



St. John's Anglican Church Albany Consecrated 1848.

Sunday 25th January 2026
Third Sunday After Epiphany



Sentence of the Day

'Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.'

Matthew 4.23

Collect

**Loving God,
the light of the minds that
know you,
the life of the souls that
love you,
and the strength of the
hearts that serve you:
help us so to know you that
we may truly love you,
and so to love you that we
may faithfully serve you,
whose service is perfect
freedom;
through Jesus Christ our
Lord. Amen.**

Prayer of the Week

**O God, the strength of all
those who put their trust
in you:
mercifully accept our
prayer, and because
through the weakness of
our mortal nature we can
do nothing good without
you, grant us the help of
your grace, that in
keeping you
commandments we may
please you both in will
and deed;
through Jesus Christ our
Lord. Amen**

Today's Readings

1st Reading Isaiah 9.1-4

1 But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

2 The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—

on them light has shined.

3 You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder.

4 For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

2nd Reading 1 Corinthians 1.10-18

10 Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you should be in agreement and that there should be no divisions among you, but that you should be united in the same mind and the same purpose. **11** For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. **12** What I mean is that each of you says, 'I belong to Paul', or 'I belong to Apollos', or 'I belong to Cephas', or 'I belong to Christ.' **13** Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? **14** I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, **15** so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. **16** (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) **17** For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. **18** For the

message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Gospel Reading Matthew 4.12-25

12 Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee.

13 He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the lake, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali,

14 so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

15 'Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,

on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—

16 the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.'

17 From that time Jesus began to proclaim, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.'

18 As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen.

19 And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.'

20 Immediately they left their nets and followed him.

21 As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them.

22 Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

23 Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

24 So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought to him all the sick, those who were afflicted with various diseases and pains, demoniacs, epileptics, and paralytics, and he cured them.

25 And great crowds followed him from Galilee, the Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

The Psalm for today is Psalm 27, Verses 1-10.

¹ The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom then shall I fear?:
the Lord is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?
² When the wicked, even my enemies and
my foes,
come upon me to devour me:
they shall stumble and fall.
³ If an army encamp against me,
my heart shall not be afraid:
and if war should rise against me, yet
will I trust.
⁴ One thing I have asked from the Lord,
which I will require:
that I may dwell in the house of the
Lord
all the days of my life,
⁵ To see the fair beauty of the Lord:

and to seek his will in his temple.
⁶ For he will hide me under his shelter
in the day of trouble:
and conceal me in the shadow of his
tent,
and set me high upon a rock.
⁷ And now he will lift up my head:
above my enemies round about me.
⁸ And I will offer sacrifices in his sanctuary
with exultation:
I will sing, I will sing praises to the
Lord.
⁹ O Lord, hear my voice when I cry:
have mercy upon me and answer
me.
¹⁰ My heart has said of you, 'Seek his face':
your face, Lord, I will seek.

Next Sunday's Readings

1st Reading Micah 6.1-8

2nd Reading 1 Corinthians 1.18-31

Gospel Reading Matthew 5.1-12

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"Sung version of The Lord's Prayer"

Our Father, which art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses

as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the Kingdom, the power, and
the glory,
Forever and ever. Amen.

HYMNS – EUCHARIST SETTING DUDMAN TIS 756

	8am	9.30am
Introit		209
Gradual	572	572
Offertory	223	223
Recessional	561	561

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 all well and enjoying Summer. On this third Sunday after Epiphany, we hear the call to follow!

We pray collectively to know Jesus so that we may serve - so in keeping with our diocesan vision and strategy for this year. Isaiah tells us of the Son to be born and the nature of His kingdom, the psalmist talks of his faith and desire towards God; Paul continues from last week and exhorts the Corinthians to brotherly love and gives reproof to their divisions and Matthew tells us of the beginning of Christ's ministry in Galilee.

In this passage Matthew means us to understand Jesus as proclaiming that he is the very one who spoke the Law to us in the darkness of Mount Sinai. And that he continues to speak to us as the author of the Law, but in a way radically different from that of the current purveyors of the Law, the Priests, the Scribes and the Pharisees. Therefore, we should dare, I think, to extend that to our own day. So often today we hear the Law of God, God's Good News, proclaimed harshly, judgmentally, in a condemnatory manner, critical of natural human tendencies. In proclaiming how he means his Law to come across, Jesus emphasises that he welcomes all, longs to revive all, and will lift the burden of condemnation from the shoulders of all who come to him.

