



St. John's Anglican Church Albany Consecrated 1848.

**Sunday 4th October 2026
Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost**



Sentence of the Day

'I will raise up for myself a faithful priest, who shall do according to my heart and mind: I will establish a lasting house for him and he shall walk before me all his days.'

1 Samuel 2:35

Collect

For the Nominating Committee:

Loving and gracious God, grant your wisdom and grace to the Nominating Committee. Give them a sure vision of your plan and purpose as they have interviewed candidates and supported them through the process. Encourage their faith, fill them with joy and hope, and sustain them as they serve you and your Church in this place. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Prayer of the Week

For the Members of the Election Synod:

God of wisdom and truth, give humility, discernment, kindness, and listening ears and hearts to the members of the Election Synod. Keep them faithful to your word, attentive to your Spirit, and gracious toward one another, for the sake of your kingdom and the good of your Church. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer

Today's Readings

1st Reading 1 Samuel 16:4-13

⁴ Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?"

⁵ He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

⁶ When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord."

⁷ But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart."

⁸ Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one."

⁹ Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one."

¹⁰ Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these."

¹¹ Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here."

¹² He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one."

¹³ Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

2nd Reading Titus 1:5-9

⁵ I left you behind in Crete for this reason, so that you should put in order what remained to be done and should appoint elders in every town, as I directed

you: ⁶ someone who is blameless, married only once, whose children are believers, not accused of debauchery and not rebellious. ⁷ For a bishop, as God's steward, must be blameless; he must not be arrogant or quick-tempered or addicted to wine or violent or greedy for gain, ⁸ but he must be hospitable, a lover of goodness, self-controlled, upright, devout, and restrained, ⁹ holding tightly to the trustworthy word of the teaching, so that he may be able both to exhort with sound instruction and to refute those who contradict it.

Gospel Reading Mark 10:35-45

³⁵ James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." ³⁶ And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" ³⁷ And they said to him, "Appoint us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." ³⁸ But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" ³⁹ They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized you will be baptized, ⁴⁰ but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to appoint, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."

⁴¹ When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. ⁴² So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. ⁴³ But it is not so among you; instead, whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴ and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵ For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve and to give his life a ransom for many."

The Psalm for today is Psalm 133

- ¹ Behold how good and how lovely it is:
when families live together in unity.
- ² It is fragrant as oil upon the head,
that runs down over the beard:
fragrant as oil upon the beard of Aaron,
that ran down over the collar of his robe.
- ³ It is like a dew of Hermon:
like the dew that falls upon the hill of Zion.
- ⁴ For there the Lord has commanded his
blessing:
which is life for evermore.

Next Sunday's Readings

1st Reading	Exodus 32:1-14	P79
2nd Reading	Philippians 4	P190
Gospel Reading	Matthew 22:1-14	P23

HYMNS – EUCHARIST SETTING DUDMAN TIS 756

	8am	9:30am
Introit		432
Gradual	341	341
Offertory	547	547
Recessional	561	561

**Children's Church is
available at our 9:30am
service. This week's
Children's Talk is 'Parable
of the Tenants.'**

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 hope you have all had good week. We welcome a new month, our 178th Anniversary and prayerfully the name of our new Bishop.

Our services will be slightly different this weekend as Clergy and Synod reps will be in Bunbury for Diocesan Synod and Bishopric Election Synod, the latter being held on Sunday. It is therefore fitting that we gather in our churches across the diocese with a unified theme of prayer.

The appropriate readings for Sunday are 1 Samuel 16:4-13, Psalm 133, Titus 1:5 -9 and Mark 10: 35 - 45. Our sentence is from Samuel, "I will raise up for myself a faithful priest, who shall do according to my heart and mind: I will establish a lasting house for him and he shall walk before me all his days."

We read of Samuel's visit to Jesse, we meet David and hear of his anointing. Psalm 133 tells of more anointing and the joy of unity. In Titus, Paul describes the character and qualification of pastors, here called elders and bishops. And in our Gospel, Jesus reminds his disciples that greatness in God's kingdom is not about status or power. It is found in serving others, following the example of Christ, who came not to be served but to serve and to give his life for many.

During the Last Supper, Jesus washed the feet of the apostles. By doing this he was trying to demonstrate a lesson he had taught them earlier: namely, that for them authority was to be a form of service. So that there would be no doubt in their minds as to what he meant when he said: "If I, the Master, have washed your feet, you must wash each other's feet. I have given you an example so that you may copy what I have done" (John 13:14-15).

Today there is often a gulf between those who rule and those who are ruled. A lot of hurt results especially for those below! Those in lower positions sometimes feel they are not appreciated by those in higher positions. They see the latter as remote and uncaring. It's easy for those who have worked their way up into high positions to forget what it is like to be 'in the trenches'. But to remember is to understand. A good parent remembers what it was like to be a child, don't they?

If only all of those in authority, would follow the example Jesus gave at the Last Supper. Let the policeman be arrested; the priest sit in the pew; the teacher sit at the desk; the foreman to get down into the trenches; the warder be locked up; the doctor get seriously ill; the judge be put in the dock; the general go to the front line; the man with the secure job join the dole queue. Might we not have a more caring and sensitive exercise of authority?

Of course, the opposite also happens – those in authority, are not always understood by those working under them, and harsh judgements are sometimes levelled at them by the workers.

