



St. John's Anglican Church Albany Consecrated 1848.

**Sunday, 19th October 2025
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**



Sentence of the Day

**'Will not God grant
justice to those who cry
to him day and night?
Will he delay long in
helping them?'**

Luke 18.7–8

Collect

**O Lord,
tireless guardian of your
people, teach us to rely,
day and night, on your
care. Drive us to seek
your justice and your
help, and support our
prayer lest we grow
weary, for in you alone is
our strength. We make our
prayer through your Son,
our Lord Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with
you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and
ever. Amen.**

**Prayer of the Week
Almighty God, your
Son has opened for
us a new and living
way into your
presence:
give us pure hearts
and steadfast wills
to worship you in
spirit and in truth:
through the same
Jesus Christ our
Lord. Amen**

Today's Readings

Jeremiah 31.27-34

²⁷ The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of humans and the seed of animals.

²⁸ And just as I have watched over them to pluck up and break down, to overthrow, destroy, and bring evil, so I will watch over them to build and to plant, says the Lord.

²⁹ In those days they shall no longer say:

'The parents have eaten sour grapes,
and the children's teeth are set on edge.'

³⁰ But all shall die for their own sins; the teeth of everyone who eats sour grapes shall be set on edge.

³¹ The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah.

³² It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord.

³³ But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

³⁴ No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, 'Know the Lord', for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

2nd Reading 2 Timothy 3.10-4.5

³ ¹⁰ Now you have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, ¹¹ my persecutions, and my suffering the things that happened to me in Antioch, Iconium, and Lystra. What persecutions I endured! Yet the Lord rescued me from all of them. ¹² Indeed, all who want to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted. ¹³ But wicked people and impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving others and being deceived. ¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, ¹⁵ and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient,

equipped for every good work. ⁴ ¹ In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: ² proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. ³ For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, ⁴ and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. ⁵ As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

Gospel Reading Luke 18.1-14

¹ Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. ² He said, 'In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³ In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, "Grant me justice against my opponent." ⁴ For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, "Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵ yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming." ' ⁶ And the Lord said, 'Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷ And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them?' ⁸ I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?' ⁹ He also told this parable to some who

trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: ¹⁰ 'Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax-collector. ¹¹ The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, "God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax-collector. ¹² I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income." ¹³ But the tax-collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!" ¹⁴ I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.'

The Psalm for today is Psalm 119, Verses 97-104.

- ⁹⁷ Lord, how I love your law:
it is my meditation all the day long.
- ⁹⁸ Your commandments have made me
wiser than my enemies:
for they remain with me for ever.
- ⁹⁹ I have more understanding than all my teachers:
for I study your commands.
- ¹⁰⁰ I am wiser than the aged:
because I have kept your precepts.
- ¹⁰¹ I have held back my feet from every evil path:
that I might keep your word;
- ¹⁰² I have not turned aside from your judgements:
for you yourself are my teacher.
- ¹⁰³ How sweet are your words to my tongue:
sweeter than honey to my mouth.
- ¹⁰⁴ Through your precepts I get understanding:
therefore I hate all lying ways.

Next Sunday's Readings

1st Reading Joel 2.23-32

2nd Reading 2 Timothy 4.6-8, 4.16-18

Gospel Reading Luke 18.15-30

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HYMNS – EUCHARIST SETTING
DUDMAN TIS 756

	8am	9.30am
Introit		132
Gradual	398	398
Offertory	590	590
Recessional	216	216

Children's
Church is
available at our
9:30am service.
This week's
Children's Talk is
'Pray and Don't
Give Up'.



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.

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.

Hello Dear Friends

I pray you have had a good week. We are in the middle of a very exciting month and I'm so looking forward to our anniversary celebrations.

Getting ready for big events requires prayer, persistence and often a good measure of humility - subjects covered in our readings for this week.

Our sentence refers to justice granted to those persistent in prayer, we pray together for 24/7 reliance on God's care and strength. Jeremiah's reading can be interpreted as God's care over the Church. The Psalmist talks of his love of God's law - what we love we think of! Paul writes to Timothy and talks of patience and his own example and encourages his friend to continue in the same ways - the ways of Scripture and to do so diligently. Our Gospel today (as we approach the end of Luke's special section) is two parables - the persistent widow and the pharisee and the tax collector.

No one can live a Christian life without prayer. But we have to understand what prayer is and what it does. I found a couple of stories!!!

Three men were trapped in a dark cellar which had no doors or windows. How did they react to their predicament?

