# St. John's
## Anglican Church Albany
## Consecrated 1848.

**Sunday 15th March 2026**
**Fourth Sunday in Lent**

## Sentence of the Day

**'I am the light of the world,' says the Lord; 'those who follow me will have the light of life.'**

**John 8.12**

## Collect

**Gracious God,
in order that we children of earth
might discern good from evil
you sent your Son to be the light of the world:
as the light of Christ shines upon us,
may we learn what pleases you,
and live in truth and goodness;
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.**

## Prayer of the Week

**Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new:
transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of our nature
by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives
make known your heavenly glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Today's Readings

### 1st Reading 1 Samuel 16.1-13

1 The Lord said to Samuel, 'How long will you
grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being
king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set
out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite,
for I have provided for myself a king among his
sons.' 2 Samuel said, 'How can I go? If Saul
hears of it, he will kill me.' And the Lord said,
'Take a heifer with you, and say, "I have come to
sacrifice to the Lord." 3 Invite Jesse to the
sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do;
and you shall anoint for me the one whom I
name to you.' 4 Samuel did what the
LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The
elders of the city came to meet him trembling,
and said, 'Do you come peaceably?' 5 He said,
'Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord;
sanctify yourselves and come with me to the
sacrifice.' And he sanctified Jesse and his sons
and invited them to the sacrifice. 6 When they
came, he looked on Eliab and thought, 'Surely
the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord.' 7 But
the Lord said to Samuel, 'Do not look on his
appearance or on the height of his stature,
because I have rejected him; for the Lord does
not see as mortals see; they look on the outward
appearance, but the Lord looks on the
heart.' 8 Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made
him pass before Samuel. He said, 'Neither has
the Lord chosen this one.' 9 Then Jesse made
Shammah pass by. And he said, 'Neither has
the Lord chosen this one.' 10 Jesse made seven
of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel
said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen any of
these.' 11 Samuel said to Jesse, 'Are all your
sons here?' And he said, 'There remains yet the
youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.' And
Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send and bring him; for
we will not sit down until he comes here.' 12 He
sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and
had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The
Lord said, 'Rise and anoint him; for this is the
one.' 13 Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and
anointed him in the presence of his brothers;
and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon
David from that day forward. Samuel then set
out and went to Ramah.

### 2nd Reading Ephesians 5.8-14

8 For once you were darkness, but now in the
Lord you are light. Live as children of light—
9 for the fruit of the light is found in all that is
good and right and true.
10 Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord.
11 Take no part in the unfruitful works of
darkness, but instead expose them.
12 For it is shameful even to mention what such
people do secretly;
13 but everything exposed by the light becomes
visible,
14 for everything that becomes visible is light.
Therefore it says,
'Sleeper, awake!
Rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.'

### Gospel Reading John 9.1-41

1 As he walked along, he saw a man blind from
birth. 2 His disciples asked him, 'Rabbi, who
sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born
blind?' 3 Jesus answered, 'Neither this man nor
his parents sinned; he was born blind so that
God's works might be revealed in him. 4 We
must work the works of him who sent me while it
is day; night is coming when no one can
work. 5 As long as I am in the world, I am the
light of the world.' 6 When he had said this, he
spat on the ground and made mud with the
saliva and spread the mud on the man's
eyes, 7 saying to him, 'Go, wash in the pool of
Siloam' (which means Sent). Then he went and
washed and came back able to see. 8 The
neighbours and those who had seen him before
as a beggar began to ask, 'Is this not the man
who used to sit and beg?' 9 Some were saying,
'It is he.' Others were saying, 'No, but it is
someone like him.' He kept saying, 'I am the
man.' 10 But they kept asking him, 'Then how
were your eyes opened?' 11 He answered, 'The
man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my
eyes, and said to me, "Go to Siloam and wash."
Then I went and washed and received my
sight.' 12 They said to him, 'Where is he?' He
said, 'I do not know.' 13 They brought to the
Pharisees the man who had formerly been
blind. 14 Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus
made the mud and opened his eyes. 15 Then the
Pharisees also began to ask him how he had
received his sight. He said to them, 'He put mud
on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I
see.' 16 Some of the Pharisees said, 'This man is
not from God, for he does not observe the
sabbath.' But others said, 'How can a man who
is a sinner perform such signs?' And they were
divided. 17 So they said again to the blind man,
'What do you say about him? It was your eyes
he opened.' He said, 'He is a prophet.' 18 The
Jews did not believe that he had been blind and
had received his sight until they called the
parents of the man who had received his
sight 19 and asked them, 'Is this your son, who
you say was born blind? How then does he now
see?' 20 His parents answered, 'We know that

