



St. John's Anglican Church Albany Consecrated 1848.

**Sunday, 16th November 2025
Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost**



Sentence of the Day

**May the Lord of
peace himself give
you peace at all times
in all ways.**

2 Thessalonians 3.16

Collect

**Lord God of all the ages,
the One who is, who
was, and who is to come:
stir up within us a longing
for your kingdom,
keep our hearts steady in
times of trial, and grant us
patient endurance until the
Sun of justice dawns.
We make our prayer
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

**Almighty God, whose
sovereign purpose none
can make void:
give us faith to be
steadfast amid the
tumults of this work,
knowing that your
kingdom shall come
and your will be done,
to your eternal glory;
through Jesus Christ
our Lord, who lives and
reigns with you and the
Holy Spirit, one God,
now and for ever. Amen.**

Today's Readings

1st Reading Isaiah 65.17-25

¹⁷ For I am about to create new heavens
and a new earth;
the former things shall not be remembered
or come to mind.
¹⁸ But be glad and rejoice for ever
in what I am creating;
for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy,
and its people as a delight.
¹⁹ I will rejoice in Jerusalem,
and delight in my people;
no more shall the sound of weeping be heard
in it,
or the cry of distress.
²⁰ No more shall there be in it
an infant that lives but a few days,
or an old person who does not live out a
lifetime;
for one who dies at a hundred years will be
considered a youth,
and one who falls short of a hundred will
be considered accursed.
²¹ They shall build houses and inhabit them;
they shall plant vineyards and eat their
fruit.
²² They shall not build and another inhabit;
they shall not plant and another eat;
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my
people be,
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work
of their hands.
²³ They shall not labour in vain,
or bear children for calamity;
for they shall be offspring blessed by the
Lord —
and their descendants as well.
²⁴ Before they call I will answer,
while they are yet speaking I will hear.
²⁵ The wolf and the lamb shall feed together,
the lion shall eat straw like the ox;
but the serpent — its food shall be dust!
They shall not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain,
says the Lord.

2nd Reading 2 Thessalonians 3.6-13

⁶ Now we command you, beloved, in the
name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away
from believers who are living in idleness and
not according to the tradition that they
received from us. ⁷ For you yourselves know
how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle
when we were with you, ⁸ and we did not eat

anyone's bread without paying for it; but with
toil and labour we worked night and day, so
that we might not burden any of you. ⁹ This
was not because we do not have that right,
but in order to give you an example to
imitate. ¹⁰ For even when we were with you,
we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling
to work should not eat. ¹¹ For we hear that
some of you are living in idleness, mere
busybodies, not doing any work. ¹² Now such
persons we command and exhort in the Lord
Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to
earn their own living. ¹³ Brothers and sisters,
do not be weary in doing what is right.

Gospel Reading Luke 21.5-19

⁵ When some were speaking about the
temple, how it was adorned with beautiful
stones and gifts dedicated to God, he
said, ⁶ 'As for these things that you see, the
days will come when not one stone will be left
upon another; all will be thrown down.' ⁷ They
asked him, 'Teacher, when will this be, and
what will be the sign that this is about to take
place?' ⁸ And he said, 'Beware that you are
not led astray; for many will come in my name
and say, "I am he!" and, "The time is near!"
Do not go after them. ⁹ 'When you hear of
wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for
these things must take place first, but the end
will not follow immediately.' ¹⁰ Then he said to
them, 'Nation will rise against nation, and
kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹ there will be
great earthquakes, and in various places
famines and plagues; and there will be
dreadful portents and great signs from
heaven. ¹² 'But before all this occurs, they will
arrest you and persecute you; they will hand
you over to synagogues and prisons, and you
will be brought before kings and governors
because of my name. ¹³ This will give you an
opportunity to testify. ¹⁴ So make up your
minds not to prepare your defence in
advance; ¹⁵ for I will give you words and a
wisdom that none of your opponents will be
able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶ You will be
betrayed even by parents and brothers, by
relatives and friends; and they will put some
of you to death. ¹⁷ You will be hated by all
because of my name. ¹⁸ But not a hair of your
head will perish. ¹⁹ By your endurance you will
gain your souls.

The Psalm for today is A Song of Isaiah

'Behold, God is my salvation:
I will trust and will not be afraid;

'For the Lord God is my strength
and my song:
and has become my salvation.'

With joy you will draw water:
from the wells of salvation.

On that day you will say:
'Give thanks to the Lord, call
upon his name;

'Make known his deeds among
the nations:
proclaim that his name is exalted.

'Sing God's praises, who has
triumphed gloriously:
let this be known in all the world.

'Shout and sing for joy, you that
dwell in Zion:
for great in your midst is the Holy
One of Israel.'

Isaiah 12.2-6

Next Sunday's Readings

1st Reading Isaiah 65.17-25

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2nd Reading 2 Thessalonians 3.6-13

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Gospel Reading Luke 21.5-19

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HYMNS – EUCHARIST
SETTING DUDMAN TIS 756

	8am	9.30am
Introit		93
Gradual	273	273
Offertory	136	136
Recessional	432	432

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.

**Children's Church is available at
our 9:30am service. This week's
Children's Talk is 'We Work Hard.'**



**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. This Sunday is the twenty third after Pentecost
and the last Sunday of Liturgical Green for quite a while.

