



ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH ALBANY
CONSECRATED 1848

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
- ALL SAINTS
1ST NOVEMBER 2026



SENTENCE OF THE DAY

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs the kingdom of heaven. Matthew 5.10

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

God our Father, whose will it is to bring all things to order and unity in our Lord Jesus Christ: may all the peoples of the world, bow divided and torn apart by sin, be brought together under his sovereign rule of love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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

**PAST
PRESENT
FUTURE**

COLLECT

We praise you, heavenly Father, that you have knit together your chosen ones in one communion and fellowship in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord: give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Saviour, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen

WELCOME

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.

Today's Readings

1st Reading Revelation 7.9-17

⁹ After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands.

¹⁰ They cried out in a loud voice, saying,
‘Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!’

¹¹ And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God,

¹² singing,
‘Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honour
and power and might
be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.’

¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, ‘Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?’

¹⁴ I said to him, ‘Sir, you are the one that knows.’ Then he said to me, ‘These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵ For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

¹⁶ They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;

¹⁷ for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.’

The Psalm for today is Psalm 34, Verses 1-10 and 22

¹ I will bless the Lord continually:
his praise shall be always in my mouth.

² Let my soul boast of the Lord:
the humble shall hear it and rejoice.

³ O praise the Lord with me:
let us exalt his name together.

⁴ For I sought the Lord's help and he answered:
and he freed me from all my fears.

⁵ Look towards him and be bright with joy:
your faces shall not be ashamed.

⁶ Here is a wretch who cried, and the Lord heard me:
and saved me from all my troubles.

⁷ The angel of the Lord encamps round those who fear him:
and delivers them in their need.

⁸ O taste and see that the Lord is good:
happy are they that hide in him!

⁹ Fear the Lord, all you his holy ones:
for those who fear him never lack.

¹⁰ Lions may suffer want and go hungry:
but those who seek the Lord lack nothing good.

²² The Lord ransoms the lives of his servants:
and none who hide in him will be destroyed.

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2nd Reading 1 John 3-3

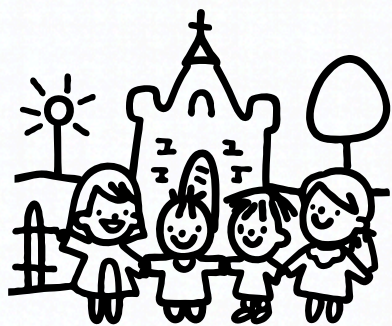
¹ See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ² Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³ And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Gospel Reading Matthew 5.1-12

¹ When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ² Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: ³ 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴ 'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. ⁵ 'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. ⁶ 'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. ⁷ 'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. ⁸ 'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. ⁹ 'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. ¹⁰ 'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹ 'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Next Sunday's Readings

Joshua 24.1-3a; 24.14-25; Psalm 78.1-7; 1 Thessalonians 4.9-18; Matthew 25.1-13



Children's Church is available at our 9:30am service. This week's Children's Talk is 'Practice what you Preach'.

HYMNS - EUCHARIST SETTING

DUDMAN TIS 756

8AM - GRADUAL 448, OFFERTORY 231, RECESSIONAL



9.30AM - INTROIT 455, GRADUAL 448, OFFERTORY 231, RECESSIONAL 693.

Hello Dear Friends

I pray you have had a blessed week and are all recovering from the excitement of our fete.

Today we celebrate All Saint's Day.

We are, this week and next, in a season of remembrance, lasting from All Hallows Eve to All Saint's Day, when we remember Godly People, then All Souls Day, when we remember those who we have loved who have died. We then celebrate The Feast of Martyrs and Confessors, when we remember modern day Christian Anglican Martyrs then on the 11th November we have Armistice Day when we remember all those who have died in war.

What is a saint? It has been described as a person who makes it easier for us to believe in God. They teach us to "do unto others as you would have them do to you. They teach us that God is love. As Christians, we strive to love and show others God. Who do you remember this day who did this for you. Who has

shown you this great love?

As Christians, we remember with hope. Our grief is different because it is filled with hope. We have a hope that death is not the end. Christ conquered death by resurrection. This period of remembrance is a time of thanksgiving and a time to remember with love, with hope and with joy.

Here in Australia, and especially here in Albany, we are truly blessed to live in a most beautiful part of God's creation. We can think of our marvellous ocean views and our bush.

To visit the bush is unforgettable experience. But to explore the trails is better still. I have especially loved getting to know the many walking trails close by : Point Possession, Bald Head, Bluff Knoll. You can find carefully laid out trails for hikers and walkers. On those trails you will find lots of markers and piles of rocks carefully placed. In difficult uphill or downhill parts you will find steps cut out in the rocks. In marshy places you will find stepping-stones laid out. And in dangerous parts you will see warning signs posted.