this is our son, and that he was born blind; [21] but
we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do
we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of
age. He will speak for himself.' [22] His parents said
this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the
Jews had already agreed that anyone who
confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put
out of the synagogue. [23] Therefore his parents
said, 'He is of age; ask him.' [24] So for the second
time they called the man who had been blind, and
they said to him, 'Give glory to God! We know that
this man is a sinner.' [25] He answered, 'I do not
know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know,
that though I was blind, now I see.' [26] They said to
him, 'What did he do to you? How did he open
your eyes?' [27] He answered them, 'I have told you
already, and you would not listen. Why do you
want to hear it again? Do you also want to
become his disciples?' [28] Then they reviled him,
saying, 'You are his disciple, but we are disciples
of Moses. [29] We know that God has spoken to
Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where
he comes from.' [30] The man answered, 'Here is
an astonishing thing! You do not know where he
comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. [31] We
know that God does not listen to sinners, but he
does listen to one who worships him and obeys
his will. [32] Never since the world began has it
been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a
person born blind. [33] If this man were not from
God, he could do nothing.' [34] They answered him,
'You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying
to teach us?' And they drove him out. [35] Jesus
heard that they had driven him out, and when he
found him, he said, 'Do you believe in the Son of
Man?' [36] He answered, 'And who is he, sir? Tell
me, so that I may believe in him.' [37] Jesus said to
him, 'You have seen him, and the one speaking
with you is he.' [38] He said, 'Lord, I believe.' And he
worshipped him. [39] Jesus said, 'I came into this
world for judgement so that those who do not see
may see, and those who do see may become
blind.' [40] Some of the Pharisees near him heard
this and said to him, 'Surely we are not blind, are
we?' [41] Jesus said to them, 'If you were blind, you
would not have sin. But now that you say, "We
see", your sin remains.

*The Psalm for today is Psalm 23*

[1] The Lord is my shepherd:
therefore can I lack nothing.
[2] He will make me lie down in green pastures:
and lead me beside still waters.
[3] He will refresh my soul:
and guide me in right pathways for his name's sake.
[4] Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil:
for you are with me, your rod and your staff comfort me.
[5] You spread a table before me
in the face of those who trouble me:
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup shall be full.
[6] Surely your goodness and loving-kindness
will follow me all the days of my life:
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

*Next Sunday's Readings*

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| *1st Reading Ezekiel 37.1-14* | *P829* |
| *2nd Reading Romans 8.6-11* | *P150* |
| *Gospel Reading John 11.1-45* | *P99* |

| HYMNS – EUCHARIST SETTING DUDMAN TIS 756 | | |
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| | 8am | 9.30am |
| Introit | | 224 |
| Gradual | 145 | 145 |
| Offertory | 398 | 398 |
| Recessional | 569 | 569 |

**Children's Church is available at our 9:30am service. This week's Children's Talk is 'Jesus Heals a Blind Man'.**

Hello Dear Friends

I pray that you are enjoying the Autumn weather and our Lenten journey. This Sunday is the fourth in Lent and Mothering Sunday. We are encouraged to pray for our cathedral as our Mother Church today, as well as our mothers.

*Loving God,*

*On this day of celebrating your love, we lift to you those who have given us life, those who have loved us, those who have blessed us, and those who have taught us - our mothers.*
*May your blessing pour out upon the woman who give us birth, and to those beautiful, strong women of faith who have been mothers to us along our journey.*
*We praise you, O God, for your gift of motherly love, both gentle and fierce, both strong and humble, both kind and true.*
*Where we have been so blessed, we give our grateful praise, for you have provided loving hands that have worked so hard in raising us, cared enough to correct us, blessed us in ways we cannot have fully known as children.*
*We call forth your compassion upon every mother who has unknowingly caused pain and suffering. And so we lift to you our mothers, so imperfect, also so wounded by this world.*
*We lift to you the heart of every mother who has watched a child die from hunger or been the victim of abuse. We lift to you the prayer of every mother who has ever loved and lost.*
*We give thanks for our mothers. Amen*

Our sentence today gives us the promise of light. We pray to live in truth and goodness. Our Old Testament reading sees Samuel being sent to Bethlehem, to meet Jesse and David the shepherd is anointed. The Psalm today is the 23rd - perhaps the most well-known Psalm of all - The Lord is my Shepherd!!! A psalm of David, and of confidence in God's grace and care. Paul writes to the Ephesians, telling them they are children of light - they are to live in the light - he warns against several sins.

