



St. John's

Anglican Church Albany

Consecrated 1848.

Sunday 15th February 2026
Last Sunday After Epiphany - Transfiguration



Sentence of the Day

'Suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him!'

Matthew 17.5

Collect

**O God,
before whose face we
are not made righteous
even by being right:
free us from the need to
justify ourselves
by our own anxious
striving,
that we may be
abandoned to faith in
you alone;
through Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

Prayer of the Week

**Almighty God, you have
given your only Son to be
for us both a sacrifice for
sin, and also an example of
godly life:
give us grace that we may
always thankfully receive
the benefits of his
sacrifice, and also daily
endeavour to follow the
blessed steps of his most
holy life;
Through the same Jesus
Christ our Lord, who is
alive and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one
God, now and for ever.
Amen.**

Today's Readings

1st Reading Exodus 24.12-18

¹² The Lord said to Moses, 'Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.' ¹³ So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. ¹⁴ To the elders he had said, 'Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.' ¹⁵ Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶ The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. ¹⁷ Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. ¹⁸ Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

2nd Reading 2 Peter 1.16-21

¹⁶ For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷ For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, 'This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.' ¹⁸ We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. ¹⁹ So we have the

prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. ²⁰ First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, ²¹ because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Gospel Reading Matthew 17.1-9

¹ Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ² And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³ Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴ Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' ⁵ While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!' ⁶ When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷ But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Get up and do not be afraid.' ⁸ And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. ⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, 'Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.'

The Psalm for today is Psalm 2

¹ Why are the nations in tumult:
and why do the peoples cherish
a vain dream?
² The kings of the earth rise up
and the rulers conspire
together:
against the Lord and against his
anointed, saying,
³ 'Let us break their bonds asunder:
let us throw off their chains from
us.'
⁴ He that dwells in heaven shall laugh
them to scorn:
the Lord will hold them in
derision.
⁵ Then will he speak to them in his
wrath,
and terrify them in his fury:
'I, the Lord, have set up my king
on Zion my holy hill.'
⁶ I will announce the Lord's decree,
that which he has spoken:
'You are my son, this day have I
begotten you.
⁷ 'Ask of me,
and I will give you the nations
for your inheritance:
the uttermost parts of the earth
for your possession.
⁸ 'You may break them with a rod of
iron:
and shatter them in pieces like
a potter's vessel.'
⁹ Now therefore be wise, O kings:
be advised, you that are judges
of the earth.
¹⁰ Serve the Lord with awe,
and govern yourselves in fear
and trembling:
lest he be angry, and you perish
in your course.
¹¹ For his wrath is quickly kindled:
blessed are those that turn to
him for refuge.

Next Sunday's Readings

1st Reading Genesis 2.15-17; 3.1-7 *PC2*
2nd Reading Romans 5.12-21 *P148*
Gospel Reading Matthew 4.1-11 *PC3*

HYMNS – EUCHARIST SETTING DUDMAN TIS 756

	8am	9.30am
Introit		234
Gradual	231	231
Offertory	565	565
Recessional	315	315

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.

**Children's Church is
available at our 9:30am
service. This week's
Children's Talk is 'The
Transfiguration.'**

Hello Dear Friends

How quickly do we find ourselves almost at
the end of our Epiphany season and
preparing for our Lenten journey. Today we
celebrate The Transfiguration of Our Lord.

Our sentence from Matthew's Gospel
we hear again the voice of God. We
pray collectively to be freed from our
own anxieties and submit fully to our
faith in God.

Our Exodus reading tells us of Moses' going
up into the mountain. Our Psalmist issues
threats against the enemies of God's Kingdom
and talks of the promised one as head of that
kingdom. We read from The second letter of
Peter this week.

This epistle clearly is connected with the first
epistle of Peter. The apostle having stated the
blessings to which God has called Christians,
exhorts those who had received these
precious gifts, to endeavor to improve in
graces and virtues. They are guarded against
impostors and scoffers, by disproving their
false assertions, and by showing why the great
day of Christ's coming was delayed, with a
description of its awful circumstances and
consequences; and suitable exhortations to
diligence and holiness are given. In our
passage for today Peter stresses the truth of
the gospel relating to Christ's appearing to
judgment.

