



St. John's Anglican Church Albany Consecrated 1848.

**Sunday 9th August 2026
Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost**



Sentence of the Day

**'They cried out in fear,
but Jesus spoke to
them and said, 'Take
heart, it is I; do not be
afraid.'**

Matthew 14.26–27

Collect

Mighty God and ruler of all creation, give new strength to our faith, that we may recognise your presence even when all hope seems lost. Help us to face all trials with serenity as we walk with Christ through the stormy seas of life and come at the last to your eternal peace. We ask this 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

**Grant to us, Lord, we beseech you,
the spirit to think and
do always such
things as are right,
that we, who cannot
do anything that is
good without you,
may by you be
enabled to live
according to your
will;
through Jesus Christ
our Lord. Amen.**

Today's Readings

1st Reading Genesis 37.1-4; 37.12-28

¹ Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. ² This is the story of the family of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. ³ Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. ⁴ But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him. ¹² Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. ¹³ And Israel said to Joseph, 'Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them.' He answered, 'Here I am.' ¹⁴ So he said to him, 'Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock; and bring word back to me.' So he sent him from the valley of Hebron. He came to Shechem, ¹⁵ and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, 'What are you seeking?' ¹⁶ 'I am seeking my brothers,' he said; 'tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock.' ¹⁷ The man said, 'They have gone away, for I heard them say, "Let us go to Dothan."' ¹⁸ So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan. ¹⁹ They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. ²⁰ They said to one another, 'Here comes this dreamer. ²¹ Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams.' ²² But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, 'Let us not take his life.' ²³ Reuben said to them, 'Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him'—that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. ²⁴ So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore; ²⁵ and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it. ²⁶ Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. ²⁷ Then Judah said to his brothers, 'What profit is there if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? ²⁸ Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh.' And his brothers agreed. ²⁹ When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

2nd Reading Romans 10.4-15

⁴ For Christ is the end of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes. ⁵ Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that 'the person who does these

things will live by them.'

⁶ But the righteousness that comes from faith says, 'Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into heaven?"' (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷ or "Who will descend into the abyss?"' (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead).

⁸ But what does it say?

'The word is near you,

on your lips and in your heart' (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim);

⁹ because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

¹⁰ For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved.

¹¹ The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.'

¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him.

¹³ For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

¹⁴ But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him?

¹⁵ And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!'

Gospel Reading Matthew 14.22-36

²² Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴ but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. ²⁵ And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. ²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, 'It is a ghost!' And they cried out in fear. ²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.' ²⁸ Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.' ²⁹ He said, 'Come.' So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. ³⁰ But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!' ³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?' ³² When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³ And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.' ³⁴ When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret. ³⁵ After the people of that place recognized him, they sent word throughout the region and brought all who were sick to him, ³⁶ and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

The Psalm for today is Psalm 105, Verses 1-6 and 16-22

¹ O give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name:
tell among the peoples what things he has done.
² Sing to him, O sing praises: and be telling of all his marvellous works.
³ Exult in his holy name: and let those that seek the Lord be joyful in heart.
⁴ Seek the Lord and his strength: O seek his face continually.
⁵ Call to mind what wonders he has done:
his marvellous acts, and the judgements of his mouth,
⁶ O seed of Abraham his servant: O children of Jacob his chosen one.
¹⁶ Then he called down a famine on the land:
and destroyed the bread that was their stay.

¹⁷ But he had sent a man ahead of them:
Joseph who was sold into slavery,
¹⁸ Whose feet they fastened with fetters:
and thrust his neck into a hoop of iron.
¹⁹ Till the time that his words proved true:
he was tested by the Lord's command.
²⁰ Then the king sent and loosed him: the ruler of nations set him free;
²¹ He made him master of his household:
and ruler over all his possessions,
²² To rebuke his officers at will:
and to teach his counsellors wisdom.

Next Sunday's Readings

1st Reading	Genesis 45.1-15	P43
2nd Reading	Romans 11.13-32	P153
Gospel Reading	Matthew 15.21-28	P16

**HYMNS – EUCHARIST SETTING
DUDMAN TIS 756**

	8am	9:30am
Introit		224
Gradual	452	452
Offertory	609	609
Recessional	106	106

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.

Children's Church is available at our 9:30am service. This week's Children's Talk is 'Peter Sinks on The Water.'

Hello Dear Friends,

I pray you have had a good week.