In the Gospel story Jesus gives the gift of sight to a man born blind - we hear of the result of this miracle and the consequences for many. Since many of us have not experienced blindness, we might think that the Gospel story has no relevance for us. But it's precisely because we can see that it has relevance for us. The question is: how well do we see?

The blind man in the Gospel story saw more than the religious leaders, in the sense that he had more faith in Jesus than they had. The Pharisees probably had perfect eyesight: yet they had no faith in Jesus. To see well: good eyesight alone is not enough. We must not think that blindness is an illness that affects the eyes only. There are many forms of blindness besides physical blindness: and in some ways these are just as crippling:

Selfishness: blinds us to the needs of others
Insensitivity: blinds us to the hurt we're causing to others
Snobbery: blinds us to the equal dignity of others
Pride: blinds us to our own faults
Hurry: blinds us to the beauty of the world around
Materialism: blinds us to spiritual values
Superficiality: blinds us to a person's true worth and causes us to judge by appearances

It is not with the eyes only that we see. We also 'see' with the mind, the heart, and the imagination. A narrow mind, a small heart, an impoverished imagination – all of these lead to a loss of vision, darken our lives, and shrink our world.
It has been said that the greatest tragedy is not to be born blind, but to have eyes, and yet fail to see. But there is an even worse situation: to have eyes and refuse to see. The latter was the situation of the Pharisees.

And of course, the most important eyes of all: are the eyes of faith. The Gospel story is essentially a faith story – the story of a man who came to faith in Jesus. The climax of the story is where the man makes a profession of faith: 'Lord, I believe'.

While the blind man opened more and more to the light of faith, the Pharisees, though physically sighted, became progressively more and more spiritually blind. And their blindness was a wilful blindness – the refusal to see!

The man's journey from blindness to sight symbolises the journey from unbelief to faith, which is a journey from darkness to light. Physical sight is a wonderful gift which we should never take for granted. But faith is a deeper and more wonderful kind of seeing.

Paul says to the Ephesians, 'Once you were in darkness, but now you are light in the Lord' .Without faith we are in deep night, and do not know where we are going.

Those who have been enlightened by Christ: can never again see themselves and their lives in the same light as before. Everything is lit up with an inner radiance. Faith helps us to find our way through the chaos, confusion and darkness of the world.

The real voyage of discovery consists not in seeking new landscapes: but in having new eyes that see all that Almighty God wants us to see.

God Bless

Karen

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.

***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.

**Mothers Union Monthly Prayer**

**Called by God to be a global family of prayer, action, and service, may God bless us with:**

*** hands to comfort,**

*** a Holy anger at oppression seeking justice,**

*** a restless discomfort with easy answers, sot that we can seek the truth boldly**

*** enough foolishness to believe that we really can make a difference in this world.**

**So we are called, with God's grace to do what others claim cannot be done. Amen.**

## HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES 2026

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| Palm Sunday 29th March | 8am | Holy Communion |
| | 9.30am | Holy Communion |
| Tuesday 31st March | 6am | Combined Churches Prayer Meeting |
| | 12.30pm | Holy Communion |
| | 6pm | Tenebrae Service |
| Maundy Thursday 2nd April | 6pm | Commemoration of The Last Supper, Foot Washing, Stripping of the Altar and The Watch. |
| Good Friday 3rd April | 9am | Solemn Service |
| | 12pm | "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 | Holy Communion |
| | 9.30am | 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

## Bunbury Diocese Mothers Union

*Joining the dots….*

*God, Church, Community*

# 2026 ALBANY
# LADY DAY FESTIVAL

## Friday 20th March 2026

REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE
**From** 9.00 in Parish Hall

EUCHARIST
10.00 St John's Albany (York St)

