



St. John's Anglican Church Albany Consecrated 1848.

**Sunday, 31st August 2025
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**



Sentence of the Day

**“All who exalt
themselves will be
humbled, and those
who humble
themselves will be
exalted”**

Luke 14.11

Collect

O God, you invite the humble and the sinful to take their place in the festive assembly of the new covenant: Teach your Church always to honour the presence of the Lord in the poor and the outcast, so that we may learn to recognise each other as brothers and sisters gathered together around your table.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

Prayer of the Week

**Lord of all power and might,
the author and giver of
all good things:
graft in our hearts the
love of your name,
increase in us true
religion, nourish us
with all goodness,
and of your great
mercy keep us in the
same;
through Jesus Christ
our Lord. Amen.**

Today's Readings

1st Reading Jeremiah 24-13

⁴ Hear the word of the Lord, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel.

⁵ Thus says the Lord:

What wrong did your ancestors find in me that they went far from me, and went after worthless things, and became worthless themselves?

⁶ They did not say, 'Where is the Lord who brought us up from the land of Egypt, who led us in the wilderness, in a land of deserts and pits, in a land of drought and deep darkness, in a land that no one passes through, where no one lives?'

⁷ I brought you into a plentiful land to eat its fruits and its good things.

But when you entered you defiled my land, and made my heritage an abomination.

⁸ The priests did not say, 'Where is the Lord?'

Those who handle the law did not know me;

the rulers transgressed against me; the prophets prophesied by Baal, and went after things that do not profit.

⁹ Therefore once more I accuse you, says the Lord,

and I accuse your children's children.

¹⁰ Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look, send to Kedar and examine with care; see if there has ever been such a thing.

¹¹ Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods?

But my people have changed their glory for something that does not profit.

¹² Be appalled, O heavens, at this, be shocked, be utterly desolate, says the Lord,

¹³ for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living water, and dug out cisterns for themselves, cracked cisterns that can hold no water.

2nd Reading Hebrews 13.1-8, 13.15-16

¹ Let mutual love continue.

² Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.

³ Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you

yourself were being tortured.

⁴ Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers.

⁵ Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, 'I will never leave you or forsake you.'

⁶ So we can say with confidence, 'The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid.'

What can anyone do to me?'

⁷ Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith.

⁸ Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever.

¹⁵ Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name.

¹⁶ Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Gospel Reading Luke 14.1, 14.7-14

¹¹ On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. ⁷ When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. ⁸ 'When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; ⁹ and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, "Give this person your place", and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. ¹⁰ But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, "Friend, move up higher"; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. ¹¹ For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.' ¹² He said also to the one who had invited him, 'When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. ¹³ But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴ And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.'

The Psalm for today is Psalm 81, Verses 1 and 10-16

1 O sing joyfully to God our strength:
shout in triumph to the God of Jacob.

10 'I am the Lord your God,
who brought you up from the land of Egypt:
open wide your mouth, and I will fill it.

11 'But my people would not listen to my voice:
and Israel would have none of me.

12 'So I left them to the stubbornness of their hearts:
to walk according to their own designs.

13 'If only my people would listen:
if Israel would but walk in my ways,

14 'I would soon put down their enemies:
and turn my hand against their adversaries.

15 'Those that hate the Lord would cringe before him:
and their punishment would last for ever.

16 'But Israel I would feed with the finest wheat:
and satisfy you with honey from the rocks.'

Next Sunday's Readings

1st Reading Jeremiah 18.1-11

P739

2nd Reading Philemon 1.1-25

P207

Gospel Reading Luke 14.25-35

P73

HYMNS – EUCHARIST SETTING
DUDMAN TIS 756

	8am	9.30am
Introit		452
Gradual	448	448
Offertory	447	447
Recessional	650	650

**Children's
Church is
available at our
9:30am service.
This week's
Children's Talk
is "All Puffed
Up"**



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.

Hello Dear Friends

I know I say this every month, but I can't believe that we're at the end of another month already!!!! I pray it has been a good one for you.

This week we have a theme running through our readings of instruction. Our sentence encourages us to be humble. We pray together to recognise each other as brothers and sisters and to honour the presence of the Lord in all. We are instructed how not to behave in our reading from Jeremiah, where God is telling the people of their great revolt and the evil of forsaking God. The psalmist praises God for all God has done for God's people and those people are reminded of their obligations.

The Hebrews author gives exhortations to various Christian duties, to be content with what Providence allots and to respect the instructions of faithful ministers!

And as we journey through what is known as Luke's special section (ch9.51-18.14), Jesus is again healing on the Sabbath and being closely watched. He gives a lesson in humility.

Just before today's Gospel passage, in Chapter 13 a man asked Jesus, "Will only a few be saved?" He obviously thought that heaven was a select club to which only members are admitted. The man was a Jew. As such he would have believed that only Jews would be admitted to the Kingdom of Heaven. Gentiles had no hope of getting in. As for sinners – well forget it! The idea of a chosen people is a dangerous idea. If God chooses a people: God doesn't choose them to the exclusion of others, but to the service of others.

By the time the man had digested Jesus' answer, he was probably sorry he asked the question in the first place. Because Jesus blew his assumptions to smithereens! He turned everything upside down. He said, "The first will be last, and the last will be first". It was a revolutionary statement that shocked and outraged the Pharisees. And Jesus didn't leave it there. He befriended sinners and outcasts. The Pharisees saw this as a betrayal of virtuous people like themselves. But Jesus declared that it was to seek out and save people such as these that he had come.

