



St. John's Anglican Church Albany Consecrated 1848.

**Sunday 11th October 2026
Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost**



Sentence of the Day

**This is our God for
whom we have
waited; let us be glad
and rejoice in his
salvation.**

Isaiah 25.9

Collect

**Saving and healing God,
you have promised
that those who have died
with Christ shall live with
him:
grant us grace to be
continually thankful for all
you have done for us,
and in that thankfulness
to be eager to serve and live
for others, so that we and all
your children may rejoice in
your salvation;
through Jesus Christ our
Lord, who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.**

Prayer of the Week

**Almighty God, in your
wisdom you have so
ordered our earthly
life that we must walk
by faith and not by
sight:
give us such trust in
your fatherly care that
in the face of all
perplexities we may
give proof of our faith
by the courage of our
lives; through Jesus
Christ our Lord. Amen**

Today's Readings

1st Reading Exodus 32.1-14

¹ When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron and said to him, 'Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.' ² Aaron said to them, 'Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me.' ³ So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. ⁴ He took the gold from them, formed it in a mould, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!' ⁵ When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, 'Tomorrow shall be a festival to the Lord.' ⁶ They rose early the next day, and offered burnt-offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel. ⁷ The Lord said to Moses, 'Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; ⁸ they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshipped it and sacrificed to it, and said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!"' ⁹ The Lord said to Moses, 'I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. ¹⁰ Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation.' ¹¹ But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, 'O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? ¹² Why should the Egyptians say, "It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth"? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. ¹³ Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, "I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it for ever." ¹⁴ And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

2nd Reading Philippians 4

¹ Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. ² I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³ Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. ⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵ Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸ Finally,

beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹ Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you. ¹⁰ I rejoice in the Lord greatly that now at last you have revived your concern for me; indeed, you were concerned for me, but had no opportunity to show it. ¹¹ Not that I am referring to being in need; for I have learned to be content with whatever I have. ¹² I know what it is to have little, and I know what it is to have plenty. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being well-fed and of going hungry, of having plenty and of being in need. ¹³ I can do all things through him who strengthens me. ¹⁴ In any case, it was kind of you to share my distress. ¹⁵ You Philippians indeed know that in the early days of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving, except you alone. ¹⁶ For even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me help for my needs more than once. ¹⁷ Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the profit that accumulates to your account. ¹⁸ I have been paid in full and have more than enough; I am fully satisfied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. ¹⁹ And my God will fully satisfy every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. ²⁰ To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen. ²¹ Greet every saint in Christ Jesus. The friends who are with me greet you. ²² All the saints greet you, especially those of the emperor's household. ²³ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

Gospel Reading Matthew 22:1-14

¹ Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ² 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³ He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴ Again he sent other slaves, saying, "Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet." ⁵ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶ while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. ⁷ The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸ Then he said to his slaves, "The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹ Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet." ¹⁰ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. ¹¹ 'But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹² and he said to him, "Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?" And he was speechless. ¹³ Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." ¹⁴ For many are called, but few are chosen.'

The Psalm for today is Psalm 106, Verses 1-6 and 20-24

- ¹ Praise the Lord;
O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good:
and his mercy endures for ever.
- ² Who can express the mighty acts of the Lord:
or fully voice his praise?
- ³ Blessed are those who act according to justice:
who at all times do the right.
- ⁴ Remember me, O Lord,
when you visit your people with your favour:
and come to me also with your salvation,
- ⁵ That I may see the prosperity of your chosen:
that I may rejoice with the rejoicing of your people,
and exult with those who are your own.
- ⁶ We have sinned like our ancestors:
we have acted perversely and done wrong.
- ²⁰ At Horeb they made themselves a calf:
and bowed down in worship to an image.
- ²¹ And so they exchanged the glory of God:
for the likeness of an ox that eats hay.
- ²² They forgot God who was their saviour:
that had done such great things in Egypt,
- ²³ Who had worked his wonders in the land of Ham:
and his terrible deeds at the Red Sea.
- ²⁴ Therefore he thought to destroy them:
had not Moses his servant stood before him in the breach,
to turn away his wrath from destroying them.

Next Sunday's Readings

<i>1st Reading</i>	<i>Jeremiah 8.22-9.3</i>	<i>P728</i>
<i>2nd Reading</i>	<i>2 Timothy 4.9-17a</i>	<i>P204</i>
<i>Gospel Reading</i>	<i>Luke 10:1-19</i>	<i>P66</i>

HYMNS – EUCHARIST SETTING **DUDMAN TIS 756**

	8am	9:30am
Introit		216
Gradual	145	145
Offertory	154	154
Recessional	201	201

**Children's Church is
available at our 9:30am
service. This week's
Children's Talk is 'You are
Invited'.**

A WARM WELCOME TO ALL VISITORS - All are welcome at the Lord's table. Baptised, communicant members of all Christian denominations, are very welcome to receive Holy Communion and any person welcome to come forward to receive a blessing. If you are unable to come to the altar rail and wish to receive the Sacrament in your pew, please speak to a sides person.

We respectfully acknowledge the Menang Noongar people as the traditional custodians of the land on which we worship and minister, and pay respect to elders past and present.

