



St. John's Anglican Church Albany Consecrated 1848.

**Sunday 6th September 2026
Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost**



Sentence of the Day

Every gift matters.

Every person belongs.

Every parish contributes.

Collect

God of love, you call us into the fellowship of your Son and make us members of one body in Christ. Teach us to love one another faithfully, to bear one another's burdens, and to build up your Church in unity and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer of the Week

Generous God, from your abundance you have blessed us with every good gift. Root us in your grace, strengthen us in our relationships, and send us in Christ's mission. Make us faithful stewards of all that you have entrusted to us, that your Church may flourish, your Gospel be proclaimed, and your kingdom come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Today's Readings

1st Reading Exodus 12.1-14

12 The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, ²“This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. ³Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. ⁴If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbour in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. ⁵Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. ⁶You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. ⁷They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. ⁸They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. ⁹Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. ¹⁰You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn with fire. ¹¹This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand, and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the Passover of the Lord. ¹²I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, from human to animal, and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. ¹³The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. ¹⁴“This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

2nd Reading Romans 13.8-14

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; you shall not murder; you shall not steal; you shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “You shall love your neighbour as yourself.” ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. ¹¹Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; ¹³let us walk decently as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Gospel Reading Matthew 18.15-20

¹⁵“If your brother or sister sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If you are listened to, you have regained that one. ¹⁶But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If that person refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church, and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

The Psalm for today is Psalm 149

- ¹ O praise the Lord, and sing to the Lord a new song:
 O praise him in the assembly of the faithful.
² Let Israel rejoice in him that made him:
 let the children of Zion be joyful in their king.
³ Let them praise him in the dance:
 let them sing his praise with timbrel and with harp.
⁴ For the Lord takes delight in his people:
 he adorns the meek with his salvation.
⁵ Let his faithful ones exult in his glory:
 let them sing for joy upon their beds.
⁶ Let the high praises of God be in their mouths:
 and a two-edged sword in their hands,
⁷ To execute vengeance on the nations:
 and chastisement upon the peoples,
⁸ To bind their kings in chains:
 and their nobles with fetters of iron,
⁹ To visit upon them the judgement that is decreed:
 such honour belongs to all his faithful servants.
 Praise the Lord.

Next Sunday's Readings

<i>1st Reading</i>	<i>Exodus 14.19-31</i>	<i>P62</i>
<i>2nd Reading</i>	<i>Romans 14.1-12</i>	<i>P155</i>
<i>Gospel Reading</i>	<i>Matthew 18.21-35</i>	<i>P19</i>

HYMNS – EUCHARIST SETTING **DUDMAN TIS 756**

	8am	9:30am
Introit		231
Gradual	459	459
Offertory	245	245
Recessional	147	147

**Children's Church is
available at our 9:30am
service. This week's
Children's Talk is 'One
Plus One Equals Three'.**

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 are well and have enjoyed a good week. It is good to feel the hope of Spring.

For the next three weeks we will be following "Living Generously, "a stewardship program that the Bishop has asked parishes to take part during September this year.

Blessings Karen.

Week 1

Stewardship of Relationships - The Gift of One Another

When we hear the word stewardship, many of us immediately think about finances. Yet the Bible reminds us that one of God's greatest gifts is not something we own, but the people God places in our lives. Through family, friends, fellow parishioners, clergy, teachers, mentors and neighbours, God shapes us and sustains us.

St Paul writes, "Owe no one anything, except to love one another." Christian stewardship begins with recognising that our relationships are gifts entrusted to our care. We are called to nurture them with patience, kindness, forgiveness and generosity of spirit.

Church is much more than a building or a Sunday service. It is a community of people learning to follow Christ together. Every conversation over morning tea, every pastoral visit, every prayer offered for another person, and every word of encouragement helps build the Body of Christ.

This week, take a moment to reflect on those who have influenced your faith journey. Who first taught you to pray? Who encouraged you during difficult times? Who helped you discover God's love? Give thanks for them.

