

# St. John's

**Anglican Church Albany Consecrated 1848.** 

# Sunday, 2nd November 2025 All Saints



# **Sentence of the Day**

"Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls to what is false; they will receive blessing from the Lord, and vindication from the God of their salvation."

Psalm 24.4, 5

# Collect Faithful God, you have surrounded us with a great cloud of witnesses:

grant that we, encouraged by the example of all your Saints, may persevere in running the race that is set before us, until at last with them we may attain to your eternal joy;

through Jesus Christ, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Prayer of the Week
God our Father,
whose will it is to
bring all things to
order and unity in our
Lord Jesus Christ:
may all the peoples of
the world, now
divided and torn
apart by sin, be
brought together
under his sovereign
rule of love;
through Jesus Christ
our Lord. Amen.

## **Today's Readings**

## 1st Reading Habakkuk 1.1-4; 2.1-4

**1** The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen?

Or cry to you 'Violence!' and you will not save?

Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble?

Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise.

So the law becomes slack and justice never prevails.

The wicked surround the righteous—therefore judgement comes forth perverted. 2

<sup>1</sup> I will stand at my watch-post, and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me,

and what he will answer concerning my complaint.

<sup>2</sup> Then the Lord answered me and said: Write the vision;

make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. For there is still a vision for the

<sup>3</sup> For there is still a vision for the appointed time;

it speaks of the end, and does not lie.

If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay. Look at the proud!

Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.

#### 2nd Reading 2 Thessalonians 1.1-4, 1.11-12

<sup>1</sup> Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: <sup>2</sup> Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>3</sup> We must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters, as is

right, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of every one of vou for one another is increasing. <sup>4</sup> Therefore we ourselves boast of you among the churches of God for your steadfastness and faith during all your persecutions and the afflictions that you are enduring. 11 To this end we always pray for you, asking that our God will make you worthy of his call and will fulfil by his power every good resolve and work of faith, 12 so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

#### Gospel Reading Luke 19.1-10

<sup>1</sup> He entered Jericho and was passing through it. <sup>2</sup> A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax-collector and was rich. 3 He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. 4 So he ran ahead and climbed a sycomore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. 5 When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, 'Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today.' 6 So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. <sup>7</sup> All who saw it began to grumble and said, 'He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner.' 8 Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, 'Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much.' Then Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. 10 For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.'

The Psalm for today is Psalm 119, Verses 137-144 137 Righteous are you, Lord God: and just are your judgements; <sup>138</sup> The commands that you have commanded: are exceedingly righteous and true. <sup>139</sup> Zeal and indignation have choked my mouth: because my enemies have forgotten your words. 140 Your word has been tried in the fire: and therefore your servant loves it.

141 I am small and of no account: but I have not forgotten your precepts. 142 Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness: and your law is the truth. <sup>143</sup> Trouble and anguish have taken hold on me: but your commandments are my delight. 144 The righteousness of your commands is everlasting: O give me understanding, and I shall live.

## Next Sunday's Readings

1st Reading Haggai 1.15b-2.9 P903 2nd Reading 2 Thessalonians 2.1-5, 2.13-17 P197 Gospel Reading Luke 20.27-40 P79

# <u>HYMNS – EUCHARIST</u> <u>SETTING DUDMAN TIS 756</u>

	8am	9.30am
Introit		455
Gradual	448	448
Offertory	231	231
Recessional	456	456

Children's Church is available at our 9:30am service. This week's Children's Talk is 'Zaccheus



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

Here we are at the beginning of a new month following a very exciting October for us all with highlights of Synod, mini fete, labyrinth, festival of hymns and other anniversary celebrations.

Our readings today feel celebratory especially with Luke's account of Zacchaeus and his salvation and the lost being found and saved. We pray to seek the Saviour and welcome him.

The book of Habakkuk is the eighth book of the 12 minor prophets and was probably composed in the late 7th century BC. Of the three chapters in the book, the first two are a dialogue between Yahweh and the prophet. The message that "the just shall live by his faith" is given. Habakkuk is a questioning prophet, and the major theme of Habakkuk is trying to grow from a faith of perplexity and doubt to the height of absolute trust in God. Today he talks of the wickedness of the land and the fearful vengeance to be executed yet wait in faith.

Our Psalmist talks of God's commands being his delight and at the beginning of Paul's 2nd letter to the Thessalonians, he is giving thanks and praise for their abundantly growing faith and steadfastness.

