



St. John's Anglican Church Albany Consecrated 1848.

Sunday 22nd March 2026
Fifth Sunday in Lent



Sentence of the Day

'I am the resurrection and the life,' says the Lord; 'whoever lives and believes in me shall never die.'

John 11.25–26

Collect

Life-giving God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death: breathe upon us with the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ, and serve you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Prayer of the Week

We thank you, heavenly Father, that you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: We pray that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his presence abiding in us he may raise us to joys eternal; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Today's Readings

1st Reading Ezekiel 37.1-14

¹ The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ² He led me all round them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³ He said to me, 'Mortal, can these bones live?' I answered, 'O Lord God, you know.' ⁴ Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. ⁵ Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶ I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord.' ⁷ So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸ I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. ⁹ Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.' ¹⁰ I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. ¹¹ Then he said to me, 'Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, "Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely." ¹² Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³ And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴ I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord.'

2nd Reading Romans 8.6-11

⁶ To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷ For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, ⁸ and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. ⁹ But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰ But if Christ is

in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹ If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Gospel Reading John 11.1-45

¹ Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ² Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. ³ So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, 'Lord, he whom you love is ill.' ⁴ But when Jesus heard it, he said, 'This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.' ⁵ Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, ⁶ after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. ⁷ Then after this he said to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judea again.' ⁸ The disciples said to him, 'Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?' ⁹ Jesus answered, 'Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. ¹⁰ But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.' ¹¹ After saying this, he told them, 'Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.' ¹² The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.' ¹³ Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. ¹⁴ Then Jesus told them plainly, 'Lazarus is dead. ¹⁵ For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.' ¹⁶ Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow-disciples, 'Let us also go, that we may die with him.' ¹⁷ When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. ¹⁸ Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, ¹⁹ and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. ²⁰ When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. ²¹ Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²² But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.' ²³ Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' ²⁴ Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' ²⁵ Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection

and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live,²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?²⁷ She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.'²⁸ When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, 'The Teacher is here and is calling for you.'²⁹ And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him.³⁰ Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him.³¹ The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there.³² When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.'³³ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved.³⁴ He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.'³⁵ Jesus began to weep.³⁶ So the Jews

said, 'See how he loved him!'³⁷ But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?'³⁸ Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it.³⁹ Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.'⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?'⁴¹ So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me.⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.'⁴³ When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!'⁴⁴ The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'⁴⁵ Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

The Psalm for today is Psalm 130

¹ Out of the depths have I called to you,
O Lord:
Lord, hear my voice;
² O let your ears consider well:
the voice of my supplication.
³ If you, Lord, should note what we do
wrong:
who then, O Lord, could stand?
⁴ But there is forgiveness with you:
so that you shall be feared.
⁵ I wait for the Lord, my soul waits for
him:

and in his word is my hope.
⁶ My soul looks for the Lord:
more than watchmen for the
morning,
more, I say, than watchmen for
the morning.
⁷ O Israel, trust in the Lord, for with the
Lord there is mercy:
and with him is ample
redemption.
⁸ He will redeem Israel:
from the multitude of their sins.

Next Sunday's Readings

1st Reading Isaiah 50.4-9a
2nd Reading Philippians 2.5-11
Gospel Reading Matthew 27.11-54

P697
P189
P30

HYMNS – EUCHARIST SETTING
DUDMAN TIS 756

	8am	9.30am
Introit		154
Gradual	407	407
Offertory	584	584
Recessional	380	380

**Children's Church is available
at our 9:30am service. This
week's Children's Talk is
'Jesus Raises Lazarus From
the Dead'.**

Hello Dear Friends

I pray you have had a good week. We find ourselves, ever so quickly at the Fifth Sunday in Lent and the end of March - Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter is just around the corner.

Today we hear in the sentence, the greatest statement of truth! The promise of eternal life and we pray to serve in holiness and righteousness through the power of the holy spirit.

All three readings for today prepare us then for the events of Easter weekend: all three readings concern death and the promise of resurrection to newness of life.

Ezekiel's vision of the valley of dry bones. "Mortal: can these bones live", asks the Lord. "You alone know", wisely replies the prophet. Jerusalem had been ransacked and the Temple destroyed and years later Ezekiel is at their rebuilding.