You might also consider whether God is inviting you to reconnect with someone, encourage someone who feels isolated, or strengthen a relationship that has been neglected.

Stewardship of relationships is not about adding another task to our already busy lives. It is about recognising that people matter deeply to God. When we invest in one another, we participate in God's work of building a community where everyone belongs.

Reflection Question:

Who is one person God may be calling you to encourage this week?

Prayer:

Lord Jesus, teach us to love one another as you have loved us, and help us to be faithful stewards of the relationships you have entrusted to our care. Amen.

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24th September 3 pm - Lady Chapel

Prayers for:

The Diocese of Bendigo – Bishop Matt Brain, clergy and people.

The Parish of Bridgetown - St Paul's (Bridgetown), St Barnabas' (Greenbushes), All Saints (Nannup), Priest-in-Charge - Revd. Sue Kemp, Assisting Clergy - Revd. David Bardsley and wife Hilary

The Parish of Brunswick/Burekup - St Peter's (Brunswick), St John the Divine (Burekup), Locum Priest- Revd. Cn. Karon Austin (Canon Emeritus).

Please pray for:

- * Outreach to young families.
- * Continued growth in commitment to Christ.
- * Sharing God's hospitality in our community.
- * Continued strengthening relationships with the other church communities in our towns.
- * Thanks for the faithful parishioners and the work they do in the parishes.
- * Thanks for the ongoing Cattle scheme which provides much needed financial resources.
- * The Churches of St. Peter's in Brunswick and St. John's in Burekup to become centres of community activity in their respective towns

Diocesan Ministry - Diocese of Kapsabet, Kenya - Bishop Paul Korir.

For the World:

- * For proper funding and improvements to all mental health services.
- * That God will shield and protect His people from the destruction being caused by storms, fires and drought.

Anglican Church of Kenya - Diocese of Kapsabet.

St Stephen's Ibanja Parish - Parish Priest - Revd. Capt. Benjamin Saina and wife Edith.

St. Peter's Chepkongony Parish - Parish Priest - Revd. Jeremiah Songok and wife Judith.

St. Peter's Koyo Parish - Parish Priest - Revd. Wilson Cheptarus, wife Ogla, Curate - Revd. Evans Kerich and wife Rodah.

Please pray for :

- * Financial breakthrough for church development.
- * The old and the sick in the parish.

Diocesan Ministry - Thank God for providing opportunities for His people to experience His presence through weekly Home Cell fellowships and Sunday Worship Services.

Mothers Union Monthly Prayer

God of mercy and love, we come before You seeking peace and reconciliation. Heal the wounds of division within our hearts, families, and communities. Teach us to forgive as You forgive, to speak with kindness, and to listen with compassion. May Your Spirit guide leaders toward justice and unity among nations. Calm our anxious thoughts and renew our spirits with Your peace that surpasses all understanding. Help us to become instruments of Your love, building bridges where walls have stood. May Your light shine through us, bringing healing, hope, and harmony to a hurting world. In Your name, we pray. Amen

Albany Combined

YOUTH TOGETHER

JESUS IS
LORD

Speaker:
Jordan Thyer

'Grace that leads to
Godliness!'

Friday 11th
September

Church of
Christ

20 Talyuberlup Way
(off Mercer Rd)

6.30pm
(to 8.30pm)

Entry: \$5

Albany CHURCHES TOGETHER

SAT 12TH SEPT 2026 | 4.30PM

ALBANY BAPTIST CHURCH, BETHEL WAY

'DISTINCTIVE DISCIPLES'
(How the world will know we belong to Jesus)

WITH SPEAKER: JORDAN THYER

YOUTHCARE Sausage Sizzle to follow

Organised by Albany Church Leaders Fellowship (ACLF)

The Mission of The Month for September is Samaritan's Purse.