Hello Dear Friends

I pray you have had a blessed week. Last weekend brought the joy of our diocesan Synod and we have a new Bishop elect.

On the twentieth Sunday after Pentecost, we continue our journey through Exodus and this Sunday, the people of Israel continue to grumble and become weary in waiting and this weariness leads to temptations - only a few days before they had heard the commandment not to make a graven image; they'd heard the voice of God and made a covenant, and then in that very same place they surrendered their gold earrings and made a golden calf to worship!!! God then expresses just displeasure to Moses, and we learn that God's promises are to be our pleas in prayer.

The beginning of our Psalm reminds us that none of our sins or sufferings should prevent our ascribing glory and praise to God and a reiteration that we are not to give ourselves up to false idols.

Paul then exhorts the Philippians and us to stand fast in the Lord, and our Gospel is the well-known parable of the wedding feast where the provision made for perishing souls is represented by a royal feast made by a king.

Jesus' story might seem a bit far-fetched. Who would be so crazy as to turn down an invitation to a royal wedding? But people can be very foolish. There is a streak in us that not only refuses the good but can't even recognise it. God is continually calling us, as individuals and as a community, to a deeper and more authentic life. But, alas, this precious invitation is like the seed that fell among the thorns. It gets choked. A brief look at our lives will show how this happens.

There is that letter/email I know I should write, but just now I'm not in the mood.

There is a person I know I should visit, but right now my favourite programme is on television.

I know I need to pray, but I just don't seem to be able to find time for it.

I know I should make an effort to get to Church on time (or just to get to Church at all), but something always gets in the way.

I know I should be more charitable towards a certain person, but I just can't summon up the will to make the effort.

I know that dishonesty is wrong, but I tell myself that everybody does it, and what I do is minor compared to what others are up to.

I know I don't do my job as well as I should, but why should I break my back when others aren't pulling their weight?

I know I drink too much, but I'm under a lot of pressure these days.

I know I should spend more time with my children, but I need that overtime money.

One could go on. Each of us, if we got down to it, could draw up quite a long list of things which we know, in our heart of hearts, we should do, or should not do, but which we refuse to look at. And we have no shortage of excuses. They spring up to our defence like over-enthusiastic security guards.

The excuses that kept the invited guests from attending the wedding feast, weren't all bad. In fact, in most cases they were perfectly good ones: one man wanted to attend to his land; another to his business; and so on. But this is precisely what makes them so dangerous. We don't see them as posing a threat.

The greatest danger facing us is not that we might abandon God and turn to evil, but rather that we might just ignore his invitation. To ignore God's invitation altogether is the worst form of refusal. It implies indifference. Indifferent people are the hardest to love and share a relationship with.

We are invited not merely as individuals but as a community. It is the banquet of the People of God, namely, the Christian community. The invitation challenges us to give up our isolationism, our exclusivism, our self-sufficiency. To accept: means to admit our need and willingness to receive from others, to share with others, to associate with others, and to collaborate with others.

This is the banquet God is inviting us to attend: a banquet of sharing a deeper more meaningful relationship with God and with our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus. We don't have to earn our place at the banquet. We are invited. But have we really responded to that invitation?

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 Grafton - Bishop Murray Harvey, clergy and people.

The Parish of Coodanup - Part-Time Priest - Revd. Jacqui Chesley-Ingle, Deacon - Revd. Garelan Baguil, wife - Roseni, Assisting Clergy Revd. Cn Bill Byleveld, wife Helen, Revd. Allan Harrison, wife Julie, Revd. Noel Oakey and wife Helen.

Please pray for:

- * Our thanks to God for the retired clergy in our parish who continue to be available to serve in meaningful and helpful ways and also for our older parishioners who are the salt and light of our church community and still contribute so much despite health concerns and advancing years.
- * Lay leadership in the parish, that new lay ministers and parish councillors might discern God's call to serve in a new capacity.
- * Our outreach ministries – Op Shop, Food Ministry, Emergency Relief Centre as they continue to be an extension of our service to the Lord through the opportunity to welcome, love and care for those who are helped by them.
- * An outpouring of the Holy Spirit in Coodanup and for the filling of our pews with those seeking the love, hope and joy of Jesus in their lives.
- * The introduction of Alpha Courses and new Fellowship opportunities utilising the gifts and talents of our community members and the resources our parish has available.

Diocesan Ministry: Ministry in Public Schools and School Chaplains.

For the World:

- * More research into the causes and prevention of infectious diseases.
- * A greater openness to the needs of the world's asylum seekers.
- * Our politicians: Federal, State and members of our Local Government.
- * That the Lord may equip and strengthen us as we seek to serve in our families, workplace, church and community.

Prayers for:

Anglican Church of Kenya - Diocese of Kapsabet.

St Mary's Kilibwoni Parish - Parish Priest - Revd. Paul Rop and wife Faith.

St Paul's Cheplelachbei Parish - Parish Priest - Revd. Gabriel Koech and wife Joan.

