



St. John's Anglican Church Albany Consecrated 1848.

Sunday 28th June 2026
Fifth Sunday After Pentecost



Sentence of the Day

'The wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.'

Romans 6.23

Collect

O God, your Son has taught us that those who give a cup of water in his name will not lose their reward: open our hearts to the needs of your children, and in all things make us obedient to your will, so that in faith we may receive your gracious gift, eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer of the Week

O God, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to suffer death upon a cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of the enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Today's Readings

1st Reading Genesis 22.1-14

¹ After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, 'Abraham!' And he said, 'Here I am.' ² He said, 'Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt-offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you.' ³ So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt-offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. ⁴ On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. ⁵ Then Abraham said to his young men, 'Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you.' ⁶ Abraham took the wood of the burnt-offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. ⁷ Isaac said to his father Abraham, 'Father!' And he said, 'Here I am, my son.' He said, 'The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt-offering?' ⁸ Abraham said, 'God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt-offering, my son.' So the two of them walked on together. ⁹ When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰ Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. ¹¹ But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, and said, 'Abraham, Abraham!' And he said, 'Here I am.' ¹² He said, 'Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.' ¹³ And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt-offering instead of his son. ¹⁴ So Abraham called that place 'The Lord will provide'; as it is said to this day, 'On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided.'

2nd Reading Romans 6.12-23

¹² Therefore, do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their

passions. ¹³ No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴ For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. ¹⁵ What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶ Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷ But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, ¹⁸ and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. ¹⁹ I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification. ²⁰ When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹ So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²² But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gospel Reading Matthew 10.40-42

⁴⁰ Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹ Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; ⁴² and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple — truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.'

The Psalm for today is Psalm 13

- ¹ How long, O Lord, will you so utterly forget me:
how long will you hide your face from me?
- ² How long must I suffer anguish in my soul,
and be so grieved in my heart day and night:
how long shall my enemy triumph over me?
- ³ Look upon me, O Lord my God, and answer me:
lighten my eyes, lest I sleep in death;
- ⁴ Lest my enemy say 'I have prevailed':
lest my foes exult at my overthrow.
- ⁵ Yet I put my trust in your unfailing love:
O let my heart rejoice in your salvation.
- ⁶ And I will make my song to the Lord:
because he deals so bountifully with me.

Next Sunday's Readings

<i>1st Reading</i>	<i>Genesis 24.34-38; 24.42-49; 24.58-67</i>	<i>P19</i>
<i>2nd Reading</i>	<i>Romans 7.14-25</i>	<i>P149</i>
<i>Gospel Reading</i>	<i>Matthew 11.15-19; 11.25-30</i>	<i>P10</i>

"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.

HYMNS – EUCHARIST SETTING
DUDMAN TIS 756

	8am	9:30am
Introit		155
Gradual	599	599
Offertory	595	595
Recessional	152	152

Children's Church is available at our 9:30am service. This week's Children's Talk is 'Come to Me'.

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 safe and blessed week. This Sunday is the fifth after Pentecost and the end of our first month of Winter - a time when we crave warmth and hospitality. Here at St John's, we know a lot about Christian hospitality and it is delightful to have Bishop Ian with us this Sunday.

Our sentence for today reminds us that eternal life is a free gift from God. We pray for the power and wisdom of the spirit to be poured upon us. We read of Abraham's obedience and faith as he is tested. Our psalmist prays for comfort, and Paul tells the Romans that the wages of sin is death. At the end of Matthew chapter 10, Jesus continues to give directions.

But, back to hospitality!!!!

One of the nicest things in life is to meet an open, friendly, warm, hospitable person. Hospitality is a hallmark of a true follower of Christ. It's one of our callings as Christians, to be hospitable.

I read a story about hospitality, or the lack of it. At long last winter ended and spring came. All along the street the people rejoiced. They drew back their curtains and opened up their windows. Fresh air, sunlight, and warmth poured into their homes. 'Thanks be to God for spring! Thanks be to God for the sunshine!' they exclaimed.

Just then a beggar man appeared at the end of the street. He was quickly spotted through the open windows. One by one, down the length of the street, the windows were quickly closed, the curtains silently drawn, and the locks put back on the doors. The beggar man knocked on every door on the street, but not one door opened to him.

Forlornly he left the street and headed for somewhere else. No sooner had he disappeared than the curtains were pulled back again, and the windows and doors opened once more. And again, the sunshine and fresh air poured in, and all the people rejoiced.