Samaritan's Purse is a Christian organisation that takes its name from the Gospel story of the Good Samaritan, which, in Luke 10:30-37, gives a clear picture of God's wish for all of us to help those in desperate need, wherever we find them. For over 40 years, Samaritan's Purse has worked to follow Christ's command by going to the aid of the world's poor, sick and suffering. It is a non-profit Christian organisation that is active all over the world; it meets the physical needs of victims of war, famine, natural disaster, poverty and disease, thus sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ by practical example as well as spiritual to anyone in need. Aid and assistance are given regardless of race, gender, religion or ethnic background of the beneficiaries.

Some of the current projects that Samaritan's Purse are currently contributing are:

- The Nepal Flood Crisis
- Colombian Earthquake - airlifting critical supplies to western Columbia.

- Venezuelan Earthquake - donations will assist a team to provide medical care, water, sanitation and hygiene needs.
- Ebola Crisis - as cases are climbing in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Samaritan's Purse is responding.
- Operation Christmas Child which St John's proudly supports every year.

Local Projects that have benefited this year:

- Victorian Fires Disaster Relief - Samaritan's Purse responded to devastation caused by fires in the Harcourt, Vic. Area.
- Taree & Mid-North Coast, NSW Flood Recovery - Samaritan's Purse volunteer teams supported residents, assisting in rebuilding homes and restoring what was lost. This included offering practical assistance to replace walls, install kitchens, bathrooms and cabinetry - a reminder that these families are not alone in their struggle.

For more detailed information about Samaritan's Purse please visit the website www.samaritanspurse.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)

NOTICES

Upcoming Meetings and Events

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

Prepare for Worship— Mon. 4pm in the D/W Hall.

Finance Committee Meeting - Thurs. 10th Sept at 10am in D/W Hall or via Zoom.

Parish Council Meeting - Tues., 15th September at 5.30pm in the D/W Hall. **Reports are due Wed. 9th Sept**, preferably via email to admin@anglicanchurchalbany.org.au. Please note this is an **ALL REPORTING MONTH**. All subgroups are required to report. Late reports will not be accepted this month as agenda will be completed and circulated on Thursday, 10th September. **Please try and submit your reports as soon as possible.**

Parish Administrator away on leave from 12pm Thurs., 10th Sept and returning to work on Mon., 5th Oct. Please ensure all pew sheet notices for inclusion in pew sheets during this period are provided no later than Monday 7th September.

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!

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Throughout this time, we will be focusing on the blessings we have in the world and the blessings we can be to others. A sign up sheet is available at the rear of church

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 congregation 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

On line training for Op Shop, ER and Martha's volunteers

The Diocese has arranged two online training sessions through Peninsula on **Managing Difficult Client Interactions**. We are conscious that several staff/volunteers have had difficult interactions in the past few months alone. Peninsula are the Diocese HR/WHS management consultant services and they will be providing these tailored and insightful training sessions.

This training will be particularly valuable for employees and volunteers who regularly engage face-to-face with members of the public, including those involved in:

- Op Shops
- Emergency Relief Services
- Community kitchens

Parish and community outreach activities

While the training is especially relevant for these roles, all staff and volunteers across the Diocese are welcome to attend. As places are limited, *early registration* is encouraged.

Training Dates

- Monday 7 September
 - 10.00am - 12.00pm
- Online (2 hours)

Session 2

- Thursday 8 October
 - 3.00pm - 5.00pm
- Online (2 hours)

Learning Outcomes

Participants will learn to:

- Define what constitutes a difficult interaction.
- Identify the difference between a difficult customer and a customer complaint.
- Understand why difficult interactions need to be managed appropriately and the potential consequences when they are not.
- Recognise the signs of an escalating situation.
- Apply practical de-escalation techniques.

Use theoretical frameworks in real-life workplace and volunteer situations.

If you are unable to access the on line training, you are welcome to join Revd. Karen in the Dorothy Wood Hall for a group session. Please let Revd. Karen know if you wish to join her.

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 - 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 10th of September at 9.30am in the Lady Chapel.

CONTACT DETAILS

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