Psalms 130 starts with the words "Out of the depths, I cry to you. Let our ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications." So often the Psalms encourage and enable us to tell God about our fears and failures, our hurts and sadness, our confusion and exhaustion.

Romans 8 contrasts the shortcomings of our mortal weaknesses with the sheer power of God's Holy Spirit, the same power that raised Jesus Christ from the dead, and gives "life and peace".

John 11 is the astonishing raising of Lazarus and the powerful shortest verse in the Bible: "Jesus began to weep" that speaks volumes about the Son of God's compassion for those who mourn.

Our Gospel reminded me that as we are created in the image of God and as God is a community in the Trinity, everybody needs friends – even Jesus. In the village of Bethany Jesus had three very special friends – the sisters, Martha and Mary, and their brother, Lazarus. Their house remained open to him when many other houses were being closed against him.

When Lazarus got sick, it was only natural that the first one the two sisters should turn to for help was Jesus. They send an urgent message to him, couched in language calculated to appeal to his heart. It said simply, 'Lord, the man you love is ill'. Their hope was that he would drop everything and come and cure him.

But surprisingly Jesus did not drop everything and rush to the bedside of his dying friend. Instead, he stayed on where he was for two whole days. We don't know why. His delay in coming must have been heartbreaking for the sisters. Right in front of their eyes their brother's life was ebbing away. And the one they believed could do something about it wasn't there.

Well, Lazarus died. The Gospel shows the desolation his death caused to Martha and Mary. Of the two, Mary seems to have been the worst affected. She

wouldn't even leave the house. While they had sympathetic people around them, the one they most wanted to be with them was not there. Jesus, their friend and the friend of Lazarus, was absent. And when he finally came, they suggested that he could have prevented this death 'Lord, if you had been here, our brother would not have died'.

The desolation experienced by Martha and Mary is one many of us have experienced. And when something bad happens to us or to a loved one, we can't help thinking that if God really cared about us, if he really loved us, then he wouldn't have allowed this thing to happen. We feel abandoned by God. We feel he has left us alone.

So, what can we do? Well, we could try to imitate Martha, because she got it right! The story presents her as a model of faith. In her hour of grief, she ran to the Lord and poured out her sorrow to him. And when he challenged her to believe, she made a wonderful profession of faith: 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into the world'.

What we have to do then is to turn to God. We have to go on praying, to go on believing in God. Neither a good life, nor a close relationship with God, will necessarily save a person from a tragic death. Jesus never promised an easy life. In the face of our pain, all we can do is commend ourselves to God, and abandon ourselves to his care.

When we suffer: it seems as though God is absent. But when we pray, we come to realise that God is not absent but is present in our suffering. God is with us as our hope in adversity, and our strength in weakness.

The story shows Jesus as a faithful friend. It shows that even in death we are not beyond the reach of his help. He didn't leave Martha and Mary to grieve alone. He came to them at the height of their grief, shared their sorrow, and gave them hope by announcing eternal life to those who believe in him.

He does not leave us alone either. He surrounds us with the love and support of our Church community. And he challenges us to have faith in himself: 'I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will never die. To believe doesn't mean that we know all the answers.

Jesus understands the anguish caused by death. He experienced it himself. He overcame death, not by avoiding it, but by undergoing it and overcoming it. Thus, he has become a pathfinder and a beacon of hope for us. But more than that: he gives us the assurance of life beyond death, and he provides for us the promise of Eternal Life, in him.

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 Sydney- Archbishop - Kanishka Raffel (Cailey), Bishops Peter Lin (Georges River), Chris Edwards (North Sydney), Peter Hayward (Wollongong), Gary Koo (Western Region), Michael Stead (South Sydney), clergy and people.

The Parish of Oyster Harbour - Living Water Anglican Church - Priest-in-Charge Revd. Shane Marques, wife Heidi, Assisting Clergy Revd. Brent Findlay, wife Sue, Rev. Allyson Charles, husband Richard, Revd. Richard Goetz, wife Tammy, Revd. Dorothy Bailey, Revd. Audrey Payne, Revd. Allan Taylor and wife Betty.

Please pray for:

*Unity of heart and mind in the love of Jesus and his gospel as we serve him and Albany this year. Ask God for boldness of conviction and gentleness of compassion as we proclaim Jesus Christ; his death on the cross for the forgiveness of sins and his resurrection from the dead for everlasting life.