FELLOWSHIP AND REFRESHMENTS
AVAILABLE AFTER THE SERVICE

ANGLICAN
MOTHERS UNION
AUSTRALIA

**RSVP numbers by**
**Friday 13th March**
**Wendy Minchin, Albany Branch Secretary**
Phone: 0428 858 024
Email: **wendyminchin1@gmail.com**

# "Amber Downs Soul Care in 2026"

**Contemplative Retreat, Quiet Days and Spiritual Direction in a rural setting.**
*(From July 2026, Pastoral Supervision will also be offered.)*

Amber Downs is a family home with a guest wing offering hospitality for contemplative retreat and quiet days. The guest wing has a double and a single bedroom, (both with an en suite), a private reading room and a kitchenette for preparing breakfast or tea and coffee breaks. The large retreat garden has a labyrinth, swimming pool and spaces for contemplation. The property adjoins a bush reserve.

***"Hospitality is a gift from God to share with others"***

### What is a Contemplative Retreat?

A retreat is a sacred time for getting away from the busyness of life to grow your relationship with God. Contemplative retreat at Amber Downs is an invitation to stay for a few nights and listen to God in whatever way suits your journey. Contemplative retreats are self-directed; however resources are available for those who would like some direction or creative activity. Guests are encouraged to bring their own breakfast and enjoy an uninterrupted morning. A simple lunch and evening meal is provided, on a tray inside, a picnic outside or kitchen table hospitality. Donations are gratefully received but not obligatory.

### What is a Quiet Day?

Scheduled contemplative quiet days during Eastertide and late Spring are an opportunity to join others in corporate solitude. Email packs or ZOOM is an option. There is no cost for quiet days at Amber Downs.
You may prefer to organise a quiet day for a group in your own community. Vicki is happy to provide resources and can attend if asked to facilitate the group. A small fee helps to cover travel costs.

### What is Spiritual Direction?

Spiritual direction or spiritual companionship is 'soul care' and takes place when one person accompanies another in their unique life journey, attentive to the presence and movement of the divine manifesting in everyday life. A spiritual director explores with the person seeking spiritual direction how the divine is working in their life. Vicki is a trained spiritual director and member of the Australian Network of Spiritual Directors (ANSD). Spiritual direction and companionship can be face to face but also electronically via ZOOM, phone and email. Regular spiritual direction sessions lasting an hour are offered as well as intentional spiritual companionship in times of transition or challenge. There is no cost involved.

### What is Pastoral Supervision?

Supervision for pastoral workers such as Clergy, Chaplains, Spiritual Directors and Pastoral Carers is an important tool for employers to ensure they support pastoral workers to remain sensitive to vulnerable people in their care. Supervision provides a safe space to discuss role, context, values and workplace expectations. Formal supervision for employees, who provide pastoral care to others, is usually a requirement with sessions paid for by the employer. In July this year Vicki will be a qualified Professional Supervisor, adopting a contemplative approach to supervise pastoral workers.

***Contact Vicki Webb on 0429 323 025 or va.webb@bigpond.com***

# *Contemplative Quiet Days at Amber Downs in 2026*

*You are always welcome to arrange a personal quiet day or overnight retreat at Amber Downs for a time that suits you, however two contemplative quiet days are scheduled this year for those who like to be in solitude with others. The morning will be simple with a time of welcome before morning prayer and contemplation. Arrive by 9.30 am for a quick cuppa and catch up or by 10 am ready for the short morning prayer and contemplation. You then remain in silence for as long as you wish. There will be snacks available throughout the day, and I am happy to offer lunch to those wishing to share experiences or stay in silence for the afternoon. However, you may prefer to bring your own lunch and remain in solitude for the whole day.*

*This year Amber Downs quiet days will be contemplative, with an option to participate via ZOOM or an emailed package; either at home or as a group in your community.*

*My prayer is for a contemplative approach to refresh your relationship with God.*

