



St. John's Anglican Church Albany Consecrated 1848.

**Sunday, 23rd November 2025
Christ the King/ The Reign of Christ**



Sentence of the Day

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

Zechariah 9.9

Collect

Eternal God, you exalted Jesus Christ to rule over all things, and have made us instruments of his kingdom: by your Spirit empower us to love the unloved, and to minister to all in need, then at the last bring us to your eternal realm where we may be welcomed into your everlasting joy and may worship and adore you for ever; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Prayer of the Week

Stir up, we pray you, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people, that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Today's Readings

1st Reading Jeremiah 23.1-6

¹ Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. ² Therefore, thus says the Lord God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. ³ Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴ I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord. ⁵ The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶ In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

2nd Reading Colossians 1.11-20

¹¹ May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully ¹² giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³ He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. ¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶ for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers

— all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Gospel Reading Luke 23.33-43

³³ When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴ Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.' And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵ And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!' ³⁶ The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, ³⁷ and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' ³⁸ There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.' ³⁹ One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' ⁴⁰ But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?' ⁴¹ And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' ⁴² Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' ⁴³ He replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

The Psalm for today is A Song of Zechariah

'Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel:
who has come to his people and set them
free.

The Lord has raised up for us a mighty
Saviour:
born of the house of his servant David.

Through the holy prophets, God promised of
old:
to save us from our enemies, from the hands
of all who hate us,

To show mercy to our forebears:
and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath God swore to our father
Abraham:
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

Free to worship him without fear:
holy and righteous before him, all the days of
our life.

And you, child, shall be called the prophet of
the Most High:
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his
way,

To give his people knowledge of salvation:
by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God:
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

To shine on those who dwell in darkness and
the shadow of death:
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Next Sunday's Readings

1st Reading Isaiah 2.1-5

2nd Reading Romans 13.9-14

Gospel Reading Matthew 24.36-44

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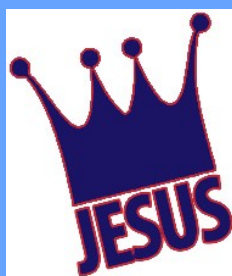
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HYMNS – EUCHARIST **SETTING DUDMAN TIS 756**

	8am	9.30am
Introit		246
Gradual	703	703
Offertory	256	256
Recessional	161	161

**Children's
Church is
available at our
9:30am service.
This week's
Children's Talk
is 'Christ the
King.'**



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 hope you are all well and looking forward to Advent and Christmas and, of course, Summer!

Today is a day of endings and beginnings. Today marks the end and beginning of the church year. Next week, we will celebrate the beginning of the Advent season. It is a season of preparing ourselves, looking inward, for the coming of Christ, and not just his first coming as an infant in that stable in Bethlehem over 2,000 years ago. We will also remember that he will come again.

Our collect for this week is:

Stir up, we pray you, O Lord,
the wills of your faithful people,
that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works,
may by you be plenteously rewarded;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

It reminds us that it is 'Stir Up Sunday' a Sunday synonymous with Christmas puddings. The great cry 'stir up' was a reminder to congregations to get the Christmas pudding made in plenty of time to mature before Christmas. An important addition to the mixture is a coin, whoever gets it on their plate on Christmas Day should get worldly riches heaped upon them.

However, the prayer is actually asking God for something much more important. We are praying that God will stir up our wills, so that we might get on with doing the good works that he has planned for us to do. Then, as a consequence, we pray that we might receive our abundant reward.

In an age when so much is about how we feel, it is interesting to get another perspective. In the end, it is our will, rather than our feelings, that is the most important governor of our actions.

Real love is not about feeling it is about choosing, by our wills, to do good to others even though we may not feel good towards them. Our feelings should not dominate our wills. And so, we pray that God will "stir up" our wills, so that they will be in charge of us, doing what we know is right. In this prayer we recognise that we need God's help in order for our wills to function properly.

Today we remember that Jesus is King, Lord of all.

Our Sentence today, gives instruction to rejoice greatly, for the king comes. In our readings, Jeremiah talks of the restoration of the Jewish nation to their own land. Paul salutes the Colossians and prays for their fruitfulness in spiritual knowledge and gives a glorious view of Christ. Then our Gospel from Luke gives us his account of the crucifixion and the repentant thief.

A story!!

Once, two travellers were going through a forest when night came upon them. In a matter of minutes, the narrow path which they had been following became invisible. In the darkness terror lurked everywhere. Then, to make matters worse, a violent thunderstorm broke over the forest. Terrifying flashes of lightning were followed by peals of thunder which shook the ground under their feet. Torrents of rain poured down on them. The trees swayed dangerously.

The first man looked on the storm as a calamity. Every time there was a flash of lightning, he looked up at the sky and cursed. The result was that he strayed from the path and got lost in the forest. The second man, however, looked on the storm as a blessing in disguise. Each flash of lightning lit up a little bit of the path ahead of him, and thus he was able to take a step forward. By keeping his head down, he succeeded in staying on the path. And so, a step at a time, he made his way out of the forest.