Please pray for:

- * All those who are undergoing ordination training that God may provide them with resources for the duration of their training.
- * For a renewed spirit in mission work and a passion for church planting.

Diocesan Ministry - Pray for the KAYO (Kenya Anglican Youth Organization) and the Children's Ministry department that they mentor and bring up these important groups to emerge as a strong church in their generation.

The Mission of The Month of October is Compassion

Compassion is a global neighbourhood committed to releasing children from poverty in Jesus' name.

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.

Bicentennial Fete Meeting - Wednesday 14th October at 4pm in the Dorothy Wood Hall.

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

Parish Council Meeting - Tues. 21st October at 5.30pm in the D/W Hall.

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

Mothers' Union. Our next gathering will be on Thursday 15th October. This is the day of the Diocesan Country Rally in Dunsborough and we are going to meet in the Dorothy Wood Hall to watch it by live streaming. The hall will be open at 9.30am for a cuppa and the live streaming will start at 10am. We are thinking of going out to lunch afterwards. Enquiries to Jane 0428 858 024

Bicentennial Fete Update - Thank you to all the parishioners that attended the recent fete meeting, it was a good roll up. **Just a reminder that the Bicentennial fete will be held on Saturday 24th October.** The Stalls proposed will be Plants and Flowers, Books, Cakes, Crafts, Soft Toys, Cakes, Jams and Pickles. There will be a BBQ with a coffee van. The Op Shop and Church will be open. All contributions to the stalls would be much appreciated. For more information please contact Pippa Milne on 0477089560. Thank you!



THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA

THE DIOCESE OF BUNBURY

CONFIRMATION OF THE ELECTION OF THE 11TH BISHOP OF BUNBURY

The Diocese is grateful for the prayerful and generous way Bishop Matt and Rachael Brain have engaged with us throughout this discernment process, and we look forward with great joy to welcoming them to the Diocese of Bunbury. We give thanks to God for Bishop Matt's deep faith, considerable experience and commitment to nurturing healthy, mission-shaped communities, and look forward with hope and expectation to this new season of ministry together.

Biography – Bishop Matt Brain

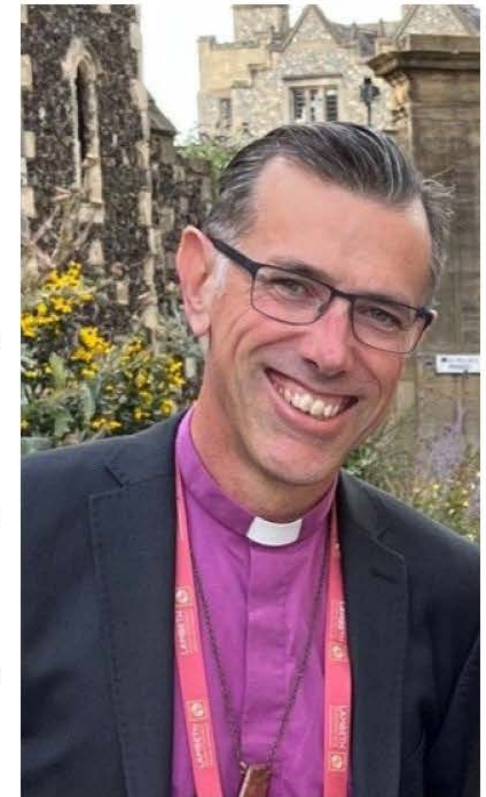
Bishop Matt Brain was ordained in the Anglican Diocese of North-West Australia in 2003 where he gained valuable experience in rural and remote ministry. He moved to the Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn in 2010 and was consecrated a bishop in 2015, serving as an assistant bishop.

In Canberra and Goulburn, Bishop Matt was responsible for Ministry Training and Development and oversaw Parish Support, Chaplaincy and Mission and served as Acting Registrar and General Manager of Anglican Diocesan Services.

Bishop Matt has completed a doctorate and published numerous books, articles and conference papers. He has also lectured in Theology at St Mark's Theological College and Charles Stuart University.

He is married to Rachael and they have five children, a daughter in law and a grandson. He originally trained and worked as a physiotherapist before being called to ministry and his hobbies include cycling, playing the guitar, and reading.

Bishop Matt moved to Victoria in 2018 to be the Bishop the Anglican Diocese of Bendigo, where he is committed to building healthy, mission-shaped communities of faith. He believes that it is as people see, hear, understand and grasp hold of Jesus that their lives and the communities they live in will be transformed.





Message from Bishop Matt Brain to the Bunbury Diocese

Rachael and I are excited to be joining you! To be elected bishop is to be called into a privileged responsibility. As children of the west, we are familiar with the land and towns of the southwest. We are looking forward to getting to know the people, communities and places of the diocese; this time as locals.

We serve a great God who is more than enough for all our needs. We see this in the way that Jesus shared our common life and opened the way to have life and life to the full. We look forward to encouraging you with the news of God's great love in Jesus and the wonderful call we share as coworkers in God's mission.

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.

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:

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BEETHOVEN: THE SYMPHONY CYCLE

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 12th of November at 9.30am in the Lady Chapel.

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