*Community Store and Good Life Community Garden to continue to flourish in reaching out and bringing hope and connection to people in whatever life situation they may be.

*To bless and increase ministry with children and families as we seek to build healthy communities through Jesus centred families.

Diocesan Ministry - The Stirling Deanery. Area Dean - Revd. Cn. Karen Cave.

For the World:

* All involved in the transport industry: air, sea, rail and road.

* That all governments will stand up to people trafficking and put an end to it.

* Those who work in men's and women's refuge centres and those who use them.

Anglican Church of Kenya - Diocese of Kapsabet

St Paul's Theological College - Principal - Revd. Elizabeth Cheruiyot, Deputy Principal/ Academic Dean - Revd. Kizito Anjononi, Dean of Students and Liturgy - Revd. Peter Lawrence Oindi.

Please pray for those doing research in various fields that their findings may be useful in their areas of study and thus bring noticeable change.

Diocesan Ministry - Pray for the Diocesan Boards so that they may be wise in decision making for the ministry.

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, so 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

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 2 nd 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

On Sunday 26th April 2026 we celebrate Padre White Sunday.

Padre White began the day with a Holy Eucharist at dawn, the time that the convoys left in 1914. Following that service he led parishioners to the summit of Mount Clarence, where they watched a wreath tossed by a boatman into the King George Sound float out to sea. Padre White believed that, "Anyone could lay a wreath on a monument, but here was something beautiful about dropping the wreath in the sea in memory of all those who made their last contact with Australia here." We continue that tradition and honour the legacy of Padre White.

6.00am Holy Communion Dawn Service
Followed by a walk (or drive) to Padre White's lookout for prayers and placing of wreath in the sound.

10.00am Combined Congregation Holy Communion



Let's stand together to create healthy relationships and a community where everyone feels respected and safe



Standing Together is an Anglicare WA initiative offering free one-hour presentations on the signs and drivers of family & domestic violence and how as a community we can work together to prevent it.

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)

"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.

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.

Lenten Studies - The final group Lenten study will be held next Thursday March 26th at 3pm. We also continue to 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 Crown Princess (approx. passenger capacity of 3080) is due to dock in Albany from 3.30am-4pm on Monday, 30 March. We wish all a very happy visit to Albany and safe sailing.

Bicentennial Fete Reminder - October or November are months away but wont take long

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 24th March - Albany Baptist Church **6am**
Tuesday 31st March - St John's **6am**

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

YouthCARE Opportunity - On Tuesday lunchtimes, starting next term, Albany Primary School is seeking a team of volunteers to deliver Everyday Matters - YouthCARE's Christian Values Education program. This program combines Bible stories, games and activities to teach values from a faith perspective, and allows these volunteers to be God's love and presence in the school.

What happens every week?

The lunchtime sessions are 30 minutes long, and with the curriculum and activities provided by YouthCARE, preparation for each lesson is typically less than an hour a week.

What does it cost?

All training, curriculum and ongoing support is provided free to volunteers by YouthCARE. Information videos can be viewed at www.youthcare.org.au/cve/everyday-matters/overview.

How do I become an Everyday Matters volunteer?

Becoming an Everyday Matters volunteer is a straightforward process involving:

- * Applying online: <https://youthcare.org.au/cve-volunteer-applications>.
- * Attending a one-day training session.
- * With their assistance, obtaining the necessary clearances required for volunteering in a school (Working with Children's Check and the Dept of Education NCCHC).

What curriculum would be used?

Everyday Matters curriculum - If you'd like to see the curriculum, there is a sample online for you to see: www.youthcare.org.au/cve/everyday-matters/for-schools. If you have more questions, please don't hesitate to contact Pastoral Care Manager, Steve Fisher on 0428 959 766 or their Volunteer Coordinator - Wendy Jensen on 0418 478 214 or volunteer@youthcare.org.au

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,

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

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:

- * Egg cartons
- * 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

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:

Sunday 8:00am

Sunday 9.30am

Sunday 7.00pm

Tuesday 12.30 pm

Monday - Friday

Sung Eucharist with Hymns

Live streamed sung Eucharist with Hymns

Live Streamed Compline

Eucharist

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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