



St. John's Anglican Church Albany Consecrated 1848.

**Sunday 18th January 2026
Second Sunday After Epiphany**



Sentence of the Day

**God is faithful; by him
you were called into
the fellowship of his
Son, Jesus Christ our
Lord.'**

1 Corinthians 1.9

Collect

**Almighty God,
whose Son, our Saviour
Jesus Christ,
is the light of the world:
may your people,
illuminated by your word and
sacraments,
shine with the radiance of
his glory,
that he may be known,
worshipped,
and obeyed to the ends of
the earth; who lives and
reigns with you and the
Holy Spirit, one God, now
and for ever. Amen.**

Prayer of the Week

**Almighty God, by
whose Grace alone
we are accepted
and called to your
service:
strengthen us by
your Holy Spirit and
make us worthy of
our calling;
through Jesus
Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Today's Readings

1st Reading Isaiah 49.1-7

¹ Listen to me, O coastlands,
pay attention, you peoples from far away!
The Lord called me before I was born,
while I was in my mother's womb he
named me.

² He made my mouth like a sharp sword,
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;
he made me a polished arrow,
in his quiver he hid me away.

³ And he said to me, 'You are my servant,
Israel, in whom I will be glorified.'

⁴ But I said, 'I have laboured in vain,
I have spent my strength for nothing and
vanity;
yet surely my cause is with the Lord ,
and my reward with my God.'

⁵ And now the Lord says,
who formed me in the womb to be his
servant,
to bring Jacob back to him,
and that Israel might be gathered to him,
for I am honoured in the sight of the Lord ,
and my God has become my strength—

⁶ he says,
'It is too light a thing that you should be my
servant

to raise up the tribes of Jacob
and to restore the survivors of Israel;
I will give you as a light to the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the end of
the earth.'

⁷ Thus says the Lord ,
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the
nations,
the slave of rulers,
'Kings shall see and stand up,
princes, and they shall prostrate
themselves,
because of the Lord , who is faithful,
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen
you.'

2nd Reading 1 Corinthians 1.1-9

¹ Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus
by the will of God, and our brother
Sosthenes, ² To the church of God that is in
Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ
Jesus, called to be saints, together with all
those who in every place call on the name of
our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and
ours: ³ Grace to you and peace from God our

Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴ I give
thanks to my God always for you because of
the grace of God that has been given you in
Christ Jesus, ⁵ for in every way you have
been enriched in him, in speech and
knowledge of every kind— ⁶ just as the
testimony of Christ has been strengthened
among you— ⁷ so that you are not lacking in
any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing
of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸ He will also
strengthen you to the end, so that you may be
blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus
Christ. ⁹ God is faithful; by him you were
called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus
Christ our Lord.

Gospel Reading John 1.29-42

²⁹ The next day he saw Jesus coming towards
him and declared, 'Here is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰ This is
he of whom I said, "After me comes a man
who ranks ahead of me because he was
before me." ³¹ I myself did not know him; but I
came baptizing with water for this reason, that
he might be revealed to Israel.' ³² And John
testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending from
heaven like a dove, and it remained on
him. ³³ I myself did not know him, but the one
who sent me to baptize with water said to me,
"He on whom you see the Spirit descend and
remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy
Spirit." ³⁴ And I myself have seen and have
testified that this is the Son of God.' ³⁵ The
next day John again was standing with two of
his disciples, ³⁶ and as he watched Jesus
walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the
Lamb of God!' ³⁷ The two disciples heard him
say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸ When
Jesus turned and saw them following, he said
to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said
to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means
Teacher), 'where are you staying?' ³⁹ He said
to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw
where he was staying, and they remained
with him that day. It was about four o'clock in
the afternoon. ⁴⁰ One of the two who heard
John speak and followed him was Andrew,
Simon Peter's brother. ⁴¹ He first found his
brother Simon and said to him, 'We have
found the Messiah' (which is translated
Anointed). ⁴² He brought Simon to Jesus, who
looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of
John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is
translated Peter).

The Psalm for today is Psalm 40, Verses 1-14.

