



St. John's Anglican Church Albany Consecrated 1848.

Sunday 29th March 2026
Palm Sunday



Sentence of the Day

'At the name of Jesus, every knee shall bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.'

Philippians 2.10–11

Collect

Everlasting God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son to take our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross: in your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Prayer of the Week

Almighty and everlasting God, of your tender love towards us you sent your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, to take upon him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all should follow the example of his great humility: mercifully grant that we may both follow the example of his patience, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Today's Readings

1st Reading Isaiah 50.4-9a

⁴ The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word.
Morning by morning he wakens— wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught.
⁵ The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backwards.
⁶ I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.
⁷ The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; ⁸ he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me.
⁹ It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty? All of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

2nd Reading Philippians 2.5-11

⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷ but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸ he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.
⁹ Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Reading Matthew 27.11-54

¹¹ Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' Jesus said, 'You say so.'
¹² But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer.
¹³ Then Pilate said to him, 'Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?' ¹⁴ But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.
¹⁵ Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted.
¹⁶ At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas.
¹⁷ So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, 'Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?' ¹⁸ For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over.
¹⁹ While he was sitting on the judgement seat, his wife sent word to him, 'Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him.'
²⁰ Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed.
²¹ The governor again said to them, 'Which of the two do you want me to release for you?' And they said, 'Barabbas.'
²² Pilate said to them, 'Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?' All of them said, 'Let him be crucified!'
²³ Then he asked, 'Why, what evil has he done?' But they shouted all the more, 'Let him be crucified!'
²⁴ So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, 'I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves.'
²⁵ Then the people as a whole answered, 'His blood be on us and on our children!'
²⁶ So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.
²⁷ Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him.
²⁸ They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, ²⁹ and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying, 'Hail, King of the Jews!'
³⁰ They spat on him, and took the reed and struck

him on the head.
³¹ After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.
³² As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross.
³³ And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull),
³⁴ they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it.
³⁵ And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots;
³⁶ then they sat down there and kept watch over him.
³⁷ Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, 'This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.'
³⁸ Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left.
³⁹ Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads
⁴⁰ and saying, 'You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.'
⁴¹ In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying,
⁴² 'He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him.'

⁴³ He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, "I am God's Son."
⁴⁴ The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.
⁴⁵ From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon.
⁴⁶ And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, 'Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?' that is, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?'
⁴⁷ When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, 'This man is calling for Elijah.'
⁴⁸ At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink.
⁴⁹ But the others said, 'Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.'
⁵⁰ Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last.
⁵¹ At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split.
⁵² The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised.
⁵³ After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many.
⁵⁴ Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, 'Truly this man was God's Son!'

The Psalm for today is Psalm 31, Verses 9-18

⁹ Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am in trouble:
my eye wastes away for grief,
my throat also and my inward parts.
¹⁰ For my life wears out in sorrow,
and my years with sighing:
my strength fails me in my affliction,
and my bones are consumed.
¹¹ I am become the scorn of all my enemies:
and my neighbours wag their heads in derision.
¹² I am a thing of horror to my friends:
and those that see me in the street shrink from me.
¹³ I am forgotten like one dead and out of

mind:
I have become like a broken vessel.
¹⁴ For I hear the whispering of many:
and fear is on every side;
¹⁵ While they plot together against me:
and scheme to take away my life.
¹⁶ But in you, Lord, have I put my trust:
I have said 'You are my God.'
¹⁷ All my days are in your hand:
O deliver me from the power of my enemies
and from my persecutors.
¹⁸ Make your face to shine upon your servant:
and save me for your mercy's sake.

Next Sunday's Readings

1st Reading Acts 10.34-43 P122
2nd Reading Colossians 3.1-4 P193
Gospel Reading Matthew 28.1-10 P31

**HYMNS – EUCHARIST SETTING
DUDMAN TIS 756**

| | 8am | 9.30am |
|--------------------|------------|------------|
| Introit | | 348 |
| Gradual | 341 | 341 |
| Offertory | 231 | 231 |
| Recessional | 333 | 333 |

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

Dear Friends,

I pray you have had a good week and are keeping safe and well. We are beginning our journey through the holiest week of the year. Each day is even called Holy. This is the week we remember the events of our Lord's passion and death. It truly is a sacred time of year for us all.

Our Sentence today talks of EVERY knee bending at the name of Jesus and we pray collectively to be as obedient to God's laws as Jesus was. And in our readings, Isaiah prophesies the sufferings and exaltation of the Messiah. Our psalm is appropriately a prayer for mercy when in trouble and Paul writes to the Philippians describing the example of Christ - both divine and human. Our Gospel today is the account of Christ's Passion.

