure that air travel is safe for all.
- * For all services and events to bring glory to God.

Anglican Church of Kenya - Diocese of Kapsabet.

Aldai Technical Training Institute - Principal: Ms Sally Mosop.

Ol'lessos Technical Training Institute - Principal: Mr Wesley Yegon.

Emsos Technical Training Institute - Principal: Mr. Mark Kitongo.

Please pray for - The Board of Management to strive in making the visibility of the church be felt as the sponsor.

Diocesan Ministry - Pray for farming organisations in our country so that their efforts for food security and social integration are blessed.

Mothers Union Monthly Prayer
Loving Lord, we give you thanks for the vision of our founder as we celebrate her special day this month. Prayer is the foundation of Mothers' Union and we pray for confidence and

faithfulness to build on Mary Sumner's legacy and all that has been achieved so far. As we support one another through prayer, may we touch many lives for God through our prayers, our words and our actions. Amen.

HOPE25
HOPE IN AN UNCERTAIN WORLD

We give thanks to God today for Hope25. Right across our country from the north to south, from the east to the west, Anglicans have been proclaiming the hope we have in Jesus. People have been bold in giving invitations

courageous in sharing their stories, and faithful in speaking about hope. Many people have heard about Jesus. and have taken steps towards faith.

We praise God for the many who have heard of our hope, for those who we have welcomed into our churches and for those who have believed in Jesus. We ask God to continue to bless our church as we live in hope.

tearfund

The Mission of The Month for August is Tearfund.

Tearfund Australia was founded in 1971 when the then president of the Australian Evangelical Alliance (AEA) put \$10 on the table to start an emergency relief fund at a board meeting. The purpose of the newly founded group was "To meet two human needs: one for spiritual direction and assurance, the other for physical help – food, medicine, shelter and clothing. Practical aid in the context of God's love in the Lord Jesus."

In 1998, and with the blessing of the Evangelical Alliance, TEAR Australia was incorporated as a legally independent agency and at the same time reshaped the acronym to the byline "Transform, Empower, Advocate."

On the 1st of October 2020 the name was changed back to Tearfund, to align more closely with other Tearfund Agencies in the UK, US, Canada, Netherlands, Belgium, Germany, France, New Zealand and Ireland.

Tearfund vision "is for a just and compassionate world in which all people have the opportunity to achieve their God-given potential." Today Tearfund work in partnerships with locally-based Christian agencies around the world and in Australia who are seeking to make biblically-shaped responses to poverty and injustice. They prioritise supporting partners who work alongside people most impacted by poverty and marginalisation. They are focused on the root causes of poverty, and committed to long-term transformation. They believe in community-led development initiatives.

To read about the work Tearfund Australia are doing in Africa, Asia, the Pacific and with Australia's First People, partnering with Christians from near and far in some of the world's most difficult places, visit the website at [Tearfund Australia | Christian Charity Fighting Injustice](https://tearfund.org.au)

ALBANY CHURCHES TOGETHER

WITH GUEST SPEAKER:

SIMON SMART

Director of Centre for Public Christianity



YOUTH EVENT:

FRI 19th SEPT | 6.30-8.30PM

VENUE: CHURCH OF CHRIST

'Would we be better off without Christianity?'

BREAKFAST EVENT:

SAT 20th SEPT 7AM | \$5

VENUE: CALVARY CHAPEL

'The End of Man/Is Christianity Good news for women?'

Cash at the door or tickets available
calvarychapelalbany.com.au

CHURCHES TOGETHER SERVICE:

SUN 21ST SEPT | 6PM

VENUE: OCEANS CHURCH

'Living for Jesus in our anxious generation'

FUNDRAISER BBQ BY
YOUTHCARE TO FOLLOW

ACLF
ALBANY CHURCH
LEADERS FELLOWSHIP

Notices Gatherings and Meetings

Martha's Soup Kitchen - Mon
12pm-1pm.

Communications Committee

Meeting - Tues 2nd Sept. at 4pm
via Zoom at 4pm

St John's Christmas Shoebox Appeal Blessing of the Boxes –

Reverend Karen will be blessing the boxes at both morning services today (Sunday, 24th August), before they are delivered to the Albany centre for shipping to Perth. Thank you to all of you for your very kind and generous donations.



Emergency Relief - Hi everyone
Thanks for your previous donations which we very much appreciated. We urgently require the following items:

- * 1 litre full cream long life milk,
- * 1kg plain or self-raising flour and,
- * 1kg white rice.

Thank you and best wishes from the ER team.