- ¹ I waited patiently for the Lord:
and he inclined to me and heard my cry.
² He brought me up from the pit of roaring waters,
out of the mire and clay:
and set my feet upon a rock, and made firm my foothold.
³ And he has put a new song in my mouth:
even a song of thanksgiving to our God.
⁴ Many shall see it and fear:
and shall put their trust in the Lord.
⁵ Blessed are those who have made the Lord their hope:
who have not turned to the proud,
or to those who wander in deceit.
⁶ O Lord my God, great are the wonderful things
which you have done,
and your thoughts which are towards us:
there is none to be compared with you;
⁷ Were I to declare them and speak of them:
they are more than I am able to express.
⁸ Sacrifice and offering you do not desire:
but my ears you have marked for obedience;
⁹ Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required:
then said I, Lo, I come.
¹⁰ In the scroll of the book it is written of me,
that I should do your will:
O my God, I long to do it, your law delights my heart.
¹¹ I have declared your righteousness in the great congregation:
I have not restrained my lips, O Lord,
and that you know.
¹² I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart:
I have spoken of your faithfulness and of your salvation.
¹³ I have not kept back your loving-kindness and your truth:
from the great congregation.
¹⁴ O Lord, do not withhold your mercy from me:
let your loving-kindness and your truth ever preserve me.

Next Sunday's Readings

1st Reading Isaiah 9.1-4 P651
2nd Reading 1 Corinthians 1.10-18 P158
Gospel Reading Matthew 4.12-25 P 3

**HYMNS – EUCHARIST SETTING
DUDMAN TIS 756**

	8am	9.30am
Introit		273
Gradual	658	658
Offertory	584	584
Recessional	28	28

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 'God's Eyewitnesses.'

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 having a restful time during this month and enjoying our season of Epiphany. Did you know that Popular Epiphany tide customs include Epiphany singing, chalking the door and families inviting their priest to bless their home!

This Sunday is the Second After Epiphany and our sentence reminds us that God is faithful, we pray to be illumined by word and sacraments. Isaiah talks of the unbelief and rejection of the Jews, our psalmist talks of his confidence in deliverance, and we hear the beginning of Paul's letter to the Corinthians - which we'll continue to read over the next few Sundays - Paul gives his usual salutations and thanksgivings.

The Corinthian church contained some Jews, but more Gentiles, and the apostle had to contend with the superstition of the one, and the sinful conduct of the other. The peace of this church was disturbed by false teachers, who undermined the influence of the apostle. Two parties were the result; one contending earnestly for the Jewish ceremonies, the other indulging in excesses contrary to the gospel, to which they were especially led by the luxury and the sins which prevailed around them. This epistle was written to rebuke some disorderly conduct, of which the apostle had been apprized, and to give advice as to some points whereon his judgment was requested by the Corinthians. Thus, the scope was twofold. 1. To apply suitable remedies to the disorders and abuses which prevailed among them. 2. To give satisfactory answers on all the points upon which his advice had been desired. The address, and Christian mildness, yet firmness, with which the apostle writes, and goes on from general truths directly to oppose the errors and evil conduct of the Corinthians, is very remarkable. He states the truth and the will of God, as to various matters, with great force of argument and animation of style.

Our Gospel reading from John gives further testimonies concerning Christ as the chosen one.

When a new prime minister takes up office one of the first things he or she does is to

appoint cabinet ministers. Then in an official ceremony the chosen ones get their seal of office. These are not slow in telling the world how pleased they are to have been chosen. You hear them say such things as, 'I feel very privileged' ,or 'I feel very honoured' .The odd one may say, 'It's a great challenge' ,or 'It's a great responsibility' .But I don't often hear them say, 'It's a wonderful opportunity to serve'.

Of course it's an honour to be chosen. But what many can forget, is that it is a call to service, a call to ministry.

Today we are at the start of St John's Gospel. Jesus has just appeared on the public stage. John the Baptist, who prepared the way for him, now, has the further task of introducing him to the people. How does John introduce Jesus? What role does he ascribe to him? He calls Jesus God's Chosen One.