And wonderfully, with no hesitation or questions, the Disciples respond by following him. Matthew wants us to read that Jesus suddenly appears and calls them and that with no previous knowledge of him, they leave their boats and everything else and go off with him – just as their ancestor Abraham followed God into the unknown, centuries before.

Now, this was probably not the case. Peter and Andrew, and probably John also, had spent time with Jesus down south, sometime before. But Matthew skips over that – he probably realised that his hearers knew about it, just as we do, but he is painting a picture of the rising of God's presence, he wants us to feel the full splendour of Jesus' appearance before them there on the beach: it is suddenly

absolutely clear, obvious and compelling: what they have been waiting for in confusion, misery and danger, stands before them to lead them out of it. It is a call so powerful and absolute, that it demands a radical break from their past lives – they leave everything – even their personal relationships are redefined.

But that's not all. He gives them a new occupation to replace their old one. From now on they are to follow him and do what he is doing – what he has just done for them. They are to draw people into the Kingdom of God, into a zone of the Law where God will write it in their hearts and minds, and it will be relief, restoration, and light.

In the course of his story Matthew carefully reports Jesus' teaching about how this is done – firstly it is done together as a group. From here on the story isn't about Jesus alone but about all of them together, and it will be that way to the end, with one painful period of absence from the Gethsemane Prayer until the Resurrection three days after. Together, they are what we have come to call the Church, the presence of God in the world.

Today, Jesus says to us: just as he said to his disciples back then: "Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven". Let people see the goodness of God in you, the understanding, the gentleness, the faithfulness, the warmth and forgiveness. What the fishermen saw when Jesus appears so suddenly and called them to follow – this is what they were called to display, and it is what we are called to display as well.

It's not a call to argue about doctrine, to frighten people with hell, or impress them with rhetoric, much less works of wonder. It's simply to let them see the love of God in us: as the disciples saw it in Jesus by the lake. But it will only be seen in us if we bond together in forgiveness and respect. This is the true essence of discipleship, for it is what everyone is made for, what everyone of good will longs for. It is this that draws people to Christ.

Blessings

Karen

Prayers for:

The Diocese of Northern Territory– Bishop Greg Anderson, clergy and people.

The Parish of Secret Harbour - Priest-in-Charge - Revd. Paul Watson and wife Diane.

Praise:

God's provision for all our needs; for so many answered prayers; for the operations of our two Op Shops & the dedicated volunteers; for the growth in our Bible study groups; and for new people who joined us in the past year.

Pray for:

- *That our church will continue to produce strong and fruitful disciples of Jesus.
- *The Girl Guides group who are using our church hall. That we will connect with the families and see some coming to church.
- *For God to raise up the next generation of leaders in our church – parish councillors, wardens, home group leaders, youth & children's leaders.

Diocesan Ministry: Vocations to Ordained Ministry.

For the World: -

- *That all employers will implement best practice policies for safe work practice.
- *That viable solutions to global warming will be found and implemented.
- *For a greater tolerance amongst people of different faiths, cultures and politics.
- *For those who have lost their loved ones through accidents that they may find consolation in God and look to Jesus the perfector of our faith.

Prayers for:

Anglican Church of Kenya - Diocese of Kapsabet.

Kimng'oror Health Centre - Administrator/Clinical Officer - Edward Kimaru.

Septonok Retreat Centre - Patron - Canon Henry Kerich.

Please pray for:

- * Thank God for the outgoing Board of Management whose term ended .
- * That we make the most of every opportunity among our friends, neighbours, family, co-workers and others we come around and reflect Christ in all we say and do. Pray also that people may use wisdom over emotions in all decisions they make.

Diocesan Ministry - Pray for God's restoring spirit over women and girls who have been abused or neglected.

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.

Communications Committee Meeting -
Tuesday 3rd Feb at 4pm via Zoom.

Outdoor Markets will hold their last markets for this Summer on Saturday 31 January.

Upcoming Cruise Ship Visit: The Seven Seas Explorer (approx. passenger capacity of 1360) is due to dock in Albany from 7am-4pm on Wednesday, 4 February. 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

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

- Office	- Op Shop
- ER	- Marthas
- No P4W	- No Money Counting

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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