The first was a writer by the name of George. He had no faith. He just sat there cursing the darkness. 'There's nothing we can do', he said despairingly. 'We might as well resign ourselves to our fate'.

The second was Peter, who was a very religious man. He prayed for a long time. When he had finished, he sat back and waited for a miracle.

The third man was a bricklayer by the name of Ivan. He was quite religious in his own way. But he was also a very practical man. He had a small chisel in his pocket. With the light of a match, he found a small stone. Using this as a hammer he began to chip away at the wall.

The work was slow, monotonous and extremely tiring. He got dust in his eyes, and blisters on his hands. Neither of the other two showed any inclination to help him. George sat in one corner smoking. Peter sat in another corner praying. From time-to-time Ivan too prayed: 'Dear God, I believe that with your help we can make it out of here. So, help me now please'.

Finally, after hours of painful work, a big stone dislodged itself and light streamed in from next door. He began to shout joyfully: praising and thanking God at the same time. His two companions helped him to widen

the hole, and eventually all three crawled through and were free.

Here we see three different attitudes to prayer. For George it was waste of time. Since he had no faith, his attitude was logical. If you don't believe in God, who can you pray to? For Peter, prayer was a substitute for action. So, once he had prayed, he sat back and waited for God to come to his rescue. A lot of Christians today pray like that: especially when praying on behalf of others. But prayer should be more than words alone: just think, God may just want to use us to answer our prayer.

Ivan believed in prayer, not however as a substitute for action, but as a spur to action. Having prayed, he immediately took whatever action he could. Believing that God would enable him through his prayer! Therefore, his prayer served the purpose of keeping up his courage and hope. It also gave him a sense of God's nearness, and an assurance that God had not abandoned him. He drew great strength from this. And Jesus urges us in the Gospel to pray continually and never lose heart.

Prayer does make a difference. It sustains us, and it opens the door for God to act in that given situation. Those who pray should never lose heart. When we turn our thoughts to God, we feel a new strength in our soul, in our entire being. 'Without divine assistance I cannot succeed; with it I cannot fail', said Abraham Lincoln.

Faith and prayer are interconnected. Prayer is the oil that keeps the lamp of faith burning.

And onto the second parable: The prayer of the Pharisee went like this: 'I thank you, God, that I am not grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of mankind, and particularly that I am not like this Tax-Collector here. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes on all I get'.

The prayer of the Tax-Collector might well have gone like this: 'Lord, look at the Pharisee standing up there so that everybody can see him praying. He thinks he's better than everybody else. He despises people like me. See the long robes he's wearing so as to make himself feel holy: and attract attention to himself.

'Everything he does is done, not to bring honour to you, but to win the esteem of others, and thus bring honour to himself. He makes sure to get the seats of honour at banquets and in the synagogue. He loves it when people salute him in the marketplace and call him "Rabbi". 'He gets all hot and bothered about silly little rules of his own making, while neglecting the things that really matter – the practice of justice and mercy. He's good at laying down the law for others. He ought to practise what he preaches. He lives off

the contributions of widows.

'Ah, Lord, don't be taken in by him. It's all an act, it's all a show. He's not genuine. He may look clean on the outside, like a whitewashed tomb, but inside he's full of corruption. He's the biggest hypocrite on two feet'.

All this and more the Tax-Collector could have said. And the Lord might have added, 'I agree with every word you've said', because the Lord himself said all these things about the Pharisees. But the Tax-Collector said nothing of the sort. Instead, he simply said, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner'.

What the Pharisee did was confess the sins of others, while at the same time parading his own good deeds. The Tax-Collector did the exact opposite. He confessed his own sins and left the sins of others between them and God. As a result, the Tax-Collector went home at peace with God, whereas the Pharisee did not. We have Jesus' word for this.

It's easy to get into the habit of confessing the sins of others. But it's dangerous because it prevents us from looking at our own sins. Besides, it's impossible to weigh the sins of others without putting our own finger on the scales.

The Scottish biblical scholar, William Barclay, told the following story.

He was on a train journey from Scotland to England. As he was passing through the Yorkshire Moors he spotted a little whitewashed cottage. Its radiant whiteness shone out against the drab moors. A few days later he passed that way again. Meanwhile snow had fallen and covered the ground. He came again to the little whitewashed cottage. But now its whiteness actually seemed drab against the virgin whiteness of the snow.

If we should be tempted to compare ourselves with others, let us compare ourselves only with Christ himself. When we lay our imperfect lives beside his sinless life, all we will be able to say is: 'Lord, be merciful to me: I am a sinner'.

