



St. John's Anglican Church Albany Consecrated 1848.

Sunday, 9th November 2025
Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost and Defence Sunday



Sentence of the Day

'I am the resurrection and the life,' says the Lord. 'Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.'

John 11.25–26

Collect

God of all the living, in the resurrection of Christ Jesus you have given us the promise of life which death itself cannot destroy: in the strength of this unshakeable promise, give us a new heart to live, even now, as your new creation. We ask this through your Son, 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

Blessed Lord, you have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them, that by patience and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Today's Readings

1st Reading Haggai 1.15b-2.9

1 ¹⁵ on the twenty-fourth day of the month, in the sixth month. **2** ¹ In the second year of King Darius, in the seventh month, on the twenty-first day of the month, the word of the Lord came by the prophet Haggai, saying: **2** Speak now to Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and to the remnant of the people, and say, **3** Who is left among you that saw this house in its former glory? How does it look to you now? Is it not in your sight as nothing? **4** Yet now take courage, O Zerubbabel, says the Lord; take courage, O Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest; take courage, all you people of the land, says the Lord; work, for I am with you, says the Lord of hosts, **5** according to the promise that I made you when you came out of Egypt. My spirit abides among you; do not fear. **6** For thus says the Lord of hosts: Once again, in a little while, I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land; **7** and I will shake all the nations, so that the treasure of all nations shall come, and I will fill this house with splendour, says the Lord of hosts. **8** The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, says the Lord of hosts. **9** The latter splendour of this house shall be greater than the former, says the Lord of hosts; and in this place I will give prosperity, says the Lord of hosts.

2nd Reading 2 Thessalonians 2.1-5, 2.13-17

1 As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, **2** not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. **3** Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. **4** He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. **5** Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you? **13** But we must always give thanks to God for you,

brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. **14** For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. **15** So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter. **16** Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, **17** comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

Gospel Reading Luke 20.27-40

27 Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to him **28** and asked him a question, 'Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. **29** Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; **30** then the second **31** and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. **32** Finally the woman also died. **33** In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her.' **34** Jesus said to them, 'Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; **35** but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. **36** Indeed they cannot die any more, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. **37** And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. **38** Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive.' **39** Then some of the scribes answered, 'Teacher, you have spoken well.' **40** For they no longer dared to ask him another question.

The Psalm for today is Psalm 145, Verses 1-5 and 17-21

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| <p>1 I will exalt you, O God my king:
I will bless your name for ever
and ever.</p> <p>2 Every day will I bless you:
and praise your name for ever
and ever.</p> <p>3 Great is the Lord, and
wonderfully worthy to be praised:
his greatness is past searching
out.</p> <p>4 One generation shall praise
your works to another:
and declare your mighty acts.</p> <p>5 As for me, I will be talking
of the glorious splendour of your
majesty:
I will tell the story of your
marvellous works.</p> | <p>17 The Lord is just in all his
ways:
and faithful in all his dealings.</p> <p>18 The Lord is near to all who
call upon him:
to all who call upon him in truth.</p> <p>19 He will fulfil the desire of
those that fear him:
he will hear their cry, and save
them.</p> <p>20 The Lord preserves all those
that love him:
but the wicked he will utterly
destroy.</p> <p>21 My mouth shall speak the
praises of the Lord:
and let all flesh bless his holy
name, for ever and ever.</p> |
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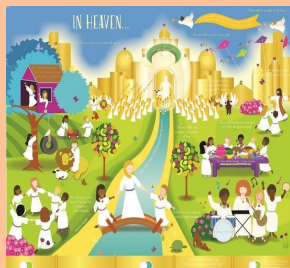
Next Sunday's Readings

<i>1st Reading Isaiah 65.17-25</i>	<i>P713</i>
<i>2nd Reading 2 Thessalonians 3.6-13</i>	<i>P198</i>
<i>Gospel Reading Luke 21.5-19</i>	<i>P80</i>

**HYMNS – EUCHARIST
SETTING DUDMAN TIS 756**

	8am	9.30am
Introit		47
Gradual	342	342
Offertory	138	138
Recessional	571	571

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



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 are well. Today is Defence Sunday and we will be holding the final Memorial Service for this year on Tuesday - Remembrance Day.

We are now well into November - Pentecost 22 and heading towards the end of our Lectionary year's journey with Luke. Our sentence gives us familiar words and gives an apt description of Jesus. We pray collectively today to live as Christ's new creation. Haggai talks of the greater glory promised to the 2nd temple (After the return from captivity, Haggai was sent to encourage the people to rebuild the temple, and to reprove their neglect. To encourage their undertaking, the people are assured that the glory of the second temple shall far exceed that of the first, by the appearing therein of Christ, the Desire of all nations).

David is the psalmist today and he extols the power, goodness and mercy of God then talks of God's care of those who love God.

Paul cautions the Thessalonians against the error that the time of Christ's coming was just at hand and exhorts them to righteousness and our Gospel tackles the question of resurrection.

The lesson today recalls the friction, the arguing, and the fighting that was going on between the Pharisees and the Sadducees. The Pharisees and the Sadducees were in a constant struggle over the subject of life after death. Each group trying to persuade any listeners in the crowd that their side was right.

In different ways, all three of our readings from the scriptures today deal with the theme of eternal life.

But first a story: "there once was an old and infirm man, who was living in a shack on the edge of the forest. One winter's morning he got up to find only one meal of porridge left, the fireplace empty, and snow on the ground. He felt like asking God to take him to heaven there and then. However, he managed to summon up a little spirit and went into the forest to collect firewood.