We enjoy familiar readings this week - the story of the family of Jacob and the beginning of the Joseph narrative. Our Psalm begins with the encouragement that our devotion is stirred up that we may stir up ourselves to praise God. In Romans, we hear the affirmation that there is no distinction between people and hear a lovely description of ourselves: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

And in our Gospel, we have the account of Jesus and Peter walking on the lake. Some commentaries seem to think that Matthew meant us to take this particular story in his Gospel symbolically. The boat represents the Church; the winds and the waves stand for the persecutions that had been let loose on the early Christians. Jesus is not with them physically; he is in heaven, praying to the Father. However, in their hour of need Jesus makes his presence felt among them, thus calming their fears and bringing them peace. Understood like this, the story has great relevance for us today.

We need to remember that the power that enabled Jesus and Peter to walk on water is available to us. Some people think that if you have enough faith life will be all plain sailing for you. But this is not so. Faith doesn't shield us from the hard knocks of life and death. We know this too well in current circumstances. We all go through storms in our lives, times of tempest and turmoil. Scripture teaches us that Jesus does not fear wading into the deep, raging waters of our lives. He comes to us and comforts us. And he bids us to follow him, even upon storm-tossed waters. He saves us, encourages us and gets into the boat with us. In our time of darkness, a deadly storm, we are reassured that Jesus is with us, we have faith and we worship. Jesus Christ comes to us as Lord of the waves and wind.

The early Christians too were people of faith. Nevertheless, when they encountered persecution, they thought that the Lord had abandoned them, and their faith began to falter. However, they discovered that even though the Lord was not with them physically, he was with them in Spirit: and could still help them. Hence, their faith revived, and they were

able to face their trials and dangers, with courage and faith.

The example of Peter is especially helpful to us. It represents something that really did happen to Peter. It is a reference to his loss of faith during the death and resurrection of Jesus.

Initially he is full of faith as he sets out across the water. We remember his brave words at the last supper: '**Lord, I'm ready to die with you if necessary**'. But then came doubt and cowardice, and he begins to sink, so that Jesus has to rescue him. Peter represents the typical disciple of the present time, caught between faith and doubt.

It's comforting for us to see that at times the apostles and early Christians had their moments of doubt and were afraid. In other words, they were just like us. At the start of an adventure, we may be convinced that we are full of faith. However, as we go along, and difficulties arise, we discover that we are at times lacking in faith. It is then that we have to turn to the Lord for help. Because it's then that we experience the strength of God. If we have never felt ourselves going under, then we will never have known the rescuing power of Almighty God.

Faith doesn't save us from trials and tribulations. What it does: is give us strength to face them. The person who has faith has a source of strength and inspiration that comes from God himself: especially when trouble strikes. **Gandhi says: 'A person with a grain of faith in God, never loses hope'**. The person without faith, on the other hand, has nowhere to turn when trouble strikes. He or she is utterly alone, with neither comfort nor inspiration.

The Gospel story shows us the power of faith. It shows us what Jesus always does for his people: when the wind is contrary, and they are in danger of being overwhelmed by the storms of life. To those with faith, Jesus is not a ghost from the past. He is the Son of God, who is present with us, and whose grace upholds us when things are too much for us. The story also encourages us to keep our eyes firmly fixed on Jesus - only when we turn away or lose our focus will we sink or falter.

Karen

Prayers for:

The Diocese of Canberra-Goulburn- Bishop - Mark Short (Primate) and Asst. Bishop - Vanessa Bennet.

The Parish of Carey Park – St Elizabeth's of Hungary (Carey Park), Saint Mark's (Wollaston), Part-Time Priest-in-Charge - Revd. Rod Steel and Assisting Priest - Revd. Ann Frost (Deacon).

Please pray for:

- *A priest and shepherd.
- *Strength in unity and faithful service.
- *Op Shop.

Diocesan Ministry: The Bunbury Cathedral Grammar School, Head of School - Matthew O'Brien, wife Andrea, Head of Secondary - Kathy Chiera and Head of Primary - Robert Whirlledge.

For the World: -

- *That we will be inspired to grow in our understanding and commitment to mission.
- *That we will pray for and take action for the valuing of God's creation.
- *That we will be a beacon of light and hope in the world in our small corner.
- *That Jesus may be preached in every nation of the world.

Prayers for:

Anglican Church of Kenya - Diocese of Kapsabet.

Mosop East Parish - Parish Priest - Ven. Japheth Sugut and wife Esther.

St Peter's Eisero Parish - Parish Priest - Revd. Richard Kitur and wife Dorcas.

