# ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH ALBANY
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## SUNDAY 15TH NOVEMBER 2026
## TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



## SENTENCE OF THE DAY

God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other.

1 Thessalonians 5.9, 11

## PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Almighty God, whose sovereign purpose none can make void:
give us faith to be steadfast amid the tumults of this work, knowing that your kingdom shall come and your will be done, to your eternal glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. 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.




## COLLECT

Everliving God, before the earth was formed, and even after it shall cease to be, you are God.
Break into our short span of life
and show us those things that are eternal, that we may serve your purpose in all we do;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,who lives and reigns with you in unity with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.




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 Judges 4.1-10

1 The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, after Ehud died. 2 So the
Lord sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the
commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. 3 Then the Israelites
cried out to the Lord for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed
the Israelites cruelly for twenty years. 4 At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of
Lappidoth, was judging Israel. 5 She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah
and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgement.
6 She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to
him, 'The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you, "Go, take position at Mount Tabor,
bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. 7 I will draw out
Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and
his troops; and I will give him into your hand." ' 8 Barak said to her, 'If you will go with me,
I will go; but if you will not go with me, I will not go.' 9 And she said, 'I will surely go with
you; nevertheless, the road on which you are going will not lead to your glory, for the Lord
went with Barak to Kedesh. 10 Barak summoned Zebulun and Naphtali to Kedesh; and ten
thousand warriors went up behind him; and Deborah went up with him.

## The Psalm for today is Psalm 123

1 To you I lift up my eyes:
you who are enthroned in the heavens.
2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master:
or as the eyes of a maid toward the hand of her mistress,
3 So our eyes look to the Lord our God:
until he show us his mercy.
4 Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us:
for we have had our fill of derision.
5 Our souls overflow with the mockery of those at ease:
and with the contempt of the proud.
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## 2nd Reading 1 Thessalonians 5.1-11

1 Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have
anything written to you. 2 For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will
come like a thief in the night. 3 When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden
destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there
will be no escape! 4 But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a
thief; 5 for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of

darkness.[6] So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; [7] for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. [8] But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. [9] For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, [10] who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. [11] Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

**Gospel Reading Matthew 25.14-30**

[14] 'For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; [15] to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. [16] The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. [17] In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. [18] But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. [19] After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. [20] Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." [21] His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." [22] And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." [23] His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." [24] Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; [25] so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." [26] But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? [27] Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. [28] So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. [29] For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. [30] As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

**Next Sunday's Readings**
Ezekiel 34.11-16; 34.20-24; Psalm 100;
Ephesians 1.15-23;Matthew 25.31-46



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

**HYMNS – EUCHARIST SETTING DUDMAN TIS 756**

**8AM – GRADUAL 598, OFFERTORY 143, RECESSIONAL 134.**



**9.30AM – INTROIT 598, GRADUAL 546, OFFERTORY 143, RECESSIONAL 134.**

Hello Dear Friends

I pray you have had a good week.

We have yet another week of exciting readings: Judges informs that Israel has again revolted and is oppressed by Jobin. Deborah plans their deliverance with Barak. The brave prophet Deborah would not send Barak where she would not go herself, Thessalonians reminds us we don't know the time of the second coming, but we are to set a good example while we wait and our Psalm, well this is my favourite psalm. Psalm 123 was the focus of my retreat prior to my ordination to the diaconate. It talks of focus and where our eyes should be firmly planted - on God!!!! with such intensity and such focus - the same as a servant would look to the slightest movements of a master's fingers at a table when serving so that all guests would be cared for fully and properly.

Following his conversion, Paul believed that the second coming of Christ was imminent as we see in several of his letters, especially in today's reading where he urges the Thessalonians to be watchful. Matthew however understood that there would be a delay before Christ was to come again: and so, he speaks to us about what it means to be watchful and ready for our Lords return. Because when he comes all will be judged: and only those who are ready will be saved!

A story!!!! Once a re-union took place of the past pupils of a famous school run by a religious order. An elderly priest, who had come back to be present at the reunion, found himself surrounded by a host of former pupils most of whom he hadn't met since they left the school many years previously. It was obvious from the way they flocked to him that he enjoyed great respect among them.

He received them with graciousness. Then, without the slightest prompting from him, they began to pour out their stories. One was an architect who had built a number of public buildings, including two churches. Another was a

university professor who had written several learned books. Another was the head of a business company which had branches in over a dozen countries. Another was a highly successful farmer. Another was a monsignor in the Church. Another was the principal of a very prestigious school.

As they told their stories he said little, contenting himself with nodding his head and smiling. When they had finished, he complimented them on their achievements. Then, looking at them with affection, he said, 'And now: tell me what you have made of yourselves?' A long silence followed. They were reluctant to talk about themselves. It seems that they were so absorbed in their careers that they had neglected their personal lives. Their energies were so focused on efficiency and success that they didn't have the time to grow emotionally, with the result that in terms of relationships many of them were impoverished.

In the Gospel Christ talks about three people who are given different talents. He commends the first two because they used their talents: and he censures the third because he buried his talent. Our talents in this particular parable are meant to represent our God given gifts. Gifts that enable each of us, as the people of God: to reach out to others in such a way that gives witness to our faith and seeks to encourage them to accept and embrace faith in Jesus for themselves. It's important that we each use our talents to build up the body of Christ and to extend his Kingdom. But of course, we mustn't get the wrong impression here and think that this means that we can be saved by our "good works": because we can't, and that's not what our Lord is saying in this parable. What he is saying is that while we await his return, we have a job to do: and if we don't do it, it could mean that someone else might miss out on hearing or seeing the Good News. If we don't share our faith with them, who will?

