



St. John's

Anglican Church Albany

Consecrated 1848.

Sunday 11th January 2026
The Baptism of Our Lord



Sentence of the Day

'A voice came from heaven, saying, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'

Matthew 3.17

Collect

Eternal God,
at the baptism of Jesus in
the river Jordan
you proclaimed him your
beloved Son,
and anointed him with the
Holy Spirit:
grant that all who are
baptised into his name
may keep the covenant they
have made,
and boldly confess him as
Lord and Saviour;
who with you and the Holy
Spirit lives and reigns,
one God, in glory
everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of the Week

**Almighty God, who
anointed Jesus at his
baptism with the Holy
Spirit and revealed
him as your beloved
Son:
inspire us, your
children, who are born
again of water and the
Spirit, to surrender our
lives to your service,
that we may rejoice to
be called your children;
through Jesus Christ
our Lord. Amen.**

Today's Readings

1st Reading Isaiah 42.1-9

1 Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.
2 He will not cry or lift up his voice,
or make it heard in the street;
3 a bruised reed he will not break,
and a dimly burning wick he will not
quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.
4 He will not grow faint or be crushed
until he has established justice in the
earth;
and the coastlands wait for his
teaching.
5 Thus says God, the Lord ,
who created the heavens and
stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what
comes from it,
who gives breath to the people upon it
and spirit to those who walk in it:
6 I am the Lord , I have called you in
righteousness,
I have taken you by the hand and kept
you;
I have given you as a covenant to the
people,
a light to the nations,
7 to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the
dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in
darkness.
8 I am the Lord , that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to idols.
9 See, the former things have come to
pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth,
I tell you of them.

2nd Reading Acts 10.34-43

34 Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I
truly understand that God shows no
partiality,'
35 but in every nation anyone

who fears him and does what is right is
acceptable to him.
36 You know the
message he sent to the people of Israel,
preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is
Lord of all.
37 That message spread
throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee
after the baptism that John
announced:
38 how God anointed Jesus of
Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with
power; how he went about doing good
and healing all who were oppressed by
the devil, for God was with him.
39 We are
witnesses to all that he did both in Judea
and in Jerusalem. They put him to death
by hanging him on a tree;
40 but God
raised him on the third day and allowed
him to appear,
41 not to all the people but
to us who were chosen by God as
witnesses, and who ate and drank with
him after he rose from the dead.
42 He
commanded us to preach to the people
and to testify that he is the one ordained
by God as judge of the living and the
dead.
43 All the prophets testify about him
that everyone who believes in him
receives forgiveness of sins through his
name.'

Gospel Reading Matthew 3.13-17

13 Then Jesus came from Galilee to John
at the Jordan, to be baptized by
him.
14 John would have prevented him,
saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and
do you come to me?'
15 But Jesus
answered him, 'Let it be so now; for it is
proper for us in this way to fulfil all
righteousness.' Then he
consented.
16 And when Jesus had been
baptized, just as he came up from the
water, suddenly the heavens were opened
to him and he saw the Spirit of God
descending like a dove and alighting on
him.
17 And a voice from heaven said,
'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I
am well pleased.'

The Psalm for today is Psalm 29.

¹ Ascribe to the Lord, you powers of heaven:
 Ascribe to the Lord glory and might.
² Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name:
 O worship the Lord in the beauty of his holiness.
³ The voice of the Lord is upon the waters:
 the God of glory thunders,
 the Lord upon the great waters.
⁴ The voice of the Lord is mighty in operation:
 the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice.
⁵ The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar-trees:
 the Lord breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon.
⁶ He makes them skip like a calf:

Lebanon and Sirion like a young wild ox.
⁷ The voice of the Lord divides the lightning-flash:
 the voice of the Lord whirls the sands of the desert,
 the Lord whirls the desert of Kadesh.
⁸ The voice of the Lord rends the terebinth trees,
 and strips bare the forests:
 in his temple all cry 'Glory.'
⁹ The Lord sits enthroned above the water-flood:
 the Lord sits enthroned as a king for ever.
¹⁰ The Lord will give strength to his people:
 the Lord will give to his people the blessing of peace.

Next Sunday's Readings

1st Reading *Isaiah 49.1-7*

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2nd Reading *1 Corinthians 1.1-9*

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Gospel Reading *John 1.29-42*

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HYMNS – EUCHARIST SETTING DUDMAN TIS 756

	8am	9.30am
Introit		228
Gradual	447	447
Offertory	454	454
Recessional	147	147

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 'Baptism of Jesus.'

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 and enjoying Summer. This Sunday, we celebrate The Baptism of our Lord. We hear of the voice of God, we pray for boldness to confess Jesus as our Lord and Saviour. Isaiah gives prophesy to the character and coming of Christ and the blessings of his kingdom. Psalm 29 is an exhortation to give God glory, and we hear Peter's discourse with Cornelius declaring Jesus as Lord of all. Matthew gives his account of the Baptism of Jesus.

Nelson Mandela will go down as one of the greatest leaders of this century. He was instrumental in ending apartheid and bringing about a multiracial society in South Africa. Mandela belongs to the Xhosa people and grew up in the Transkei area. But how did he come to play such a crucial role in the history of his country, and indeed the world?