Thanks to these well-made and well-worn trails, even amateurs (like me who are most adept at getting lost) can make their way safely through deep forest and rugged mountain terrain. As you travel these trails you marvel at the hard work that went into the making of them. And one thing becomes abundantly clear: without those trails the ordinary walker like me would be completely lost.

The saints have done something similar for us. They have laid out paths for us. They have put down markers on those paths. They have travelled the way ahead of us, a great host of them. They have shown us what ordinary human beings like us can achieve when they avail of the grace of God. They have prepared the way for us and set us an example of determination, faithfulness, and sacrifice.

Christians have always turned to the example of the saints for inspiration in our own faith journey. Some saints went straight to the goal. Others fell, stumbled or blundered, before finally getting it right. But all have expanded the possibilities of human love and grown as individuals, through their faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour: because of the lives they lived.

Such examples are not confined to the roll of "official saints". All around us (even in our own times) there are men and women whose stories guide and encourage us on our journey – people in whom the two great commandments, love of God and love of neighbour, have been a visible example to others.

Today we draw encouragement and inspiration from these men and women who have gone before us: and have shown us how faith in Jesus can really make a positive difference to the type of person we are, and the type of life that we choose to live.

The saints serve as models for us precisely because they were sinners like us: whose lives were transformed by their faith in Jesus Christ. They are reminders to us of what life is about, and the fact that we live in a real world which does not always recognise God's authority over his creation, and so some people have their

own agenda, which is not always compatible with God's plan for us. They remind us that we live in a fallen world: but they also inspire us, guide us, encourage us and give us hope. And, of course, they also intercede for us.

But they can't live our lives for us, each of us must do that for our self: regardless of the struggles we have, and the obstacles we must overcome to be the people we were created to be. Nor will they provide us with shortcuts and ways of evading the hard slog and the narrow road. We must not expect others to do for us what we cannot discipline ourselves to do. We have to make the journey ourselves, but we need not journey alone: the Lord is with us, in the same way that he was with them: and the Saints who have gone before us, demonstrate this for us very clearly. The example of the saints helps us to dare to live that journey in faith, while they encourage us to remain faithful to our relationship with Jesus as Lord and Saviour.

Today as we celebrate and give thanks for the lives of all the saints, both past and present: let us also give thanks to God and praise him, that we too have been chosen and called, to walk in their footsteps.

Blessings

Karen

Prayers for:

The Anglican Church of Australia - Primate - Bishop - Mark Short, General Secretary Anne Hywood, The General Synod and the Standing Committee.

The Parish of Albany - St. John the Evangelist, Priest in Charge - Revd. Canon Karen Cave, Retired Clergy - Revd. Helen Barnard, Revd. John Abraham and wife Anne, Revd. Michael Lloyd (Deacon) and wife Margaret.

Please pray for:

- The Ministry to the Seafarers.
- The Ministry to the Regional Prison.
- The Ministry of Emergency Relief, Op Shop and Soup Kitchen.
- Young families and Sunday School.
- Ability to invite friends.
- The Ministry to Police Chaplaincy.
- The Ministry to RSL.
- The Ministry to Amana living.

Diocesan Ministry - Ministry in nursing homes: Residential care and the elderly.

For the World:

- For all who serve in Federal, State and Local Government.
- For Community Child Care and Respite Centres and their Staff.
- For increased funding for medical research and services.

Anglican Church of Kenya - Diocese of Kapsabet.

Diocesan Bishop - The Rt. Rev'd Dr. Paul Korir, wife Selline and children Emmanuel and Sammy.

Diocesan Administrative Secretary - Ven. Bethuel Cheruiyot and wife Elizabeth.

Other Diocesan Staff - Mr. Paul Melly (Diocesan Driver), Mrs Jacklyne Too (Bishop's Secretary), Ms. Dianna Chepngeno (Diocesan Secretary attached to Bishop's Office), Mr. Erick Bett and Mr David Too (Office Assistants), Ms. Neddy Jepleting (Secretary attached to Mothers' Union Dept.), Mrs. Gladys Kemboi (Diocesan Accountant) and Mr. Isaac Talam (Diocesan Accountants Clerk).

Please pray for:

- The major projects in our diocese especially the ongoing construction of the ACK Kapsabet Plaza.
- The Bishop that the Lord will bestow him with wisdom, strength, and courage to steward the diocese towards fulfilling its mission mandate in 2026.
- Christians in the diocese that they may give generously for the Lord's work.