Today's message from the scriptures then is one which strongly encourages each of us, as we await the return of Christ to judge the world and everyone in it: to watch and be ready! It's encouraging each of to make sure that our own relationship with Almighty God is what it should be, so that we ourselves are ready for the return of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. But it also challenges us to be actively waiting and watching for his return. To be actively using those gifts and talents in his service, and to witness to his love for all, and his desire that all should share a special relationship with him and so be saved. This we do by being the people he created us to be, by using our God given gifts in service to others, and by living the life that he has called us to live. A life which reflects our faith in Jesus as Lord and Saviour!

Life and love are God's gift to us. What we do with life and that love is our gift to God.

Blessings

Karen

**Prayers for:**

**The Diocese of Newcastle** - Bishop Peter Stuart, Assisting Bishops - Charlie Murry, Sonia Roulston, clergy and people

**The Parish of Gelorup**

**Please pray for:**

- A chaplain for the Grammar school.
- For people in the Gelorup-Dalyellup area to be drawn to join us regularly and be part of our community.
- That we grow in the love and knowledge of God, and in serving others.
- For those leading services.

**Diocesan Ministry** - The Ordination Council.

**For the World:**

- Those who maintain essential services.
- The families and loved ones of those in prison.
- Members of the World Health Organisation.
- For the cease of fire in some warring nations of the world.

**Anglican Church of Kenya** - Diocese of Kapsabet.

**Emmanuel Kamonjil Parish** - Parish Priest - Revd. Wilson Bassy and wife Nila.

**St. Stephen's Sochoi Parish** - Parish Priest Revd. Peter Lelmengit and wife Salina.

**Please pray for:**

- The expansion of mission and evangelism in the parishes.
- Unity of purpose among the spiritual leaders.

**Diocesan Ministry** - Pray for all the diocesan staff that God may strengthen them as they do their work selflessly.

## 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 fefuge 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.

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# Christmas Services at St John's 2026



**Sunday 20th December**

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| 8am | Holy Communion |
| 9.30am | Holy Communion followed by Sausage Sizzle |
| 5pm | Nine Lessons and Carols |

**Tuesday 22nd December**

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| 12.30pm | Holy Communion |

**Thursday 24th December**

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| 5pm | Crib Service |
| 11pm | Christmas Eucharist with Carols beginning at 10.30pm |

**Friday 25th December**

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| 9.00am | Christmas Day Eucharist |

# NOTICES

**UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS**

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

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

**Thursday at 3** - We will continue for two more weeks exploring the Bible and our faith using the Living the Questions material. On Thursday 26 November we will commence our Advent study using a guide from Companions on the Way. Our Advent studies will finish on 17 December. We meet in the DW Hall at 3 p.m. Come and join us!

**Parish Council Meeting** - Tuesday, 17th November in the D/W Hall at 5.30pm.

**Mothers' Union End of Year Function -** Wednesday 18th November at Premier Hotel. Please arrive about 11.30am, order lunch (to be served at 12.00) at the downstairs bar on the way in and then proceed upstairs to the Lady Room, which is opposite the lifts. Please book with Jane on 0428 858 024 as soon as possible as we do need to let the hotel know of numbers attending.

**St John's Ladies Fellowship Meeting** - Friday, 4th December - Christmas Luncheon at 11.30am at Hooked Fish and Chips.

**International Volunteer Day** This year, Albany & Regional Volunteer Service (ARVS) is celebrating a day early with a Picnic in the Park! 🧺🌳

📅 Friday 4 December 2026

⏰ 11am–2pm

📍 Eyres Park, Albany

Come along and enjoy a relaxed afternoon with fellow volunteers and the ARVS team, including:

🍔 A BBQ lunch ☕ A coffee van 🍰 Cupcakes 🎶 Some tunes and good vibes - The amazing musical trio The Offsiders are joining us for the day! 🙂 🎯 Lawn games and activities 🧺 Plenty of time to relax, chat and celebrate!

This is our way of saying THANK YOU to the amazing volunteers who help make our community a better place. Whether you volunteer with a local organisation, community group, club or somewhere else, you're invited!

Bring your chair, picnic rug and your volunteer group, and come along for a fun afternoon of appreciation. You're also welcome to bring your own food if you'd like to make a real day of it, last year a couple of groups used this opportunity/event to 'host' their volunteer Christmas party, which was lovely to see 🙂It's a busy time of year - so it's a great opportunity to make the most of everyone being in one place at the same time 🙂Please RSVP so we know how many people to cater for.https://events.humanitix.com/picnic-in-the-park-international-volunteer-day-2026 We hope you can join us! 💚💛

The ARVS TeamCelebrating our amazing volunteering community! 🌟

**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.

**2027 LECTIONARIES** are now available from the office for $17.

**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.

**LOCAL WRITER** Amber Wise has written “My Psalms Through Seasons of Life." Amber is a private educator at Bethel Christian School, and a Christ-centred author who has written this book about her journey with the Lord, exploring how God has helped her lean entirely on Him through all times- both times of deep sorrow and times of joy. Prices are Hardback - $40, Paperback - $25. If interested, please email: amber@wisebookcompany.com.au or text:0480 007 630. For further detail, please see the flyer on the notice board in the D/W Hall.

**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?

**TOTAL FETE FUNDRAISING TO DATE** is well in excess of $5,000. The final total will be provided at the end of November.

**ONLINE DIRECT DEPOSITS**- 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.

**Free Will Offering for St John’s** - 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

# 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

**R** ESPOND
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**P** RAY



**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**

ANGLICAN MOTHERS UNION AUSTRALIA

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**ALBANY CITY WIND ENSEMBLE** PRESENTS

# Nautical Winds

A MUSICAL VOYAGE ACROSS THE SEAS

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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