We then hear of the ultimate "Mountain top
experience" as Matthew describes the events
of the transfiguration.

If you picture an old oil lamp covered with
layers of dust and dirt. How wretched and
useless it looks. Then someone comes along,
cleans off the layers of dirt, polishes it until it
begins to sparkle, and lights it. Suddenly the
lamp is transformed. It positively glows,
radiating light and beauty to every corner of
the room. Whereas prior to this it was
disfigured with dust and dirt: now it is
transfigured and a thing of beauty. Yet it's the
same lamp. When an object (or a person) is
loved and cared for: it is reborn and really
comes alive.

On Mount Tabor, as we read from the
Gospel this morning: God's light burst forth
from the person of Jesus, and he was
transfigured. There and then, the three
apostles got a glimpse of his divinity,
hidden in the depths of his humanity. They
were overcome with the beauty and
brilliance of it. It was not a surface thing:

but an inner essence, shining through.
There on the mountain: through what they
had witnessed, they knew beyond all doubt
that Jesus was the Son of God.

Within each and every one of us there lies
two potentials: – the potential for evil, and
the potential for good. All of us are capable
of such things as hatred, bitterness,
cruelty, greed, envy, lust and so on. These
are ugly things and bring out the worst in
us. They corrupt. And corruption of the
heart hardens the face and darkens the
eyes. Evil disfigures us.

Then there's our potential for good.
Because all of us are also capable of such
things as love, joy, peace, patience,
kindness, mercy, compassion and the like.
These are beautiful things and bring out
the best in us. They purify the heart. And
purity of heart softens the face and causes
the eyes to shine. Goodness transfigures
us.

Basically, we are transfigured by what we
love, what excites us, what moves us, what
rouses our spirit, what causes us to be
awake and alive. What shows us at our
brightest and our best!

Van Gogh was not noted for his physical
beauty. Yet as soon as he began to speak
about art, his melancholy expression
would disappear, his eyes would sparkle,
and his features would make a deep
impression on those around him. His face
had become beautiful. It seemed that he
was breathing in beauty through his love of
art.

Here at St John's, I often look around at
people as they minister and serve God and
each other. And through the love we show
one another, we shine and transformation
takes place. Goodness and love
transfigure us.

In the scriptures we're told that we are
made in the image of God; we carry the
splendour of divinity within us. We are at
our best when we love.

Like the apostles on Mount Tabor, we too
can experience rare moments of light and
joy. We get glimpses of the Promised Land
towards which we are travelling in faith. In
his love for us, God allows us to taste on
earth, the joys of the world to come.

Amen.

Karen

Mothers Union Monthly Prayer

We give thanks to you, Lord for our membership in the global Mothers' Union.

May we be blessed with a sense of connection and belonging.

May we accept the call in the power of the Holy Spirit to grow in faith.

May we be empowered in all that we do and say to help others.

May we bloom where you plant us, O Lord. Amen.

Prayers for:

The Diocese of Newcastle - Bishop Peter Stuart, Assisting Bishops - Charlie Murry, Sonia Roulston, clergy and people

The Parish of Gelorup

Please pray for:

- * A chaplain for the Grammar school.
- * For people in the Gelorup-Dalyellup area to be drawn to join us regularly and be part of our community.
- * That we grow in the love and knowledge of God, and in serving others.
- * For those leading services.
- Diocesan Ministry** - The Ordination Council.
- For the World:**
 - * Those who maintain essential services.
 - * The families and loved ones of those in prison.
 - * Members of the World Health Organisation.

* As a church family we can be the light of the world in the villages around us and our places of work.

Anglican Church of Kenya - Diocese of Kapsabet.

Emmanuel Kamonjil Parish - Parish Priest - Revd. Wilson Bassy and wife Nila.

St. Stephen's Sochoi Parish - Parish Priest Revd. Peter Lelmengit and wife Salina.

Please pray:

- * For blessings upon the retired clergy that they may continue to enjoy fellowship in church worship in their retirement
- * God may bring deep conviction of sin, spiritual brokenness, a holy fear of God and genuine repentance among his people.
- Diocesan Ministry** - Pray for all the diocesan staff that t God may strengthen them as they do their work.



HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES 2026

Palm Sunday 29th March	8am 9.30am	Holy Communion Holy Communion
Tuesday 31st March	6am 12.30pm 6pm	Combined Churches Prayer Meeting Holy Communion Tenebrae Service
Maundy Thursday 2 nd April	6pm	Commemoration of The Last Supper, Foot Washing, Stripping of the Altar and The Watch.
Good Friday 3rd April	9am 12pm	Solemn Service "Stations of the Cross" service in the church gardens. Followed by Hot Cross Buns
Holy Saturday 4th April	6pm	The Great Easter Vigil
Easter Day 5th April	8am 9.30am	Holy Communion Holy Communion

Morning and Evening Prayers will be live streamed as usual at 8am and 5pm and Compline at 6pm on Sunday. During Holy Week the Gospel of the Day will be live streamed at 10am

Upcoming Meetings and Events

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

Parish Council Meeting - Tues., 17th Feb in the D/W Hall at 5.30pm.

Mothers' Union. Our next meeting will be at 1pm on Wednesday 18th February in the Lady Chapel. This will be an Ash Wednesday service. After the service we will move to the Dorothy Wood hall where our guest speaker will be from the School Chaplaincy programme. Everyone welcome. The World Day of Prayer will be held on Friday 6th March in the Uniting Church in Duke St. Again everyone will be most welcome.

HMAS Perth Memorial Service will be held at St. John's on Saturday, 28th February at 5.30 pm.

Lenten Studies for 2026 - This year our Lenten journey begins on Wednesday February 18th with our Ash Wednesday Services at 1pm and 5pm. I encourage us all to follow the Joy Lenten Study with copies of this available from the parish office and Church entrance from February 2nd. (Voluntary cost \$10). One group session will be available on Thursdays (February 19th - March 26th) at 3pm - a sign up sheet will be available. We will also look at the daily readings and reflections daily at the end of Morning Prayer live-streams. Revd. Karen

Upcoming Cruise Ship Visits:



- The Zaandam (approx. passenger capacity of 1432) is due to dock in Albany from 8am-5pm on Monday, 23 February. We wish all a very happy visit to Albany and safe sailing. There will be markets in St. John's Hall.

Bicentennial Fete Reminder - October or November are months away but wont take long to get there. Now is the season to start making jams, pickles, etc for our Bicentennial fete, with most fruits ready for picking. Thank you all jam in advance. Mike T

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

		World Day of Prayer 2026 Focus on Nigeria
		
Service date	Friday 6 MARCH	
Location	Weasley Uniting Church	
Address	Duke Street	
Time	10.00 am	
Contact	MARIAN 0428 412 825	

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. - CHANGE OF DATE AND TIME - A contemplative prayer service is held in the Lady Chapel every Wednesday at 10:45am. 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 usually takes less than an hour. 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.

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

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

Our AMP will be held on Sunday 22nd February 2026 after the 9:30am service

The following parishioners have been nominated for Parish Council:

Peter FitzGibbon

Philippa Milne

Kevin Prince

Shelley Russell

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

Please pray for those called to serve as Parish Councillors.

God our Creator,
when you speak there is light and life.
We thank you for our brothers and sisters nominated
to serve on Parish Council, and ask that
you touch with your Holy Spirit the hearts and minds of those
called to serve, so that they may clearly know,
that it is your will at work.
May your will be clear for the subsequent election
During our annual meeting,
fill us with your Holy Spirit
so that we may listen to one another,
speak the truth in love,
and bear much fruit in the service of your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Thank you and Blessings

Revd Karen

This month's Mission of the Month is Anglican Board of Mission (ABM)

The information below has been sourced from the ABM website, for more in depth detail please go to <https://www.abmission.org> They are active in many countries and the work they do is truly inspiring.

Anglican Board of Mission is the national mission agency for the Anglican Church. It is the channel through which Australian Anglicans participate in mission, both here and overseas. Anglicans in Development is wholly-owned by ABM, and operates ABM's Sustainable Communities program, working with church partners to deliver grassroots, community-driven development, and disaster preparedness and response. We want to see people everywhere experience the wholeness of life God offers in Jesus Christ, and to this end we support our partners as they participate in God's mission.



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 March at 9.30am in the Lady Chapel.

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