Television and the internet have made many of us expert spectators, onlookers, and bystanders. Suppose we are a nature lover. Now, we don't have to get our shoes dirty or let the rain fall on us. We don't even have to leave our own sitting rooms or even move from the fireside. Television and the internet provide us with a feast of sights and sounds. There is no risk, no pain no trouble. Yet this is a poor substitute for the real thing.

There are people who claim to love nature who seldom, if ever, have walked in the woods, across the fields, or along the shore. In other words, they are mere spectators. They are not really involved. To be involved is to give a part of oneself to it. But we get back far more than we give.

However, there is at least this to be said for the spectator – he or she is interested. And where there is interest, there is the possibility of a real involvement.

So, it was with Zacchaeus. At the start of the story, he was a mere spectator. He could see without being seen. He was just an onlooker. He felt comfortable in the position of observer but uncomfortable as the observed. But don't we all?

He didn't join the crowd. He climbed up among the branches of a sycamore tree. In more ways than one, he was out on a limb. He was marginalised, not by poverty, but by riches. His riches isolated him from his fellow townspeople who, by and large, were poor.

As an onlooker he was involved only passively. He was there on his own terms. There was a certain interest, but no risks, no commitment. When it was over he could go home, and if he so wished, forget about the whole thing.

But what happened? Jesus saw him and invited him to become a participant. Suddenly Zacchaeus was whisked from the sideline right into the centre of the action. He was like a spectator who goes to a football match, and suddenly the coach spots him, throws him a jumper, and says, 'You're on?' And he finds himself playing.

The amazing thing is this. Not only did Zacchaeus respond positively, but he did so immediately and joyfully. There is joy in watching, but there is far more joy in participating. The consequences for him were enormous. It changed his life. The active living out of our Christian vocation will change our lives too.

Zacchaeus experienced a conversion of the heart: a conversion to goodness, and for him that was life changing! To a greater or lesser degree, all of us need this kind of conversion, at some stage in our life.

#### I found this reflection:

It is only from the heart that we can truly repent.

Repentance must involve a change of heart.

Anything less won't produce a new being.

It will be like decapitating weeds while leaving their roots intact.

But if we change our hearts, then we will change our lives too.

After his encounter with Jesus, Zacchaeus' heart burst into life like a desert landscape after a rainfall. Fear can't produce a conversion of heart; only an encounter with love can.

Zacchaeus' conversion was a conversion to the Christian way of living. All of us stand in daily need of such a conversion. We need to move from a closed heart to an open heart: from a heart of stone to a heart of faith."



Karen



# **Prayers for:**

<u>The Diocese of Adelaide</u> - Archbishop Geoffrey Smith, Assisting Bishops Sofie Rolt, Tim Harris, Chris McLeod, clergy and people. <u>Anglican Communities</u> – St Peter's (Balingup), St. David's (Borden), Holy Cross Roman Catholic Church (Bremer Bay/ Jerramungup) St Matthew's (Corrigin), St Augustine's (Dumbleyung), St Margaret's (Gnowangerup), All Saints (Hyden), St John the Baptist (Metricup), St George's (Wagin), Priest-in-Charge - Ven. Geoff Chadwick and wife Gabby.

# Please pray for:

- \*Give thanks for the faithful remnant in each worshipping centre, who keep the light of Christ shining in their individual communities.
- \*Give thanks for new initiatives begun in some of the centres.
- \*Give thanks for the way in which individuals within these small community's care for one another.
- \*Pray for those who feel lonely and isolated, exhausted and overwhelmed.
- \*Pray for financial provision and clerical support to enable ministry to the Anglican Communities to continue .

**Diocesan Ministry**: Op Shop Ministry.

# For the World: -

- \*Those who live in remote and isolated parts of the world.
- \*Christians everywhere to get right with God and return to their first love and seek Jesus with all their hearts

# **Prayers for:**

Anglican Church of Kenya - Diocese of Kapsabet.

All Saints Nandi Hills Parish - Parish Priest - Revd. Philip Rop, wife Lucy, Curate - Revd. Stanley Kosgei and wife Eileen

St Mathias Kapkwang Parish - Parish Priest - Revd. Sarah Biwott, husband Josiah, Curate - Revd. Christopher Kosgei and

#### Please pray for:

wife Elizabeth.