Strange how homes can be open to receive God's sunshine and fresh air, but not always open to receive a child of God, especially when he comes in poverty.

Christ urges us to be hospitable. We live in a time of locks, bolts, chains, peep holes, alarm systems and security cameras Yet there is such great need for hospitality and friendliness. There is a lot of loneliness and there are lots of strangers, and displaced people.

Hospitality to a friend is no big deal. There is no risk involved, and there is every likelihood that the favour will be returned. But hospitality to a stranger is a great thing. You don't owe anything to a stranger, and there is a risk involved.

But Christ calls us to welcome the strangers in our midst. To be hospitable does not mean making them like us. It means accepting them as they are - those we consider different, those who we fear, those who can make us feel uncomfortable, the migrant, the dispossessed, the unwell.

Christ calls us to reach out. And the rewards are enormous. He said that even a trivial act of kindness, like giving a cup of cold water, would not go unrewarded. But there are earthly rewards too, and very great ones - the growth of understanding, friendliness, and cooperation, things our communities cry out for.

This is the kind of spring we ourselves can cause to visit our homes and streets, a spring which will banish from our midst: the winter of mistrust, fear, and hostility. For the followers of Christ, hospitality is not an optional extra. It is at the very heart of the Gospel. And the ultimate motivation is clear: to welcome the stranger is to welcome Christ himself. Jesus said: "He who receives you receives me, and he who receives me receives him who sent me".

But true hospitality is not so much about open doors: as it is about open hearts. There is a risk in having an open heart. One can get hurt. But to open one's heart is to begin to live. To close it is to begin to die.

As the saying goes! In a world where we can be anything, be kind.

Blessings

Karen

Prayers for:

MU Australia - Provincial President - Robin Ray, Diocesan President - Wendy Mabey, MU.

The Parish of Williams – Holy Trinity (Williams), St. Boniface's (Quindanning), St Alban's (Marradong), St. Paul's (Arthur River), Darkan Uniting Church, St. Martin's (Wandering) and Boddington - Priest - Revd. Paul Bartley and wife Peggy.

Please pray for:

*Faithfulness in pursuing our vision 'to see Christ honoured as Lord and Saviour in every community.'

*For cohesion and love from Boddington in the north to Darkan in the south, esp. through our parish Op Shop and our 2026 focus on Reading the Bible Together.

*For Darkan – where in 2025 Anglican Sunday services ceased, after a hundred years.

*For healing in the community from past clergy failings & recovery of the church's reputation .

Diocesan Ministry: Diocesan Trustees.

For the World: -

*That people might learn to value their relationships more highly.

*Those who suffer from depression and stress, and therefore despair of life itself.

*All who work for world peace and improved relationships between Nations.

*That all children might have proper access to education and learning.

*All unwanted children and those who take them in and care for them.

*Pray for those who wrestle with sorrow that they may know that God has won their victory.

Prayers for:

Anglican Church of Kenya - Diocese of Kapsabet.

St Mark's Kapkeringon Parish - Parish Priest - Revd. Hesbon Sang and wife Eveline.

Emmanuel Kiborgok Parish - Parish Priest - Revd. Henry Yego and wife Dorcas.

Please pray for:

*Those struggling with ill health and terminal diseases and for those who are providing support in so many ways to them.

* Our members to grow in having gospel conversations with unbelievers. Be courageous to have those conversations with one another for encouragement and prayer.

Diocesan Ministry - Pray for those seeking medical services from the Kimng'oror Health Centre that they feel the love of God from the ministry of the staff.

Mothers Union Monthly Prayer

Father, God, we join in and celebrate your love to us through Mothers' Union. We praise you for the past 150 years, for the vision of Mary Sumner and for all who have followed her, praying and serving in Your name. We delight in all Your gifts to us, the joy of family, the wonders of Your creation, the fellowship of our fellow members and, most of all, Your love to us through the gift of Your son, Jesus Christ. May we always walk in Your footsteps. Give us the strength to be different, to stand up for justice and peace, and be a sign of Your reconciling love for all. We ask this in your name. Amen.

Mission of The Month for June is The Bible Society

The Bible Society in Australia is part of the United Bible Societies, which is a Global network that covers 200 countries and territories across the world. The Bible Society Australia was established in Sydney in 1817 and has always been close to the leadership of this country. Australian governors, business leaders, senior clergy and others in positions of authority have been involved directly with the Bible Society over the years. It is Australia's longest-living organisation.