Our sentence is a blessing from Paul - oh to feel that peace in all times and ways!
We pray for a longing for God's Kingdom and patient endurance. We are blessed
with two Isaiah readings - the first is a prophesy of the future happy and flourishing
state of the church. The second is A Song of Isaiah in place of our Psalm - it's from
chapter 12 and our Monday Morning Prayer Canticle. This is a hymn of praise suited
to the times of the Messiah and suitable for the return of the outcasts of Israel from
their long captivity, but it is especially suitable to the case of a sinner, when first
finding peace and joy in believing.

Paul, in his second letter to the Thessalonians, expresses his confidence in them,
prays for them and charges them to withdraw from disorderly ways, particularly from
being lazy and busybodies.

In our Gospel, Jesus gives His prophecy. Jesus didn't hold anything back from his
disciples. He told them that things would be difficult. When he spoke about the
world, he was very realistic. He spoke about wars and revolutions, earthquakes,
plagues and famines, persecution and imprisonment, betrayal, hatred and killings. A
bit like our news feeds today.

He told them that such happenings would provide them with an opportunity to bear
witness to him and to the Gospel. It is in times of darkness that the light is needed. It
is in times of falsehood that the truth is needed. It is in times of hatred that love is
needed. It is in times of war that peace is needed. And it is in difficult times that
Christian witness is needed.

By forewarning them Jesus was forearming them. He was saying: You'll need
wisdom – don't be deceived. You'll need courage – don't be afraid. You'll need
staying power and endurance – don't give up. He will see to it that they will triumph
in the end, provided they remain steadfast.

Our times offer numerous opportunities to bear witness to Jesus and his Kingdom.
The many tragedies and disasters that occur in our world could easily lead us to
despair and convince us that we are the sad victims of circumstances. But this is not
how Jesus looked at events. He called them opportunities.

Faith seems to thrive in adversity. Indeed, sometimes faith is born out of adversity.
In this respect it resembles certain wildflowers: put them in a garden and they go to
seed; but put them on a mountainside and they bloom.

During the communist regime in Russia there was a ten-year-old girl whose whole
family had been scattered to distant labour camps because of their belief in God.
The girl was first taken to an orphanage. There, she refused to give up the crucifix
her mother had hung around her neck before leaving. She tied a knot so that they
could not take it from her during sleep. The struggle went on and on, but it was no
good. She would not give up the cross.

She also refused to submit herself to retraining and to daily lessons in party propaganda. In the orphanage she was forced to live with children who were the very dregs of Russian society. Yet she refused to curse or steal. They never broke her. She ended up doing ten years in a labour camp.

In a world of so much social and political turmoil, people of faith will often be regarded as naïve and ineffective and irrelevant. However, we must not be afraid of scepticism and cynicism, but trust that God will give us the strength to hold our ground.

What sustains us is the belief that ultimately good will triumph over evil. So, even in the midst of turmoil, joy can be ours, because we know that God is with us. That knowledge gives us strength to live through tragedy with our spirit unbroken.

Jesus spoke about the destruction of the Temple. This would have come as a shattering blow to any Jew. Our generation has seen enormous changes. It's not a building but a whole world that has passed away. The only thing that endures is God's faithfulness. The only thing that does not change is God's love for us.

Faith is not a way of wishing that things were different. No one is helped by denial. Faith gives us the strength to cope with reality as it is. God does not spare us pain: rather God enables us to live through it.

Blessings

Karen

Faith
is not hoping
God can
it is knowing
He Will



Prayers for:

The Diocese of North Queensland- Bishop - Keith Ronald Joseph, clergy and people.

The Parish of Harvey – Priest-in-Charge - Revd. Cathie Broome, husband David and Deacon Revd. Gail Smit.

Please pray for:

- *That the work of the Op Shop will continue to bless all who enter and for more Op Shop volunteers to grow a ministry.
- *Encourage younger people to leadership positions.
- *Grow our Youth Ministry and Team.
- *More families to come into our congregation.
- *A deepening sense of community and spirituality through prayer, worship and support of each other.
- *Continued growth in prayer outreach ministry and Bible study.

Diocesan Ministry: The Mothers Union and Chair Wendy Mabey.

For the World: -

- *That we will be inspired to grow in our understanding and commitment to mission.
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- *For those who are rejected by others and forced to live on the fringes of society.
- *That the leaders of the Nations will be gifted with wisdom and a desire for peace.
- *That the Lord may equip and strengthen us as we seek to serve in our families, work place, church and community.

Prayers for:

Anglican Church of Kenya - Diocese of Kapsabet.

St Mark's Kiminda Parish - Parish Priest - Revd. Hosea Rop, wife Agnes, Curate - Revd. Charles Chirchir and wife.

St Peter's Meteitei Parish - Parish Priest - Revd. Carolyne Koros and husband William.

Please pray for:

- *Thank God that he is the one in full authority and in control of our nation despite the economic challenges being faced.
- *The elderly and those who care for them and those who visit them. May they never feel forgotten or neglected.

Diocesan Ministry - Pray for the youth, children and families for team spirit as they strive to portray Christ as King of their lives.

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.

Parish Council Meeting - Tues., 18th Nov. at 5.30pm in D/W Hall.

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.

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/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

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Collection Point at Albany Baptist Church

Collection Days

Tues 28th October 2025: 11am-5pm

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Late November (Date/time to be advised)

for pre-orders please text

28th Oct:

Bruce on 0413 803 047

Late November:

Jocelyn on 0448 779 563

Raising funds for



Ruma Hospice

Care Beyond Cure

A Palliative Care Facility in Kolkata, India

Please bring the correct cash on collection day

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 December at 9.30am in the Lady Chapel.

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