Mothers Union Monthly Prayer

God our creator and sustainer, whose mission brings life and growth to all who call on your name in faith; help and guide us to seek: your vision in our prayers and planning, your wisdom in our practical action, and your power at work within us as we continue to work towards moral, social and economic justice for all. Through your very precious gift of prayer, enable us to reflect your abundant hope and love to those we seek to serve; that they may discover life in all its fullness, finding a place of refuge and of peace. Amen.

Mission of the Month - The Bishop's Foundation for Ministry Fund.

The feast of Christ the King on the 24th November, 2020 was chosen to re-launch the Bishop's Foundation for Ministry fund to help pay for more mission initiatives and training costs as well as supporting existing ministry. The Foundation for Ministry fund was established over 30 years ago to support ministry and mission in the Bunbury diocese. Over the years, donations have been coming in from people and congregations, and special collections. There is still a need for funding to help with training costs for both ordained clergy and lay people across the Bunbury diocese, ensuring growth of the Church in our own area. The fund has been chosen as our Mission in November and we are pleased to be able to support the fund and help further mission and ministry on our own patch.

NOTICES

Upcoming Meetings and Events

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

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

Communications Committee Meeting - Tuesday 3rd Nov. at 4pm via Zoom.

Thursday at 3 - We have gathered anew to consider Living the Questions – a study using a DVD and written material, that explores the writings of the Bible and the mysteries of faith and life.

This study will run for 5 more weeks. Our Advent studies, from Companions on the Way, will commence on 26 November and finish on 17 December. Come and join us! We meet in the DW Hall at 3 pm.

St John's Ladies Fellowship Meeting - Fri., 6th November from 9.30am. Topic will be "Craft with Jill". Venue: Lynnette Highman's home at 70 Morgan Road, Mckail. Ph: 98415179. All welcome.

Finance Committee Meeting - Thurs., 12th November at 10am in St John's Hall.

Nov. Parish Council Meeting Reports due to PA via email by 5pm Wed. 11th November.

Emergency Relief - Hi everyone Thanks for your previous donations which we very much appreciated. We urgently require the following items:

- 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:

BSB: 706-001

Acc: 3000 8763

Fete Fundraising Totals to date:

Flowers and Produce	\$446.00
Plants –	\$937.00
Jams and Pickles	\$271.00
Cakes	\$367.00
Craft	\$208.45
Books	\$197.20
Raffle	\$860.00
Tea & Coffee	\$110.15
Sausage Sizzle	\$488.80
Donations	\$711.00
Sunday Leftovers	\$82.05
Op Shop	<u>\$265.95</u>



Total Proceeds to Date \$4,944.60

Final Total will be supplied once final total is counted from Friday, 30th October Plant Sale.

16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM AGAINST GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

25TH NOVEMBER - 10 DECEMBER

BUT I WILL SING OF YOUR STRENGTH, IN THE MORNING I WILL SING OF
YOUR LOVE; FOR YOU ARE MY FORTRESS, MY REFUGE IN TIMES OF TROUBLE.
PSALM 59:16

RESPOND
INFORM
SUPPORT
EMPOWER

UNITE
PRAY



Almighty and everlasting
God,
We pray to you for those
who suffer from gender-
based violence.
We pray for the victims of
such abuse and ask that
you will heal, renew and
guard them.
We ask that they will bring
their cares to you who care
for them.
We pray that we may see
the end to such evil and a
new day of peace and
sacrificial love.
And this we ask in the name
of our Lord Jesus. Amen



ALBANY CITY WIND ENSEMBLE PRESENTS

Nautical Winds



MUSIC DIRECTOR **Sandra Woonings**
MASTER OF CEREMONIES **Mike Staude**

A Nod to the Navy, Sea Shanties, Pirates,
Childhood Favourites & Much More !!

SATURDAY

21 NOV
2026

2:00 PM

**Albany Free
Reformed Church**
Cnr North Rd & Beaufort Street



\$40 ADULT | \$35 CONCESSION | \$15 UNDER 16
Available from Stamms Emporium OR trybooking.com

Worship at St John's:

Sunday 8:00am – Sung Eucharist

Sunday 9.30am – Live streamed Sung Eucharist

Sunday 7.00pm – Live Streamed Compline

Tuesday 12.30pm – Eucharist in the Lady Chapel.

Monday – Friday – Morning and Evening Prayer live streamed at 8am & 5pm.

Order of St Luke Healing Service is held on the **2nd Thursday of every month at 9.30 am** in the Lady Chapel.

Live streaming access.

Facebook: “Like” the following pages Anglican Parish of Albany and Anglican Parish Albany Service Stream for live services or recordings.

Website: Visit our website www.anglicanchurchalbany.org.au and click on the link for Facebook Livestream

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