



St. John's Anglican Church Albany Consecrated 1848.

Sunday 24th May 2026
Day of Pentecost



Sentence of the Day

'Let anyone who is thirsty come to me,' says the Lord; 'and let the one who believes in me drink. For out of your heart shall flow rivers of living water.'

John 7.38

Collect
Almighty God,
at the feast of Pentecost
you sent your Holy Spirit
to the disciples, filling
them with joy and
boldness to preach the
gospel:
empower us with that
same Spirit to witness to
your redeeming love
and draw all people to you;
through Jesus Christ our
Lord, who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy
Spirit, one God, now and
for ever. Amen.

Prayer of the Week
O Lord,
from whom alone all
good things come:
grant that by your
holy inspiration
we may think those
things that are
good,
and by your
merciful guiding
may perform them;
through our Lord
Jesus Christ. Amen.

Today's Readings

1st Reading Acts 2.1-21

¹ When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.

² And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.

³ Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them.

⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵ Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem.

⁶ And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each.

⁷ Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?'

⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language?

⁹ Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,

¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes,

¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.'

¹² All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?'

¹³ But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.

¹⁵ Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning.

¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,

and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.

¹⁸ Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹ And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

²⁰ The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and

glorious day.

²¹ Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

2nd Reading 1 Corinthians 12.1-13

¹ Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. ² You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. ³ Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says 'Let Jesus be cursed!' and no one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit. ⁴ Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵ and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶ and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷ To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸ To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰ to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. ¹² For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body — Jews or Greeks, slaves or free — and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Gospel Reading John 20.19-23

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

The Psalm for today is Psalm 104, Verses 26-36

26 Lord, how various are your works:
in wisdom you have made them all,
and the earth is full of your creatures.

27 There is the wide, immeasurable sea:
there move living things without number, great and small;

28 There go the ships, to and fro:
and there is that Leviathan
whom you formed to sport in the deep.

29 These all look to you:
to give them their food in due season.

30 When you give it to them, they gather it:
when you open your hand
they are satisfied with good things.

31 When you hide your face, they are troubled:
when you take away their breath,
they die and return to their dust.

32 When you send forth your spirit they are created:
and you renew the face of the earth.

33 May the glory of the Lord endure for ever:
may the Lord rejoice in his works.

34 If he look upon the earth, it shall tremble:
if he but touch the mountains, they shall smoke.

35 I will sing to the Lord as long as I live:
I will praise my God while I have any being.

36 May my meditation be pleasing to him:
for my joy shall be in the Lord.

Next Sunday's Readings

1st Reading
Exodus 34.1-8 P81

2nd Reading
2 Corinthians 13.11-14 P178

Gospel Reading
Matthew 28.16-20 P34

HYMNS – EUCHARIST SETTING

DUDMAN TIS 756

	8am	9:30am
Introit		407
Gradual	398	398
Offertory	409	409
Recessional	572	572

Children's Church is available at our 9:30am service. This week's Children's Talk is 'Creation: And It Was Very Good.'

"Sung version of The Lord's Prayer"

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

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

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.

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.

Hello Dear Friends

I pray you have had a good week. This Sunday we celebrate the feast of Pentecost - a feast I look upon with fond memories from childhood - of Whitsuntide and bonnets and new clothes and fun fairs. It also was the beginning of warmer weather in the North of England!!!

Our Sentence encourages us to "Drink in the Lord"!!!!!! and we pray together to be empowered with boldness to preach the gospel. We hear from Acts of the day of Pentecost, the descent of the Holy Spirit with diverse languages being spoken and understood. Our Psalm talks of God's sovereign power over all creation, Paul writes to the Corinthians telling them of the wide variety and use of spiritual gifts and John tells us of Jesus' appearance in a locked room - the same reading we considered on the first Sunday after Easter. He breathes the Holy Spirit on the giving them peace.

After Pentecost the apostles were a changed people. It would be a miracle to think that this change came about in an instant though. Rather, it had to be a gradual thing, a process. It was a growth process, set in motion by the action of the Holy Spirit. And growth happens gradually. For instance, let us look at how winter goes about its work of change and renewal.

Each year towards the middle of May we begin to see patches of green appearing in the paddocks and on the hillsides: like new patches on a dry old garment. Week by week the patches get bigger. A month or so later with the onset of rain, everything has turned green.

Yet winter doesn't make anything happen. It is only a facilitator. It merely creates a climate in which things can grow. The new life comes from within. It cannot be imposed. All these brand-new things that we see: come from within. What winter does is provide living things with the opportunity for growth: it gives them the impulse to germinate or bring to life what is already inside them.

Winter's task is to awaken and call forth. This calling forth is a gentle process. Force is out of the question. Persuasion is the only effective weapon. For unless there is a response from within: all of winter's efforts will be in vain: no matter how much rain falls.

If a tree has no life in it, then it doesn't matter how much sunshine or how much rain it receives, it will not be able to produce a single bud. One good thing about nature: is that it is incapable of deception. It does not put on an outward show when there is nothing inside.

