



St. John's Anglican Church Albany Consecrated 1848.

**Sunday 13th September 2026
Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost**



Sentence of the Day

Every gift matters.

Every person belongs.

Every parish contributes.

Collect

Merciful God, whose grace is beyond all measure, give us thankful hearts for all that we have received, and teach us to forgive as we have been forgiven, 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 14.19-31

¹⁹ Then the angel of God who went before the host of Israel moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from before them and stood behind them, ²⁰ coming between the host of Egypt and the host of Israel. And there was the cloud and the darkness; and the night passed without one coming near the other all night. ²¹ Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided. ²² And the people of Israel went into the midst of the sea on dry ground, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left. ²³ The Egyptians pursued, and went in after them into the midst of the sea, all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen. ²⁴ And in the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and of cloud looked down upon the host of the Egyptians, and discomfited the host of the Egyptians, ²⁵ clogging their chariot wheels so that they drove heavily; and the Egyptians said, "Let us flee from before Israel; for the Lord fights for them against the Egyptians." ²⁶ Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen." ²⁷ So Moses stretched forth his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to its wonted flow when the morning appeared; and the Egyptians fled into it, and the Lord routed the Egyptians in the midst of the sea. ²⁸ The waters returned and covered the chariots and the horsemen and all the host of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not so much as one of them remained. ²⁹ But the people of Israel walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left. ³⁰ Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the hand of the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead upon the seashore. ³¹ And Israel saw the great work which the Lord did against the Egyptians, and the people feared the Lord; and they believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

2nd Reading Romans 14.1-12

14 ¹As for the man who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not for disputes over opinions. ²One believes he may eat anything, while the weak man eats only vegetables. ³Let not him who eats despise him who abstains, and let not him who abstains pass judgment on him who eats; for God has welcomed him. ⁴Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Master is able to make him stand. ⁵One man esteems one day as better than

another, while another man esteems all days alike. Let every one be fully convinced in his own mind. ⁶He who observes the day, observes it in honour of the Lord. He also who eats, eats in honour of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God; while he who abstains, abstains in honour of the Lord and gives thanks to God. ⁷None of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. ⁸If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living. ¹⁰Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of God; ¹¹for it is written "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." ¹²So each of us shall give account of himself to God.

Gospel Reading Matthew 18.21-35

²¹ Then Peter came up and said to him, "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" ²² Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven. ²³"Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴When he began the reckoning, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents; ²⁵and as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. ²⁶So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' ²⁷And out of pity for him the lord of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But that same servant, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; ²⁹and seizing him by the throat he said, 'Pay what you owe.' ³⁰So his fellow servant fell down and besought him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' ³¹He refused and went and put him in prison till he should pay the debt. ³²When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³³Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you besought me; ³⁴and should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' ³⁵And in anger his lord delivered him to the jailers, till he should pay all his debt. ³⁶So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

The Psalm for today is Psalm 114

- ¹ When Israel came out of Egypt:
and the house of Jacob from among a people
of an alien tongue,
² Judah became his sanctuary:
and Israel his dominion.
³ The sea saw that, and fled:
Jordan was driven back.
⁴ The mountains skipped like rams:
and the little hills like young sheep.
⁵ What ailed you, O sea, that you fled:
O Jordan, that you were driven back?
⁶ You mountains, that you skipped like rams:
and you little hills like young sheep?
⁷ Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord:
at the presence of the God of Jacob,
⁸ Who turned the rock into a pool of water:
and the flint-stone into a welling spring.

Next Sunday's Readings

<i>1st Reading</i>	<i>Exodus 16.2-15</i>	<i>P64</i>
<i>2nd Reading</i>	<i>Philippians 1.21-30</i>	<i>P188</i>
<i>Gospel Reading</i>	<i>Matthew 20.1-16</i>	<i>P20</i>

HYMNS – EUCHARIST SETTING **DUDMAN TIS 756**

	8am	9:30am
Introit		592
Gradual	592	437
Offertory	520	520
Recessional	108	108

**Children's Church is
available at our 9:30am
service. This week's
Children's Talk is 'Keep on
Forgiving'.**

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. This is week two of our diocesan wide stewardship programme Living Generously and this week we look at the Stewardship of Grace.

Blessings Karen

Stewardship of Grace

Freely We Have Received

At the heart of the Christian life is a simple truth: everything we have is a gift from God.

Before we ever thought about serving God, God loved us. Before we sought forgiveness, God offered mercy. Before we gave anything, God gave everything in Jesus Christ.

That is why stewardship begins with gratitude.

The more we recognise the abundance of God's grace, the more naturally generosity flows from our lives. Gratitude changes the way we see our time, our abilities, our possessions and our relationships. Instead of asking, "What belongs to me?" we begin asking, "How can I use what God has given me for God's glory and for the good of others?"