The world is riddled with exclusive clubs, snobbery, privilege, preference, and so on. We wouldn't expect Jesus to go along with this. Nor did he! He announced the good news of the coming of the Kingdom of God. To those Jews who thought they could enter the Kingdom as a matter of course he said: Produce the fruits of repentance, otherwise your privileged position would benefit you nothing.

Jesus said that conversion was a necessary disposition for entry into the Kingdom. And he succeeded in bringing it about in the most unlikely of people. Many sinners heeded his call to conversion and made their way into the Kingdom. Whereas many religious people stubbornly resisted his call to conversion and so excluded themselves from the Kingdom.

It's not up to us to decide who gets into heaven. That is better left to the wisdom and mercy of God. We have to allow God to be God. At the end of the day, salvation is not something we can earn. It is a gift of God. But that doesn't mean we ought not to

try to make ourselves worthy of it. Through our Baptism we are members of the new Chosen People of God. We are the 'insiders'. But we must not rely on that fact alone. We must always humble ourselves, and endeavour to produce the fruits of the kingdom in our lives. That is: the fruits of faithfulness, obedience, servant hood, humility and truth.

Blessings

Karen



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)



Prayers for:

Religious Orders Serving within The Anglican Church of Australia - The Order of Saint Benedict, The Society of the Sacred Mission, The Society of Saint Francis (First Order), The Society of Saint Francis (Third Order), The Little Brothers of Francis, The Society of the Sacred Advent, The Community of the Holy Name, The Community of Sisters of the Church, The Community of Christ the King, The Sisters of the Incarnation, The Community of Saint Barnabas and Saint Cecilia, Oratory of the Good Shepherd and The Society of the Holy Cross.

Please pray for:

- * The renewal of the religious life in Australia.
- * Vocations to Religious Orders.
- * Vocations to the Priesthood.
- * The establishment of religious houses within the Diocese.

The National Council of Churches -
President - Bishop Philip Huggins and

General Secretary - Liz Stone.

For the World:

- * Better facilities in our Hospital and Health Care System.
- * For conflict for political gain and warfare between nations and people.
- * More spiritual, ethnic and cultural tolerance between people.
- * For all students who are in their first year of college or university.

Anglican Church of Kenya - Diocese of Kapsabet.

Clergy on Lord would allow our church to cultivate fruitful gospel partnerships for the spread of the gospel. Also, encourage more of our members to involve themselves in international missions, either short-term or long-term.
Diocesan Ministry - All schools sponsored by the diocese and chaplains in those schools. Pray for the learners that they may experience the love of God through the services rendered to them by the Chaplains and teachers.

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.



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.

Notices

Gatherings and Meetings

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

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

Sept. Parish Council Reports due Wed. 10th Sept by 5pm via email to Parish Administrator. **This is an all reporting month..All groups are expected to report this month.**

Finance Committee - Thurs. 11th Sept. at 10am via Zoom.

Bishop Ian will be attending both services at St. John's on the 7th September.

FETE SATURDAY OCTOBER 18TH

For details please contact Mike Taylor on 0417967368.



St John's Church Parishioners **Congratulations and a very big Thank You**

Once again on behalf of Samaritans Purse Operation Christmas Child Shoebox appeal, I would like to thank everyone for your very generous support during this season's collection.

This year we have filled more shoeboxes than ever before and doubled the amount of boxes donated by individual parishioners. This has been a wonderful effort and will be so appreciated both by the Samaritans Purse organisation, and by the children who receive these boxes. The numbers of boxes from Albany is proving to be greatly reduced this year, so it is good that St John's contribution has been increased so much. John and I delivered 111 boxes to the Drop Off Point last Monday and sometime over the next few weeks they will be transported by Camtrans Transport Company (free of charge) to Perth packing Station. From there they will be checked and then loaded onto the containers, to be delivered somewhere in this big wide world. We don't find out where they have gone until

December. I will inform you when I know the locations.

Well done everyone, this has been a fantastic contribution this year and the benefits will be much appreciated by many children and their families. Many of the children share what comes in their box with their parents and other siblings.

The gift of a box like these will enable another group of little children to learn about the meaning of Christmas, and the Love of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is also an established fact that this number of boxes will bring at least another 5 or 6 families to become members of the Christian Church. Once again thank you for your assistance in both monetary and goods donations and many thanks also to the helpers who made Carry Bags, Teddies, Toys and Beanies etc, those things are so important to the completion of the boxes.

Another successful project completed, we look forward to the same results in 2026. Ethel Halliday- Operation Christmas Child Representative for St John's Anglican Church.

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.

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).

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

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.



Quiet Day

a day of silent retreat

FELLOWSHIP OF CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER, ALBANY

**Saturday September 13th
2025**

at
Donald & Sue Main's home
206 Bonaccord Rd. Lower King
Ph: 048 897 8825

9.30am for a 10am start until 3pm
followed by afternoon tea.

Soup and sandwich lunch is provided (no cost)

What to bring
Wear comfortable clothes and sturdy shoes or boots
(if you like to wander in the garden),
bring a cushion or blanket.



PLEASE Let us know if you are coming
with your name and email or phone contact
to Sue or Dorothy

Sue: email: donald.main@icloud.com Ph: 048 897 8825
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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

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.

CONTACT DETAILS

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