People too need to renew themselves. We need to change in order to grow. This change, however, cannot be imposed. If this is attempted it will merely result in an outward show, a dressing up. It will not enrich the person and will soon fade and eventually wear out like a garment.

Many people have change imposed upon them and we don't react well to this. We don't respond to force; we respond well to love.

What people need is someone to awaken them to what is inside them, to bid them live, and help them grow.

The Feast of Pentecost serves to remind us that we have been given a wonderful enabler, whose name is the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit awakens us to the mysterious power within us, bids us live, and helps us to change and grow. This gives us some understanding of what happened to the apostles at Pentecost, and what can happen to us today: if we allow the Holy Spirit to enable us to change and grow into the people that Almighty God created us to be. Just as winter brings about some wonderful changes in the earth: so the Holy Spirit can bring about some wonderful changes in our lives, if only we will allow it!

Blessings

Karen

The Diocese of The Murray- Bishop Ven Simon John Waters, Current Administrator, clergy and people.

Parish of Ravensthorpe - St. Andrew's (Ravensthorpe), Community Church (Lake King), St. Peter the Fisherman's (RC) (Hopetoun), Priest-with-Oversight - Ven. Geoff Chadwick, wife Gabby, Assisting Clergy Revd. Harold Lee (Retired) and wife Sue.

Please pray for:

- * That the parish may be looked at for a Priest.
- * That both mines and farming industries may enjoy safety in the workplace.

Diocesan Ministry - Education Council and Bishop's Courses for Ministry.

For the World:

- * Workers in sheltered workshops and those who care for them.
- * Those who work to contain critical outbreaks of infectious diseases and those contaminated by them.
- * Those responsible to ensure that air travel is safe for all.
- * For non violent liberation of suppressed groups and communities across the world.

Anglican Church of Kenya - Diocese of Kapsabet.

Aldai Technical Training Institute - Principal: Ms. Sally Mosop.

Ol'lessos Technical Training Institute - Principal: Mr Wesley Yegon.

Emsos Technical Training Institute - Principal: Mr. Mark Kitongo.

Please pray for - The Board of Management to strive in making the visibility of the church be felt as the sponsor.

Diocesan Ministry - Pray for farming organisations in our country so

Mothers Union Monthly Prayer

Our Father, Thy kingdom come, on earth as it is in heaven. Let us make a heaven here on earth, for all, acting as Your hands and feet, ensuring that the world is a place of plenty for all, safe for all, loving for all, comfort for all. Let Your wondrous earth be a place where all can not just grow, but flourish and become everything Your wish them to be. Amen.

Sunday June 1st Changes to Service Times

The Round the Houses Car Rally will be held on Sunday May 31st resulting in road closures.

Our Sunday Services will therefore be moving to a combined congregation service on **Saturday 30th May at 2.00pm** followed by Sausage Sizzle, Tea/Coffee, biscuits and fellowship.

Mission of The Month for May is Boniface Care

"Boniface Care" is the outward expression of our call as Anglicans to meet human need through loving service. In our diocese, through our network of 32 Parishes in the Southwest and Great Southern, we seek to lovingly serve the needs of people within our Communities, by meeting them where they are, forming a relationship with them and providing them with the resources they need to improve their quality of life, or simply to assist them to overcome a particular hurdle they are facing at that time in their life.

Boniface Care funding helps provide the following services throughout the Diocese:

- On a weekly basis food is distributed to those in need, either by way of prepared meals (casseroles), food hampers, bread, fresh fruit and vegetables.
 - Soup kitchens to feed just short of 300 people per week.
 - Financial assistance is provided via assistance with bill payments or the provision of food vouchers.
 - Financial Counselling with the assistance of Anglicare WA.
- There are currently over 400 registered volunteers assisting in these ministries making an enormous contribution to the life of their Community by assisting others to improve their quality of life, and feel loved and appreciated as well.

For further detail on the services provided by Boniface Care please go to

<https://www.bunburyanglican.org/boniface-care>



THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA
THE DIOCESE OF BUNBURY

PEW SHEET/ PARISH NOTICE

Bishop Ian will be retiring and "Laying up his staff" on 29th August this year. Consequently, the Bishopric Nomination Committee has begun its work searching for a new Bishop. Parishes and Individuals are encouraged to submit the name of possible candidates in writing or by email to any member of the Committee or directly to the Diocesan Secretary, Jenny Duncan, at secretary@bunbury.org.au. The person's name, their contact details, and a brief comment on why this person should be considered as bishop should be included.

Any Anglican Priest or Bishop (women and men) in good standing in the Anglican Communion are eligible for consideration. The deadline for submissions is 14th June 2026.