Jesus did not take this role upon himself. He was called by God and sent by God. But once the call came, he made a total gift of himself to it. From now on he will seek, not his own honour, but the honour of his Father. And he knows that he is sent to minister to his brothers and sisters: 'The Son of Man came, not to be served, but to serve'.

John the Baptist also gives us a wonderful example of service. His function was to direct people to Jesus. His task was to draw back the curtain, introduce the main character, and then withdraw into the shadows. In doing this he knew he was inviting his disciples to leave him. Yet there was no jealousy on his part. In this we see his greatness. There is no harder task than to take second place especially when one had enjoyed the first place.

So, our message from the Gospel reading today is one which reminds us that through our baptism we have been called to be disciples of Jesus. This is a great honour and a great privilege. But we must not forget that it is a call to service. Each of us has an important function to perform, or ministry to fulfil as a part of the body of Christ. Therefore, like Jesus, we need the Holy Spirit to touch our hearts and empower us for this. But we must also learn from John the Baptist, not to make ourselves the centre of the world. We must put our gifts at the service of others, not

just of ourselves. We need to work together as one body, chosen of God and enabled by the Holy Spirit, to continue the important ministry of our Lord, here today.

In the world today, to say that we are chosen by God: can imply that others are not chosen. But this is not true for God. God chooses his Son (and the disciples) to reveal to us, that we too are chosen. St John assures us that God's heart is that all should be saved. In the Kingdom of God there is no room for

competition or rivalry. In the Kingdom of God, each person is precious and unique. All are important, and all are valued and loved by our heavenly Father. That's why all are empowered and sent, so that others might also hear the good news, and come to know Jesus.

Blessings

Karen

Prayers for:

The Diocese of Perth - Archbishop Kay Goldsworthy, Assistant Bishops Kate Wilmot, David Bassett and Hans Christiansen.

Anglican Communités of Hyden and Corrigin - St Matthew's (Corrigin), All Saints (Hyden), Priest-with-Oversight - Revd. Cn. Ian Mabey (Hyden) and wife Wendy.

Please pray for:

- * Ways for these communities to engage with those in need.
- * Each community to find ways to grow and to increase so that they may become more viable in supporting ongoing ministry.
- * Chaplains in Corrigin and Hyden to be effective in showing God's love and connecting children to the community of faith.
- * Blessings and safe travel on Revd. Ian and all those travelling to support the outreach from their respective parishes.

Diocesan Ministry: That all Parishes embrace the Diocesan Vision and Strategic Plan.

For the World: -

- *All in the teaching profession who are

responsible for the education and formation of others.

*For the strengthening of marriage, relationships and the unity of families.

*Those who have not yet allowed God to be a part of their lives.

*Ask God to give us the heart of welcoming and encouraging all people who visit any of our activities and services.

Prayers for:

Anglican Church of Kenya - Diocese of Kapsabet.

St John The Baptist Kapkolei Parish - Parish Priest - Revd. Wilson Cheptarus, wife Eglah, and Curate Revd. Everlyne Jerotich.

All Saints Kaboi Parish - Parish Priest - .Revd. Ven. Daniel Seurei, wife Miriam, Curate - Revd. Celestine Maiyo and husband Stephen.

Please pray - That we may continue to grow deeper links with the community we serve that we might be able to offer love and kindness in word and deed.

Diocesan Ministry - Pray for the standing Committee of Synod that they may get wisdom and knowledge to guide in decision making.

Upcoming Meetings and Events

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

Outdoor Markets continue to be held each Saturday in January.

Upcoming Cruise Ship Visit: The Viking Orion (approx. passenger capacity of 930) is due to dock in Albany from 7am-5pm on Wednesday, 21 January. We wish all a very happy visit to Albany and safe sailing. There will be markets in St. John's Hall.

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

Please see the below for Closures and Cancellations for Australia Day Public Holiday (Monday, 26th January) .

- Office
- ER
- No P4W

- Op Shop
- Marthas
- No Money Counting

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.

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

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**

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.



**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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