Ministry opportunities - The Church cleaning team and Op Shop are looking for extra volunteers to join them. Please contact our Op Shop Manager, Wardens or Revd. Karen.

Church Watch is now up and running again on Fridays from 11am -2pm. If anyone is interested in assisting with this ministry please speak to Revd. Karen.

FETE SATURDAY OCTOBER 18TH

Our first meeting for the October 18th Parish Fete is to be held on Tuesday August 26th. at 3:30 pm in the Dorothy Wood Hall. It would be great to see as many prospective stallholders and parishioners attending to make this major fund raising event a success as in previous years. For details please contact Mike Taylor on 0417967368 for details. Thanking you all in advance.



Direct Giving via Electronic Banking -

Thanks again to those who are continuing to support the church in one form or another. Could I please ask that those that are electronically transferring money to the church follow the following instructions.

Ordinary Direct giving - quote the word "Donation" in the reference section and deposit into Anglican Community Fund.

BSB: 706-001

Acc: 3000 3081

Mission giving should be deposited into the Parish Holding Account using the word "Mission" as a reference.

Banking details are:

BSB: 706-001

Acc: 3000 8763

PEACE OF MIND

Regardless of age, an enduring power of attorney (EPA), an enduring power of guardianship (EPG) and an advanced health directive (AHD) can be accessed at <https://www.wa.gov.au/service/justice/civil-law/enduring-power-of-attorney> and are recommended to be in place to provide peace of mind to our families. Do you have a will?

AND FUNERALS

Information to assist you make your wishes known re funeral arrangements can be accessed via the Parish Office. The completed information is for your family and/or support persons to ensure your wishes are carried out.

Prayer Chain - A parish prayer chain has been re-established. If you have prayer requests **please contact Revd Karen (0434 702 343)**, who will communicate with other members of the

team. Prayer requests will not be discussed by prayer chain members and will be kept in confidence. If you wish for prayers to continue for more than one week, please contact Rev. Karen again. The importance and power of prayer is intrinsic in our faith.

Prayer is an act of worship that glorifies God and reinforces our need for God. "Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:6-7(NRSV).

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER.

A contemplative prayer service is held in the Lady Chapel every Tuesday of the month at 11am. The format is flexible, but follows The Rhythm of Life: Celtic Daily Prayer by David Adam and includes a time of silent prayer, up to 20 minutes for regulars. The service is chosen as a result of discussion about matters on the hearts of those attending, and the contemplation based on a mantra taken from the psalm. The service takes less than an hour usually, and it is followed for those who wish to stay, by the regular Tuesday 12.30 Eucharist. The books are supplied, and contemplative time can be modified for those new to this form of prayer. You are most welcome to come and try a new experience! Cherry O'Donnell.



Mandurah Branch
invite you to the
AMUA Bunbury Diocesan



*Forward into the future:
with hope and love*

2025 Country Rally & Annual Meeting

Thursday 16th October 2025

Christ's Church Anglican Church,
Cnr Sholl St & Pinjarra Road, Mandurah

9.15am – 9.45am Morning Tea

10.00am Eucharist
Celebrant Bishop Ian Coutts

followed by the Annual Meeting

Luncheon at
RAAFA ESTATE MEADOW SPRINGS
41 Portrush Parade, Mandurah

Cost \$30 each

GUEST SPEAKER
Mrs Tracey Gray
Principal, Frederick Irwin Anglican School



RSVP with numbers & payment by Friday 3 October
Payment to: Anglican Parish of Mandurah
BSB: 706 001 ACC: 30003262
Ref: "Branch" MUCR

Numbers by Email: churchoffice@anglicanchurchmandurah.org.au
PO Box 203, Mandurah, WA 6210
Phone 9535 6152

PLEASE ADVISE BY EMAIL OF ANY SPECIAL DIETARY REQUIREMENTS

Services at St John's.

We have implemented live streaming of services on Facebook - If you use Facebook please "like" the following pages Anglican Parish of Albany and Anglican Parish Albany Service Stream for live services or recordings. We will also put a link on the website www.anglicanchurchalbany.org.au so you can watch the recordings.

Normal Worship times:

Sunday 8:00am	Sung Eucharist with Hymns
Sunday 9.30am	Live streamed sung Eucharist with Hymns
Sunday 7.00pm	Live Streamed Compline
Tuesday 12.30 pm	Eucharist
Monday - Friday	Morning and Evening Prayer live streamed at 8am and 5pm.

The next Order of St Luke Healing Service will be held on Thursday 11th of September at 9.30am in the Lady Chapel.

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