Today - Palm Sunday is also known as the Sunday of the Passion. It has two names because we hear two gospel readings today. We hear both the account of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem and the account of Jesus' trial, suffering and crucifixion. 'Passion' means 'suffering' so when we speak of the Passion of Christ, we are referring to the suffering of Jesus.

So, as we read these two accounts the under-riding and almost unnoticed theme of both of them is power, and more specifically who holds the power. There is irony in the readings because one's understanding of who is holding power will depend on what one defines 'power' to be.

There's the power of political rulers; one based on might and strength and force. Then there is the power that Jesus holds, one based on love and humility and servanthood. The first kind is worldly and the second, Godly.

Throughout the Passion narrative we see fear and bloodshed and use of corrupt worldly power, but we also see that Godly Power won the day.

The Passion and Resurrection of Jesus changed everything in that Jesus revealed God's power – love and humility and servanthood. When Jesus exercised that power, the world was a different place, and the world knew it. The earth shook. Rocks split. Tombs groaned and fell open to the light. God had become flesh and blood in order to bring divine love to life.

So, what is our response? What is required of us especially in these uncertain times? Well, I think the answer is given to us by St Paul in our New Testament reading. He says, "Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore, God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

Blessings

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:

Theological Colleges and Church Schools of The Anglican Church of Australia - Staff and students

Ordination Applicants and Trainees for the Diocese.

Bunbury Cathedral Grammar School -

Headmaster - Matthew O'Brien, Head of Secondary - Kathy Chiera, Head of Primary - Robert Whirledge and Chaplain.

Frederick Irwin Anglican School -

Principal - Ms. Tracey Gray, Deputy Principals - Tamara Cowan, Anne Crock, Karen Watts, Chaplain Revd. Cn. James Tabor, wife Tamara and Assisting Chaplain - Alicia Tearle.

Georgiana Molloy Anglican School -

Principal - Brad Evans, Deputy Principal - Meg Watson and Chaplain Revd. Carolyn Ball.

Please pray for:

- *Teaching the faith.
- *The Senior Executive teams and School Boards.
- *Staff and students, past and present.
- *Our families and caregivers.
- *The Chaplaincy teams.
- ***Spirituality** - that we support spiritual growth and positive wellbeing as we embrace kindness, connection and

purpose.

***Authenticity** - that we are true to our personal values, are compassionate and respectful.

***Accomplishment** - that we support each other to experience success in our own ways.

***Inclusion** - that we value diversity, fostering genuine opportunities for meaningful relationships and belonging.

Diocesan Ministry - Young people.

For the World:

*Infant Welfare Centres and Staff.

*Members of the Medical profession.

*Women living with obstetric fistulae to gain access to treatment through government intervention.

Anglican Church of Kenya - Diocese of Kapsabet.

Retired Clergy.

Please pray that each Christian would seek meaningful relationships in the church for mutual edification through reading the Bible together, praying for one another, and speaking the gospel in one another's lives.

Diocesan Ministry -

Pray for the nature of our bad roads and journey mercies as we travel on those roads and for our government to see the need to repair them.

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

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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 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.

Morning tea will be available before and after the 10am service.



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 Public Holiday Closures and Cancellations at St. John's.

GOOD FRIDAY - Office and Op Shop
EASTER MONDAY - Office, Op Shop, ER, Marthas and Prepare for Worship Meeting.

Combined Churches Prayer Meetings the last meeting will be held on Tuesday 31st March here at St John's **6am**. These are well attended and a wonderful way to pray together for our city and people

Upcoming Meetings and Events

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

Communications Committee Meeting - Tuesday, 7th April at 4pm via Zoom.

Finance Committee Meeting - Thurs., 9th April at 10am via Zoom.

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

Mothers' Union. On 20th March we held our local celebration of Lady Day. Revd. Karen led the Eucharist service for about 30 guests, including Bishop Ian and our new MU Diocesan President, Isobelle Shortreed. After the service Isobelle gave a talk about a little of her background. She also showed the new MU diocesan banner and gave an explanation of the various elements of the design. We then adjourned to the Dorothy Wood hall for a very enjoyable lunch and fellowship. During this time over \$80 in donations was received. This will be shared between Overseas and Northern Outreach and the Melanesia Adult Literacy Programme.

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 donor 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.

Final Cruise Ships to dock in Albany for this season are:

- The Crown Princess (approx. passenger capacity of 3080) ifrom 3.30am-4pm on Monday, 30 March.
- The Seven Seas Navigator (approx. passenger capacity of 557) from 11am-6pm on Friday, 10 April. We wish all a very happy visit to Albany and safe sailing.

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 NCCCH).

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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