In his autobiography, "Long Walk to Freedom" (1994, Little, Brown and Company) (Revd. John Jones' was so proud to have a signed copy) he tells us that all the currents of his life were taking him away from the Transkei. Yet he had no epiphany: no singular revelation, no moment of truth. In fact, he says: "A steady accumulation of insights helped me to see that my duty was to the people as a whole, not just to a particular section of it. The memory of a thousand indignities produced in me an anger: a rebelliousness, a desire to fight the system that imprisoned my people. There was no particular day on which I said: henceforth I will devote myself to the liberation of my people: instead, I simply found myself doing so and could not do otherwise". **

Prior to his baptism Jesus had lived for thirty years at Nazareth. It had been an uneventful life, as far as we can tell. Nevertheless, during those years he had begun to hear another call – a call away from Nazareth, a call to fulfil his mission in life. So finally, he left Nazareth.

When he appeared before John to be baptised, he had reached a watershed in his life. He had left behind him the comparatively quiet life of Nazareth and was about to embark on his public ministry. No doubt he came to that moment after a lot of prayer and

reflection. Nevertheless, it can't have been easy for him. He must have experienced some uncertainty and anxiety. Therefore, he needed some form of affirmation: that now was the time to fulfil his calling.

During his baptism as we heard in the Gospel reading, Jesus received that affirmation. When he heard those wonderful words: ' You are my beloved son; with you I am well pleased' come from the heavens. These words also set the seal of divine approval on the mission he was about to begin, the mission to reconcile the people, with the God of salvation.

The heavenly Father's words of affirmation put wind in his sails. Not only did he receive approval from on high for his mission, but he also received power from on high for it as well. This is signified by the descent of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit was not given, just for that moment: but remained with him throughout his public ministry.

Today as we celebrate the baptism of Jesus we are reminded of our own baptism, and of what God has done for each of us through it. From a spiritual point of view, baptism is the greatest thing that can happen to us. What happened at the baptism of Jesus, happens at our baptism too. God calls us by name. He says to each of us, 'You are my beloved son' , or 'You are my beloved daughter' . And the Holy Spirit descends on us, because we too are given a mission: to participate in the work of Jesus.

We are not called to save the world as he was, or to solve all of its problems.

Nevertheless, each of us has our own unique calling: and each of us has been gifted, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, through baptism, to enable us to fulfil our calling in life. Our challenge today then: is to seek to discern what our spiritual gifts are and then apply them to the various ministries that our Lord is calling us to fulfil, in his name, and as a part of the body of Christ.

Blessings

Karen

Prayers for:

The Diocese of Grafton - Bishop Murray Harvey, clergy and people.

The Parish of Coodanup - Part-Time Priest - Revd. Jacqui Chesley-Ingle, Deacon - Revd. Garelan Baguil, wife - Roseni, Assisting Clergy Revd. Cn Bill Byleveld, wife Helen, Revd. Allan Harrison, wife Julie, Revd. Noel Oakey and wife Helen.

Please pray for:

- * Our thanks to God for the retired clergy in our parish who continue to be available to serve in meaningful and helpful ways and also for our older parishioners who are the salt and light of our church community and still contribute so much despite health concerns and advancing years.
- * Lay leadership in the parish, that new lay ministers and parish councillors might discern God's call to serve in a new capacity.
- * Our outreach ministries – Op Shop, Food Ministry, Emergency Relief Centre as they continue to be an extension of our service to the Lord through the opportunity to welcome, love and care for those who are helped by them.
- * An outpouring of the Holy Spirit in Coodanup and for the filing of our pews with those seeking the love, hope and joy of Jesus in their lives.
- * The introduction of Alpha Courses and new Fellowship opportunities utilising the gifts and talents of our community members and the resources our parish has available.

Diocesan Ministry: Ministry in Public Schools and School Chaplains

For the World: -

- *More research into the causes and prevention of infectious diseases.
- *A greater openness to the needs of the world's asylum seekers.
- *Our politicians: Federal, State and members of our Local Government.
- *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 Mary's Kilibwoni Parish - Parish Priest - Revd. Julius Boor and wife Lily.

St Paul's Cheplelachbei Parish - Parish Priest - Revd. Gabriel Koech and wife Joan.

Please pray for:

- * All those who are undergoing ordination training that God may provide them with resources for the duration of their training.
- * The marginalized, destitute and the oppressed in our societies For a renewed spirit in mission work and a passion for church planting.

Diocesan Ministry - Pray for the KAYO (Kenya Anglican Youth Organization) and the Children's Ministry department that they mentor and bring up these important groups to emerge as a strong church in their generation.

Mothers Union Monthly Prayer

Loving Lord, our faith is in you.

We place our future in your hands as we follow where you lead. Inspire us with your vision and empower us with your Spirit, that we may walk forward together.

knowing you are our guide and companion. Amen

Upcoming Meetings and Events

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

Outdoor Markets continue to be held each Saturday in January.

2026 Lectionaries are still 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.
- * 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.

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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.

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.

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



This month's Mission of the Month is YouthCARE -

WA's leading provider of pastoral care and values education

meeting the needs of our community and supporting the social, emotional and spiritual wellbeing, which is increasingly important for both children and adults.

YouthCARE has been serving government school communities throughout the state for over 50 years and continues to serve hundreds of thousands of Western Australians every year.

Guided by values of care, respect, compassion and service, YouthCARE reaches people in need through specific programs, sessions and opportunities that draw together various aspects of community. Partnerships with service and resource providers connect people with real world solutions, empathy and a sense of belonging while guiding students, parents and school staff towards positive outcomes and experiences.

YouthCARE actively supports the wellbeing of over 600 school communities across Western Australia delivering positive impacts and the hope for a brighter future.

For further detail please visit the YouthCARE website <https://www.youthcare.org.au>

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 12th of February at 9.30am in the Lady Chapel.

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