Sometimes that's the way it is in life: there is just enough light to be able to take the next step; just enough strength to do the present task.

The thunderstorm was the exact same for both travellers. Yet for one it proved to be a stumbling block, while for the other it proved to be a stepping stone.

The travellers remind us of the two thieves in the Gospel story. Both of them were caught up in a terrible darkness. First of all, there was the darkness of their own lives of crime. Then there was the terrible darkness that descended on Calvary at the crucifixion of Jesus.

One of them cursed the darkness. The other saw a gleam of light through it. That light came from the presence of Jesus: Jesus the friend of sinners, who came to seek out and to save the lost. The thief's humble confession went straight to the heart of Jesus. It won for the thief, not only forgiveness, but a place in heaven itself.

In the end the only one who knows and understands us fully is God. God is the only biographer in whose accuracy we can absolutely trust because God alone sees what's in our heart, sees our wounds and sorrows, our scars and handicaps, our hopes and longings. Jesus looked at the thief, and seeing the sad tatters of his life, was moved with compassion for him.

The good thief gives hope to us all, but especially to those who come to the end of life and have nothing to show but the works of darkness. Even at the eleventh hour there exists the possibility of letting the sunlight in. Through his sheer goodness, Jesus turns our darkness into light.

Salvation is always a gift from God. God gives it most freely to those who: like the good thief, know they are lacking and have strayed from the path of righteousness: and so, seek the Lord and the salvation offered us.

Blessings

Karen



Prayers for:

The Diocese of Tasmania- Bishop - Richard Condie, Vicar General - Carolyn McGinn, clergy and people.

The Parish of Pinjarra/Waroona – St. Francis of Assisi (Pinjarra), St Mark's (Waroona), St. Mary's (Coolup), St. Mark's (Dwellingup), Priest-in-Charge - Revd. William Thomas, wife Sue, Assisting Clergy, Revd. Tony Bradley and wife Chris.

Please pray for:

- * The vision to rearrange the priorities of the parish to suit a changing environment.
- * Continued improvement of the training offered to clergy and church volunteers.
- * Our priority to focus on building up the parish recourses and infrastructure.

Diocesan Ministry– Mission to Seafarers - Chaplains, Very Revd. Darryl Cotton (Bunbury) and Revd. Canon Karen Cave (Albany).

For the World: -

- * For the Seafarers of the world who are separated from families and loved ones.
- * All involved in the fishing industry.
- * For improved relationships and communication between neighbouring Nations.
- * That God continues to work through his people to bring the love of Jesus to many through scripture classes.

Prayers for:

Anglican Church of Kenya - Diocese of Kapsabet.

ACK Bishop Muge College - Manager - Revd. Esbon Sang and wife Everline.

St. Philip's Kamatargui Parish - Parish Priest - Revd. Rodah Tomno and husband Revd. Peter.

Please pray for :

- * All staff working at ACK Bishop Muge college. Pray for more churches to experience the beauty and power of united prayer.
- * The word of God to be entrenched in the lives of the Christians as they seek to reach the unreached within their borders.

Diocesan Ministry - Pray for those away studying, that they may be well rewarded for their hard work and pass well.

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.
Communications Committee Meeting - Tues., 2nd Dec., 4pm via Zoom.

Upcoming Cruise Ship Visits:

- The Silver Moon - Sunday 23rd Nov (TODAY).
- The Riviera - Monday, 1st Dec.
We wish all a very happy visit to Albany and safe sailing. There will be markets in St. John's Hall on the 1st Dec/. Martha's will be held in the D/W Hall on this day..

Outdoor Markets held recommence on Saturday 6th December in the gardens at St. John's and will continue to be held each Saturday in Dec. and Jan

Albany Christmas Pageant - 6th Dec. St John's Gardens will be used as a gathering point for the pageant.

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

Planning for our Annual Meeting of Parishioners 2026

Our AMP will be held on **Sunday 22nd February 2026**. In order to prepare for this please find detailed the timeline of events.

Forms are now available in the Parish Office and at the back of Church for you to register as a **voting parishioner**. You will not need to register again if you did so last year. Registration will be available until end of January. (a list of those already registered is available with the registration forms).

From 9th December 2025 until 24th January 2026, **nomination forms for elections** to an office in the parish will be available. The following positions will be elected:

Parish Councillor x 6.

Please hand these completed forms to Revd. Karen.

Voting will take place on 15th February 2026 and 22nd February 2026 and end before the AMP.

All **Ministry reports** should be completed and send to Parish Office before 9th January 2026.

Please pray for those called to serve as Parish Councillors.

Thank you and Blessings.

Revd. Karen.

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Tree ripened, organic – picked with TLC by experienced volunteers

MANGOES

For sale

\$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

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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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