Blessings

Karen

Lord, be merciful to
me: I am a sinner'.

Mothers Union Monthly Prayer

'The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.'

Luke 4:18-19 (NIV)

As we focus on prison ministry, we pray that we too would respond to Jesus' call. We give thanks for the Mothers' Union members who support prisoners, their families and later when the sentence ends, help them establish new beginnings.

HOPE25

HOPE IN AN UNCERTAIN WORLD

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

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*

*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.*

Prayers for:

The Diocese of Riverina - Bishop Donald Kirk, clergy and people.

The Parish of Lake Grace – St Anne's (Lake Grace), St. Francis' (Newdegate), St Stephen's (Lake Biddy), supported by clergy of the Stirling Deanery.

Please pray for:

*The Lord to bring new families into the Parish and enable us to embrace and welcome them.

*Growth in faith for all members of the Parish .

Diocesan Ministry: Healing Ministry - Order of St. Luke.

For the World: -

*Those who work as Customs Officers or in the area of border patrol.

*Those who serve in under developed nations to help enhance their quality of life.

*All members of the Surf Life Savers organisation.

*All services and events to bring glory to God

Prayers for:

**Anglican Church of Kenya -
Diocese of Kapsabet.**

**St Andrew's Chebilat Parish -
Parish Priest** - Revd. Emmanuel Lemeito and wife Caroline.

**St Andrew's Kurgung Parish -
Parish Priest** - Revd. Naomi Rutto and husband Joshat.

Please pray for:

*That God would bless our County, the Governor, the Members of the County Assembly, Members of the National Assembly, the Senator that all may work in unity for the betterment of the people of this County.

*That each would have the heart to give generously to missions and to minister to the poor and those in need.

Diocesan Ministry - That God blesses the entire program of our diocese.



Saturday 25th October 2025

8am - 11am @ Motel Le Grande, Albany
Motel Le Grande - cnr Albany Hwy & Drome Road, Albany

Guest Speakers:
Jess Mulder & Ellen Hickman

Buffet Breakfast \$35.00

Tickets available from Albany Christian Bookshop

274 York Street, Albany (Shoppers Court Arcade) Please note: cash sales only

For catering purposes tickets must be purchased before 21st October

Unfortunately we are unable to cater for children at this event

Enquiries please phone Shelley 0438 751 083
or email: shelleyaredmond@hotmail.com

Upcoming Meetings and Events

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

Parish Council Meeting - Tues., 21st Oct. at 5.30pm in the D/W Hall.

Harvest Festival of Hymns - St John's at 3pm (TODAY) on Sunday, 19th Oct.

Anniversary Evensong at St John's at 5pm on Sunday, 26th Oct.

Beersheba Memorial Service will be held at Mt. Clarence DMC Memorial at 2pm on Saturday, 25th Oct.

Nurses Memorial Service will be held on Sunday 26th Oct. at 2pm at the Nurses Memorial Garden on Proudlove Parade.

FETE - Thank you to all the volunteers that made our mini fete happen yesterday.

2026 Lectionaries are now available from the Office for \$12.50.

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).

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.

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

The Mission of The Month of October is Compassion

Compassion is a Christian international holistic child development organisation. Through their Child Sponsorship Program, more than 2 million children are currently being released from poverty in Jesus' name. With over six decades of experience, Compassion's unique approach to solving poverty works: research proves it.

Children are the hardest hit by poverty, the least able to change their circumstances, and at the heart of Jesus' ministry.

In response to God's call Compassion gives hope to the hopeless, spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ in a culturally relevant, non-coercive way.

While Compassion is a distinctly Christian organisation, they assist children and their families living in poverty regardless of their beliefs, gender or background.

Programs are delivered in partnership with local churches in developing countries.

These local congregations can best identify the specific needs of children in their community, and are able to adapt our programs to bring change to their communities.

Compassion addresses the holistic needs of the individual child so that they can become responsible and fulfilled adults, equipped to change their communities.

Compassion has a sponsorship scheme for anyone wishing to sponsor a child, their website has full details; local churches are involved with connecting sponsors with the children, and keeping them in touch with each other.

For further detail on Compassion, please visit their website <https://www.compassion.com.au>



A Harvest Festival of Hymns to celebrate the 177th Anniversary of St John the Evangelist Church Albany

with Bayside Community
Brass Albany

Sunday 19th October 2025
3pm

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 November at 9.30am in the Lady Chapel.

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