There is a story that I heard once which illustrates the point being made here. "One day a watch was crossing the town square just as the big clock on the church steeple was chiming twelve noon. The watch looked up at the big clock and said, 'You think you're better than the rest of us, don't you? You ought to take

a look at yourself. Your face is so common, your hands so clumsy, and your voice so coarse!’

But the big clock calmly replied, ‘Come up here, my little brother, and I’ll show you something’.

The little watch climbed up the long stairs, and at last stood beside the big clock. What a view there was from here. But pretty soon it realised that it was dangerous up here, very exposed, and ever so lonely.

‘Little brother, there is a man down there who wants to know the time. Why don’t you tell him?’ said the big clock.

‘Oh, I couldn’t make him hear me from here or see me either’. The watch replied.

‘So you can’t tell him’, said the big clock. ‘But I can tell him. We each have a job to do. I can do what you can’t do. You can do what I can’t do. Let us therefore not criticise one another. Instead, let each of us in our own way, from our own place, tell people the time. In that way, we will not only be equal but brothers as well’.

In our reading from the Gospel today we hear Jesus trying to encourage his disciples to see leadership and positions of authority, as ministries of servanthood: or as opportunities for each of us to assist one another and so advance the Kingdom of God. All of us have been gifted with different skills and abilities: so that together, we might continue to serve the Lord and complete his mission to win salvation for all who would respond to his call. But so often our ministries are ineffectual because we become more concerned about our place in the scheme of things than we do about the people we have been called to serve. We are the body of Christ: and his Spirit is with us! Not me alone.

Blessings

Karen

Mothers Union Monthly Prayer

Gracious God and Father, As we welcome a new day and a new month, we pray that You will put a song in our hearts and on our lips to celebrate the glorious freedom won for us by Jesus in his death and resurrection. Freedom from sin and guilt; freedom to be who we are meant to be in Christ. May our joyful response be to join our MU brothers and sisters across the world ‘to proclaim liberty to the captives and let the oppressed go free.’ We give thanks for all that MU has done in Your name and pray with hope and confidence that it will continue to serve You and show Your love now and in the future. Amen.

Prayers for:

The Diocese of Ballarat - Bishop Garry Weatherill, Assisting Bishop Scott Lowrey, clergy and people.

The Parish of Australind - Priest-in-Charge Revd. Jamie Murray and wife Verity.

Please pray for:

- * Our mission and evangelism this year as we interact with the Ripple Effect material from City to City.
- * May we bear fruit in witnessing, outreach and sharing the good news.
- * Raising new leaders godly in character and servant-hearted in ministry for our church community.

Diocesan Ministry: The Blackwood Deanery - Revd. Justine Richmond.

For the World:

- *The St John Ambulance officers and staff.
- *School Chaplains and special needs staff in schools.
- *All residents and staff of aged care facilities.
- *For countries where Christians are persecuted and those who are unhappy with their work conditions or have no work at all.

Prayers for:

Anglican Church of Kenya - Diocese of Kapsabet.

St. Andrew’s Ol’Lessos Parish - Parish Priest - Revd. Emmanuel Rono, wife Teresa,, Curate Revd. Tecla Chepsiror and husband Enock.

St. Paul’s Tulon Parish - Parish Priest - Revd. Philemon Arusei, wife Pheoebe Curate Revd. Tonny Tirop and wife Jackline.

St. James Chemase Parish - Parish Priest - Revd. Moses Sum and wife Dianah.

St. James Kapserton Parish - Parish Priest - Revd. Julius Bor and wife Lily.

Please pray for:

- * That students would be proactive in sharing their lives with friends in their respective schools.
- * That the Lord would protect those working in health facilities against all communicable diseases.
- * God’s strength in the work of the parish and breakthrough in planned events.
- * The new parish to pick up with strength.

Diocesan Ministry - That the Lord may raise and send more workers to the mission field.

The Mission of The Month of October is Compassion

Compassion is a global neighbourhood committed to releasing children from poverty in Jesus' name. Over 9,000 local churches who see the need and know the people are carrying His compassion to their communities. God's Church is on the move.

Children are the hardest hit by poverty, the least able to change their circumstances, and at the heart of Jesus' ministry.

In response to God's call Compassion gives hope to the hopeless, spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ in a culturally relevant, non-coercive way.

While Compassion is a distinctly Christian organisation, they assist children and their families living in poverty regardless of their beliefs, gender or background.

Programs are delivered in partnership with local churches in developing countries.

These local congregations can best identify the specific needs of children in their community, and are able to adapt our programs to bring change to their communities.

Compassion addresses the holistic needs of the individual child so that they can become responsible and fulfilled adults, equipped to change their communities.

Compassion has a sponsorship scheme for anyone wishing to sponsor a child, their website has full details; local churches are involved with connecting sponsors with the children, and keeping them in touch with each other.

For further detail on Compassion, please visit their website <https://www.compassion.com.au>

NOTICES

Upcoming Meetings and Events

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

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

Communications Committee Meeting - Tues., 6th October at 4pm via Zoom.

October Parish Council Reports are due by email to Parish Administrator by 5pm Wed . 14th Oct.

Finance Committee Meeting - Thurs. 15th Oct at 10am in the D/W Hall.

Our **Election Synod** is taking place today (4th October).

Election Synod Prayer

Eternal God, shepherd and guide,

In you 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.

Parish Administrator returns from leave tomorrow (5th Oct).

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.

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.

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.

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.

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