- \*That God may increase the joy of serving him without counting the cost.
- \*For those who feel excluded from our churches and that they may find love and peace in the midst of those ministering to them.

  \*Diocesan Ministry Pray that God grant us peace at all times.

#### **Mothers Union Monthly Prayer**

Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.' Isaiah 40:31 (NIV).

Restore our faith in your eternal purposes; renew in us the hope that never fails; lift our eyes to the things that are unseen and eternal; that we may discern and embrace the new things that you have prepared for us, in Christ's name. Amen.



We give thanks to God today for Hope 25. 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.

# <u>Mission of The Month for November is The Bishop's Foundation for Ministry Fund.</u>

The feast of Christ the King on the 24th November, 2020 was chosen to relaunch the Bishop's Foundation for Ministry fund to help pay for more mission initiatives and training costs as well as supporting existing ministry. The Foundation for Ministry fund was established over 30 years ago to support ministry and mission in the Bunbury diocese. Over the years, donations have been coming in from people and congregations, and special collections. There is still a need for funding to help with training costs for both ordained clergy and lay people across the Bunbury diocese, ensuring growth of the Church in our own area. The fund has been chosen as our Mission in November and we are pleased to be able to support the fund and help further mission and ministry on our own patch.



# Christmas Services at St John's 2025



Sunday 21st December

8am 9.30am Holy Communion Holy Communion followed by Sausage Sizzle

5pm

Nine Lessons and Carols

Tuesday 23rd December

12.30pm

Holy Communion

Wednesday 24th December

5pm 11pm Crib Service
Christmas Eucharist with
Carols beginning at

10.30pm

Thursday 25th December 9.0

9.00am

Christmas Day Eucharist



# **Upcoming Meetings and Events**

Martha's Soup Kitchen - Monday 12pm-

November Parish Council Reports due to PA via email by 5pm Wed. 12th November. Finance Committee Meeting - Thurs.. 13th a will? November at 10am.

MOTHERS' UNION Our end of year function will be lunch at 12.30pm on Wednesday 19th November at the Premier Hotel. The Seniors' meal with a drink will be \$20. Orders to be placed downstairs and the dining room is upstairs. There is a lift as well as stairs. We do need to know numbers, so please contact Jane on 0428 858 024 by 12th November to let her know that you are coming and any dietary requirements. All welcome.

Remembrance Day Memorial Service -Tues.. 11th November at 10.15am at War Memorial at St John's.

**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:

- Egg Cartons.
- 1 litre full cream long life milk.
- 1kg plain or self-raising flour.
- 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

**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. Praver 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 quard 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.

ETE - Thank you all so much for a successful mini fete. The fellowship and outreach was heartwarming and it was lovely to see such interest in the Labvrinth. Thank you to Mike Taylor for his coordination and to all who contributed in any way.

Donations	\$955.00
Jams, Cakes, pickles	\$646.20
Crafts	\$282.00
Books	\$133.50
BBQ	\$522.00
Plants	\$731.60
Op Shop	<u>\$855.90</u>
Total	\$4126.20-
Expenses	<u>\$56.00</u>
Net Total	\$4070.20



#### 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

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# MANGOES

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\$60 per 10kg box



#### From the tree to you in days! **Collection Point at Albany Baptist Church**

Collection Days

Tues 28th October 2025: 11am-5pm

Late November (Date/time to be advised)

#### For pre-orders please text

28th Oct: Bruce on 0413 803 047

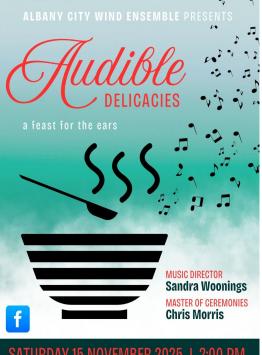
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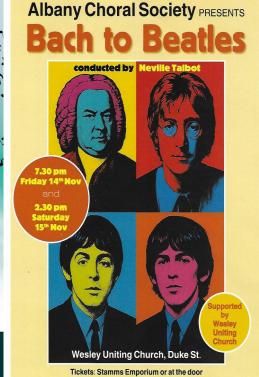
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#### Services at St John's.

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 <a href="https://www.anglicanchurchalbany.org.au">www.anglicanchurchalbany.org.au</a> 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.

#### **CONTACT DETAILS**

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