As an international organisation, The Bible Society is one of the most extensive mission groups in the World. It functions through partnership with Christian Churches, and helps by providing resources and supporting Bible-focused campaigns and community programmes. Churches from all denominations offer help and financial support; it also connects with other organisations, such as UNESCO, and provides assistance with publishing, literacy development and Youth Bible engagement.

Bible Society Australia's mission extends across Bible translation, distribution, engagement, and advocacy, working in some of Australia and the world's most remote and challenging regions. From providing Bible-based literacy resources to Indigenous communities in Australia to supporting translation efforts in the Pacific and humanitarian support during international crises, their work brings hope and transformation through God's word. Their projects are as diverse as the needs they serve, yet each is united by a single goal: to make the Bible accessible to all.

The Bible Society is a registered Charity and as such it conforms with the legal requirements of the Charities Commission; it is, therefore, transparent, open and accountable.

The Bible Society is financially dependant on the goodwill and practical contributions of its supporters, and it is the Mission of choice of St John's parish council for the month of June.

As stated on the Bible Society website, contributions made in the past financial year enabled the following:

- 1,018,246 scriptures to be shared around the world.
- 80,000+ people to gain vital literacy skills.
- 16,000+ people to graduate from literacy programs.
- 33 countries to be reached with this impact.
- 28 + languages to have a bible translation.
- 60+ Bible projects in translation, distribution, bible-based literacy and trauma healing.

To find more information regarding The Bible Society go to <https://www.biblesociety.org.au>

Re: NOMINATIONS FOR OUR NEXT BISHOP

The nomination period has now finished.

The Nomination Committee will consider all the names that have been sent in, check the person's eligibility and ascertain their willingness to be considered for the position.

In due course the Committee will make a short list of no less than three and no more than six names for consideration at the Election Synod.¹

Details of the Election Synod will be issued soon. All current members of Synod will be asked to attend. Please note that the election Synod is a closed Synod, so non-members will not be able to attend. The deliberations of this Synod remain confidential.

Individuals and Parishes are encouraged to pray for God's blessing and guidance during this time of discernment. I encourage you 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)



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/DLJNY> 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/DLJNY

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

Cash payments
Albany Christian Book Centre or
Albany Baptist Office

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NOTICES

Upcoming Meetings and Events

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

Women's Fellowship Meeting - Fri, July 3rd, 9.30am at Sylvia Griffith's, 119 Morgan Road. Topic is "Old Family Traditions". Ph. 9841 2958.

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

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

Thursday at 3 - Come and join us from 18 June us as we begin examining the miracles of Jesus, using a study guide and a series of short talks on DVD. Guides are \$13 and will be available when we meet in the Dorothy Wood Hall at 3 pm. Payment for the study guides can be made to the office during office hours. Please see Revd. Karen, Jenny Taylor, Yvette Elms or Amanda Greenhow if you have any queries. Many thanks, Jenny Taylor.

RESCHEDULED: Bishop Ian's visit to the Parish - Bishop Ian will now be visiting the parish on **Sunday 16th August** and will be attending both the 8am and 9.30am services.

Bicentennial Fete Update and Reminder - Thank you everyone one that has started making jams, pickles, and preserves for our annual fete. We have also received a donation of some really lovely soft toys. Our fete this year as part of the Albany Bicentennial Celebrations will be held on Saturday October 24th, one day before St Johns 178th birthday. Please start putting plant cuttings in pots as we may be a little short this year. This is a special request from Margaret Benn. I will be stepping down as coordinator this year after 12 years in the role. Pippa Milne has agreed to assist me this year with several "younger members" of St John's cogregation I will also be looking for several committee members to help with the organisation. Thanking you all in advance. Mike Taylor 0417967368.

2026 Lctionaries - 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 - NOW HELD ON TUESDAYS - As of the Tuesday, 2nd June, the contemplative prayer service held in the Lady Chapel will now revert back to being held every **Tuesday at 11am**. 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.

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.

Containers for Change

We are now registered with the "Containers for Change" scheme. Our Member Number is C11770281. Would you kindly consider donating your refunds to St John's?

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 9th of July at 9.30am in the Lady Chapel.

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