## Save the Dates – Eastertide and Late Spring 2026

Eastertide Quiet Day

**'Knowing'**

**Saturday May 9th, 2026, at Amber Downs - 9.30 for a 10 am start.**

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Spring Quiet Day

**'Preparing"**

**Saturday November 7th, 2026, at Amber Downs - 9.30 for a 10 am start.**

*Further information and registration will be sent closer to the dates.*

*Every Blessing, Vicki*

*Contact Vicki Webb on 0429 323 025 or va.webb@bigpond.com*

**Upcoming Meetings and Events**

**Martha's Soup Kitchen** - Monday 12pm-1pm.
**Parish Council Meeting** - Tues., 17th Mar. in the D/W Hall at 5.30pm.

**Lenten Studies -** Group Meetings for 2026 are held each Thursday til March 26th at 3pm. I encourage us all to follow the Joy Lenten Study with copies of this available from the parish office and Church entrance (Voluntary cost $10). We will also look at the daily readings and reflections at the end of Morning Prayer live-streams. Revd. Karen

**Shoe Box Update - March 2026**

Dear parishioners,
I can now tell you that all the Christmas Shoe boxes sent from Western Australia last November were sent to the **Philippines. A total of 25,343,** and **Worldwide an incredible total of 12,205,900 of which from Australia and New Zealand combined a total of 212,401**.
With the excellent contribution of 25,000 plus from WA a big 'Thank you' of recognition has just come from Samaritans Purse.
From this year, the warehouse arrangements have all been closed, and all boxes that we send to Perth will now be sent immediately straight to Sydney for processing.
The contents of the boxes will be just the same as usual, no change on the items we place in them, and they will stay as the donator has supplied.
We are being requested to ensure that all boxed items are good to go, (no second or already used items to be included) and to try to increase our total of boxes if possible.
At St Johns we are currently collecting items and postage funding, and the response is already looking good for an increase on last year's total of 111. I have placed a list of items still needed, both in the porch and on the notice board in the hall.
However, if anyone has a question regarding any of the items you can ring me on my Mob.No. 0409 447 960. John and I will be away for a couple of weeks but messages can be left on the phone, or at the Church Office, and postage contributions can also be left at the office.
Thank you for all the contributions received so far and I will keep you informed of the progress and dates for box completion.
Regards Ethel Halliday 12th March 2026
St John's representative for Operation Christmas Child.

**Upcoming Cruise Ship Visit:** The Viking Orion (approx. passenger capacity of 930) is due to dock in Albany from 7am-5pm on Saturday, 21 March. We wish all a very happy visit to Albany and safe sailing.

**Combined Churches Prayer Meetings** are again being held as we approach Easter and Alpha Courses. They are well attended and a wonderful way to pray together for our city and people
Tuesday 17th March - Living Water **6am**
Tuesday 24th March - Albany Baptist Church **6am**
Tuesday 31st March - St John's **6am**

**Parish & Community Presentations: Wed 8 July**

We can all support the prevention of family and domestic violence whether or not we are likely to experience violence in our own lives.

Facilitated by Anglicare WA, the Standing Together presentation provides an opportunity to grow a shared awareness and understanding of family and domestic violence, what drives its prevalence and how as a community we can participate in its prevention.

**When:** Wednesday 8 July, 1.30pm
**Where:** Dorothy Wood Hall, St Johns Anglican Church York Street, Albany
**Who can attend:** Welcoming all local community members (Over 18 years)

**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 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 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***

**Mission of The Month for March is Church Mission Society of Australia (CMS).**
The CMS was founded in 1799 in England. Two of the founding members were John Newton, an Anglican priest who was formerly the captain of a slave ship, (he wrote Amazing Grace); and William Wilberforce who led the movement to abolish slavery. Together with others Wilberforce succeeded in stopping the slave trade in England. They were both part of a group of Evangelicals with a passion for spreading the Good News of the gospel worldwide.
CMS in the UK took a particular interest in Australia, especially the Aboriginal community. At that time (1825) most of the action was in Sydney where a CMS outpost was established. The first Missionaries from the UK arrived soon after. From Sydney they ventured further afield; the first overseas missionaries from Australia went to Sri Lanka (Ceylon as it then was) in 1892.
The CMS branches in Australia eventually combined to form The Church Missionary Society of Australia. Since then Australia has sent Missionaries to many countries.
As stated on the CMS Australia website their mission is:
· To reach gospel-poor peoples for Christ
· Equip Christians as leaders in the Church and the world.
· To engage churches in cross-cultural mission.
For further detail please go to the CMS website https://www.cms.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:**

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| **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 9th of April at 9.30am in the Lady Chapel.**

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