Think for a moment about the gifts you have received. There are obvious blessings such as family, friends, health and home. There are also spiritual gifts: faith, forgiveness, hope, encouragement from other Christians, and the support of the Church throughout life's joys and challenges.

The question stewardship asks is not how much we have, but how we respond to what we have received.

A grateful heart becomes a generous heart. Gratitude can be expressed through prayer, service, hospitality, encouragement, forgiveness and giving. Every act of generosity is a response to God's generosity.

This week, spend a few moments each day naming three blessings for which you are thankful. You may be surprised by how much joy grows when gratitude becomes a daily habit.

Reflection Question:

What gift from God are you most thankful for right now?

Prayer:

Generous God, fill our hearts with gratitude for your countless blessings, and help us to share your grace with others. Amen.

Living Generously is a stewardship program that the Bishop has asked parishes to take part in September this year.

In the Albany parish we will be participating in The Bible Studies led by Canon Karen and Jenny Taylor on Thursdays scheduled as below:
10th September 3 pm - Dorothy Wood Hall.
17th September 3 pm - Dorothy Wood Hall.
24th September 3 pm - Lady Chapel.

Prayers for:

Ministry with the Aboriginal People of Australia – Bishop Chris McLeod, Aboriginal Clergy and people.

Ministry with the Torres Strait Island People of Australia – Bishop Keith Joseph (Oversight), clergy and people.

NATSIAC

The Parish of Donnybrook - Priest-in-Charge - Revd. Cathie Broome and husband David.

Please pray for:

- * Thanks for the way in which individuals within our small community care for one another.
- * The guidance of the Holy Spirit in the development of our ministry.
- * Balance within our ministry and in our spiritual lives.
- * Renewed energy for outreach and ministry.
- * Continued growth in outreach ministries and community support.
- * Continued growth in prayer and Bible study
- * Young families to come into our congregation.

Diocesan Ministry - Georgiana Molloy Anglican School, Principal - Mr. Brad Evans, Deputy Principal - Ms. Meg Watson and Chaplain Revd. Carolyn Ball.

For the World:

- * Those suffering from natural disasters, war and the displaced.
- * School Chaplains and special needs

staff in schools.

- * Those who are homeless and estranged from families.
- * That the leaders of the Nations will be gifted with wisdom and a desire for peace.
- * That the world leaders will discuss issues of climate change with sober minds and come up with mitigation measures that are practical and realistic.

Anglican Church of Kenya - Diocese of Kapsabet.

St Mathew's Septonok Parish - Parish Priest - Revd. Elseba Cheruiyot and husband Obadiah.

St. Paul's Kaptel Parish - Parish Priest - Revd. Samwel Kogo and wife Eusilah.

Please pray for:

- * The Mother's Union department leadership and its members that they may carry out their mandate of caring for families.
- * All the worshippers who attend worship services at St Paul's Kaptel Parish, that the Holy Spirit may minister to each one of them individually.

Diocesan Ministry - Pray for the standing committee of synod that they receive wisdom and knowledge to guide in decision making.

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
- Columbian 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

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

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)



Government of Western Australia
Department of Communities

Become a foster carer

Make a difference to a child's life



Foster carers are volunteers who provide a safe, stable and secure environment to children who are unable to live with their families.

This information session is available for those contemplating becoming a foster carer or anyone wanting to learn more. The session will cover:

- Different types of fostering, including temporary, short break and long term care.
- The application and assessment process to become a foster carer.

Information session - Albany

17 September 2026
6:00pm – 7:00pm

Albany Senior High School, 1
Campbell Rd, Mount Clarence

To register your interest in attending visit:

www.eventbrite.com.au/o/106577237681

or scan the QR code



To learn more about foster caring or to complete an online enquiry form
visit www.fostercare.wa.gov.au or call 1800 182 178.

NOTICES

Upcoming Meetings and Events

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

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

Parish Council Meeting - Tues., 15th September at 5.30pm in the D/W Hall.

Mothers' Union - The next meeting will be at 1.30pm on Wednesday 18th September in the Dorothy Wood hall and talk about the labyrinths, exploring ways to get closer to God. Enquiries to Jane 0428 858 024

Parish Administrator away on leave til Mon., 5th Oct. Monday 7th September.

The Albany Wildflower Society will be using the halls again for their annual show. They will commence set up on Tues, 22nd September and use the hall until Saturday, 26th September.

Summer Outdoor Markets will be held in the gardens on Saturday, 26th September.

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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 please speak to Revd. Karen or one of our Wardens.

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

- 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 8th of October at 9.30am in the Lady Chapel.

CONTACT DETAILS

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