He collected a large bundle of sticks. Then he put a rope around it and tied a knot. However, when he tried to lift the bundle onto his shoulders, he found that he couldn't even move it. With that a wave of depression swept over him. He looked up to heaven and said, 'Lord, take me now. I've nothing left to live for'.

In an instant a strapping young man appeared at his side. The stranger introduced himself as the Angel of Death and said, 'You sent for me. Well, now that I'm here, what can I do for you?' Quick as a flash the old man replied, 'Hey son, would you give me a hand with this bundle of sticks'".

As we go on in life, we become increasingly aware of how fleeting life is, and how precarious our hold over it is. In spite of ourselves we become familiar with the thought of death. But this need not be a negative or morbid thing. In fact, it can be a very positive thing. Thinking about death can result in a true love of life. When we

bit like this, it becomes very precious.

By facing our mortality, we are put in touch with that other life: with our Lord's promise of an Eternal life. The seeds of which have been planted in our hearts and souls. And we come to realise that death is simply a passage to a new life: which, as Jesus says in the Gospel, utterly transcends the life we know now. This sounds beautiful when we think about it: but that doesn't mean it's easy.

Our passage from this world is preceded by many other smaller passages of course. When we were born, we made the passage from life in the womb, to life outside the womb. When we went to school we made the passage from life in the family to life in the larger community. Those who have married have made the passage from life with many options to a life committed to one person. Those who have retired have made a passage from a life of clearly defined work to a life without such work. Each of these passages results in a kind of death, but they also lead to new life. When we live these passages well, we are preparing ourselves for our final passage.

The thing that best helps us to confront the reality of death is our Christian faith. Faith enables us to face death with courage and hope, because we know we can overcome it in Christ. But the courage and faith of people, such as the woman and her seven sons as we saw in the first reading: also serves as a powerful example to us who follow them in faith. The martyrs: by their witness to the Spirit, show that life is stronger than the forces of death.

God has made promises to us in Christ Jesus: which cannot fail, promises which death cannot annul. Our hope of resurrection lies in the power and love of God. Death is not the enemy who puts an end to everything but the friend who takes us by the hand and leads us into the Kingdom of eternal love.

Blessings

Karen



Prayers for:

The Diocese of Canberra-Goulburn- Bishop - Mark Short and the Asst. Bishop - Vanessa Bennet.

The Parish of Carey Park – St Elizabeth's of Hungary (Carey Park), Saint Mark's (Wollaston), Part-Time Priest-in-Charge - Revd. Rod Steel and Assisting Priest - Revd. Ann Frost.

Please pray for:

- *A priest and shepherd.
- *Strength in unity and faithful service..
- *Op Shop.

Diocesan Ministry: The Bunbury Cathedral Grammar School, Head of School - Matthew O'Brien, wife Andrea, Head of Secondary - Kathy Chiera and Head of Primary - Robert Whirlledge.

For the World: -

- *That we will be inspired to grow in our understanding and commitment to mission.
- *That we will pray for and take action for the valuing of God's creation.
- *That we will be a beacon of light and hope in the world in our small corner.
- *Thank God for inspiring us to reach out to our local community via new media ways of being Church.

Prayers for:

Anglican Church of Kenya - Diocese of Kapsabet.

Mosop East Parish - Parish Priest - Ven. Japheth Sugut and wife Esther.

St Peter's Eisero Parish - Parish Priest - Revd. Richard Kitur and wife Dorcas.

Please pray for:

- *God to help us be better listeners and thus be able to address issues while they are at their budding stages .

Diocesan Ministry - Pray for those who work with all young people that may strengthen them in their commitment to this worldwide Ministry.

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 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.*

Mission of The Month for November is The Bishop's Foundation for Ministry Fund.

The feast of Christ the King on the 24th November, 2020 was chosen to re-launch 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	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Holy Communion followed by Sausage Sizzle
	5pm	Nine Lessons and Carols
Tuesday 23rd December	12.30pm	Holy Communion
Wednesday 24th December	5pm	Crib Service
	11pm	Christmas Eucharist with Carols beginning at 10.30pm
Thursday 25th December	9.00am	Christmas Day Eucharist



Upcoming Meetings and Events

Martha's Soup Kitchen - Monday 12pm-1pm.
Finance Committee Meeting - Thurs., 13th November at 10am.

Parish Council Meeting - Tues., 18th Nov. at 5.30pm in D/W Hall. **Reports** due to PA via email by 5pm Wed. 12th November.

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 0

428 858 024 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.

Upcoming Cruise Ship Visits:

- The Silver Nova - Monday, 17th Nov..
- The Silver Moon - Sunday 23rd Nov. We wish all a very happy visit to Albany and safe sailing. There will be markets in St. John's Hall on the 17th Nov. Martha's will be held in the D/W Hall on this day..

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/ending-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.

FETE - 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 Labyrinth. 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	\$855.90
Total	\$4126.20-
Expenses	\$56.00
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

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Late November:

Jocelyn on 0448 779 563

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Albany Choral Society PRESENTS

Bach to Beatles

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7.30 pm
Friday 14th Nov
and
2.30 pm
Saturday
15th Nov

Wesley Uniting Church, Duke St.

Tickets: Stamms Emporium or at the door
\$35.00 | Concession: \$30.00 | Children \$10.00



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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 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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