Please pray for:

- *Mosop East Parish's subdivision, preparation for the retirement of the Vicar in 2027 and Spiritual maturity of the Christians.
- *St Peter's Eisero Parish leadership and spiritual wellbeing.

Diocesan Ministry - Pray for those who work with all young people that may strengthen them in their commitment to this worldwide Ministry.

Mothers Union Monthly Prayer

Lord in this quiet month of August, help us to be still, to rest from our busyness, reflect on Your goodness, rejoice in Your faithfulness, and replenish our hearts with Your peace. As we remember Mary Sumner, we thank You for her vision and love. May her example inspire us to walk in faith, speak with courage, and serve with joy. Amen

The Mission of The Month for August is Tearfund.

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Tearfund Australia was founded in 1971 when the then president of the Australian Evangelical Alliance (AEA) put \$10 on the table to start an emergency relief fund at a board meeting. The purpose of the newly founded group was "To meet two human needs: one for spiritual direction and assurance, the other for physical help – food, medicine, shelter and clothing. Practical aid in the context of God's love in the Lord Jesus."

In 1998, and with the blessing of the Evangelical Alliance, TEAR Australia was incorporated as a legally independent agency and at the same time reshaped the acronym to the byline "Transform, Empower, Advocate."

On the 1st of October 2020 the name was changed back to Tearfund, to align more closely with other Tearfund Agencies in the UK, US, Canada, Netherlands, Belgium, Germany, France, New Zealand and Ireland.

Tearfund vision "is for a just and compassionate world in which all people have the opportunity to achieve their God-given potential."

Today Tearfund work in partnerships with locally-based Christian agencies around the world and in Australia who are seeking to make biblically-shaped responses to poverty and injustice. They prioritise supporting partners who work alongside people most impacted by poverty and marginalisation. They are focused on the root causes of poverty, and committed to long-term transformation. They believe in community-led development initiatives.

To read about the work Tearfund Australia are doing worldwide, partnering with Christians from near and far in some of the world's most difficult places, visit the website at [Tearfund Australia | Christian Charity Fighting Injustice](https://tearfund.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)

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).

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

ALBANY BAPTIST CHURCH
20 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

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NOTICES

Upcoming Meetings and Events

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

Prepare for Worship Meeting - Monday 4pm in the D/W Hall.

Finance Committee Meeting - Thurs., 13th Aug at 10am St Johns Office or via Zoom

Parish Council Meeting - Tues., 18th August, 5.30pm in the D/W Hall. **Reports** due to Parish Administrator by 5pm Wed., 12th Aug.

Mothers' Union. Our next gathering will be on 19th August commencing at 1.30pm. This will be in the Lady Chapel and will include a Eucharist service to celebrate both Mary Sumner day and the 150th Anniversary of her founding of the Mothers Union, which is now a strong world wide organisation. All welcome to help us celebrate and to think of women who have made a positive impact on our lives.

Thursday at 3 - It's not too late to join us as we look at the context and meaning of the miracles of Jesus. Each session examines one miracle in depth. Some great conversations and learning have occurred – come along!

Vietnam Veterans Service at the Albany Forts on Sunday 16th August at 2pm.

NEXT SUNDAY 16TH AUGUST Bishop Ian's visit to the Parish - Bishop Ian will be visiting the parish 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.

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

St John's Shoe Box Update - August 2026

Dear Parishioners,

We are now getting close to the Blessing Day of this year's Shoebox Project. On **Sunday August 23rd, (both services)**, Reverend Karen will carry out the Blessing of this years' shoeboxes, just before we despatch them on their long journeys to other parts of the world. Since this year the processes are a little ahead of previous years, and the order of dispatch is slightly different, we need to have our box contribution on their way up to Perth by the beginning of September. Our small team of helpers will be packing the congregation boxes very soon and ***all other individual congregation boxes will need to be handed in, either at Church or in the Church office by Friday 21st August, so that they can be included in the Blessing Service.***

I am delighted to say that everything is progressing really well and contributions of both goods and funding are well and truly up in volume from our usual contributions. On behalf of the Samaritans Purse Organisation Operation Christmas Child, I wish to thank all for the tremendous participation in this most worthwhile project. Hopefully, our boxes will bring much joy and God's love to many children and their families.

Once again thank you all for the time, effort and contributions already made.

Yours Sincerely - Ethel Halliday – St John's OCC representative.

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." Philipians 4:6-7

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER - A contemplative prayer service is held in the Lady Chapel 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 13th of August at 9.30am in the Lady Chapel.

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