During this time, you may care to use the following prayer:

*Eternal God, shepherd and guide,
in your mercy give your church in this Diocese a shepherd after your own heart who will
walk in your ways,
and with loving care watch over your people.
Give us a leader of vision and a teacher of your truth.
So may your Church be built up and your name glorified;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

(APBA 1995, p211, #35)



**Standing
Together**



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)

The Great Southern Women's Convention is a special day of gathering together to explore the truth of God's Word through Bible teaching, respond to Him in worship, and encourage one another in living for Jesus.

Saturday 22 August 2026 is only a few months away and registrations are open! Tickets can be purchased online through <https://www.trybooking.com/DLNJY> or directly from Albany Christian Book Centre or Albany Baptist office (exact cash payments only).

Earlybird tickets - \$50 (closing date 5th July).
Standard tickets - \$60
Student/Health Care Card tickets - \$35

For further updates and GSWC news, please follow us on [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#) — and feel free to like, follow, and share our posts to help spread the word!

Your sisters in Christ,

The Great Southern Women's Convention Committee

The Unexpected Jesus

SATURDAY 22ND AUGUST
9AM - 2.30PM

Great Southern
WOMEN'S CONVENTION

ALBANY BAPTIST CHURCH
28 BETHEL WAY, YAKAMIA

REGISTER AT

www.trybooking.com/DLNJY

\$50 Early bird (until 5th July)
\$60 Standard
\$35 Concession
(includes morning tea & lunch)

Cash payments
Albany Christian Book Centre or
Albany Baptist Office

Questions?
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NOTICES

Upcoming Meetings and Events

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

Communications Meeting - Tues. 2nd June at 4pm via Zoom.

Ladies Fellowship Meeting - Fri. 5th June at 9.30am. Venue - Lynn Highman's at 70 Morgan Road Mckail. Phone 9841 5179. Topic - DVD.

Thursday at 3 – you are warmly invited to join others in exploring, living and sharing our faith at 3 pm on Thursday in the Dorothy Wood Hall. Discovery guides will be available, as will light refreshments. For any queries please see Revd. Karen, Jenny Taylor, Amanda Greenhow or Yvette Elms.

Anglicare WA are reaching out for donations to their upcoming **Giving Day on June 3**. From now until June 3, **every donation made will be matched**, meaning it will be **doubled in impact** thanks to a group of generous supporters. It's a simple but powerful way for people to make their giving go further. Funds raised will support individuals and families across Western Australia who are facing financial hardship, housing stress, and other challenges, providing practical assistance, care, and pathways to a more stable future. Following is the link for making a donation <https://give.anglicarewa.org.au/>

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.

2026 Lectionaries - 1 left. 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 Fridays from 11am-2pm. If anyone is interested in assisting with this ministry please speak to Revd. Karen or one of our Wardens

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.

Shoe Box Project Update – May 20th, 2026

Dear Parishioners,
I am pleased to advise that an important meeting will be conducted in the **Dorothy Wood Hall on Thursday the 18th June.**

The WA Area Manager, AJ Joubert, will be coming to advise us on the necessary changes and conditions of the **Operation Christmas Child Project for 2026.**

This meeting will be for all Churches and organisations in Albany and the Great Southern Regional Area. We will be hosting at St John's Church as a central location.

The meeting will commence at 5pm, in the hope of giving access to people who work in the daytime and find it difficult to attend meetings at earlier times.

It is great to have all this new information given to us firsthand, as AJ has just returned from an important meeting in Sydney with all the changes and procedures that have been decided for Australia and New Zealand.

As we all know, the current financial situation is very difficult for many people, so any new efficiency that can be made to ensure this important Christian project can continue, has got to be the right way to go.

Hopefully we can also attract some younger members to take on some of the necessary roles.

Since we are hosting the meeting, it would be great if we could have a number of our own parishioners attending this meeting.

Many thanks to the many people that have already contributed to this year's postage and goods purchase, we are going very well and many boxes are still available for anyone wishing to fill their own. The new 2026 leaflets and collection details will become available

when AJ comes to conduct the meeting. However, I do have last years leaflets with information already available in the boxes.

Yours with many thanks and prayers for a good meeting.

Ethel Halliday – OCC Representative.
May 20th 2026

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.

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

Services at St John's.

We have implemented live streaming of services on Facebook - If you use Facebook please "like" the following pages Anglican Parish of Albany and Anglican Parish Albany Service Stream for live services or recordings. We will also put a link on the website www.anglicanchurchalbany.org.au so you can watch the recordings.

Normal Worship times:

Sunday 8:00am

Sung Eucharist with Hymns

Sunday 9.30am

Live streamed sung Eucharist with Hymns

Sunday 7.00pm

Live Streamed Compline

Tuesday 12.30 pm

Eucharist

Monday - Friday

Morning and Evening Prayer live streamed at 8am and 5pm.

The next Order of St Luke Healing Service will be held on Thursday 11th of June at 9.30am in the Lady Chapel.

CONTACT DETAILS

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