

Services at St John's.

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Please know if you feel anxious at all just call Rev. Karen anytime.

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Op Shop

Managers - Ann Robinson and Ann Wilkinson

Due to Covid-19, the Op Shop will remain closed until further notice

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Please check out our Facebook, Twitter and Instagram pages at Anglican Parish of Albany and encourage your friends to follow us.



St. John's Anglican Church Albany Consecrated 1848.



Sunday 29th March – Fifth Sunday of Lent

Sentence of the Day.

'I am the resurrection and the life,' says the Lord; 'whoever lives and believes in me shall never die.'

John 11.25–26

Collect of the Day

Life-giving God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death: breathe upon us with the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ, and serve you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Prayer of the week:

We thank you, heavenly Father, that you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: we pray that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his presence abiding in us he may raise us to joys eternal; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Readings for this week			
First Reading	Ezekiel	37.1-14	829
Psalm		130	364
Second Reading	Romans	8.6-11	150
Gospel	John	11.1-45	99

Next Sunday's Readings			
Sixth Sunday of Lent (Palm Sunday)- 5th April			
First Reading	Isaiah	50.4-9a	697
Psalm		31.9-18	250
Second Reading	Philippians	2.5-11	189
Gospel	Matthew	26.14-27.66	28

Mission of The Month for March is Church Mission Society

The Mission for the month of March is the Church Missionary Society of Australia. The CMS was founded in 1799 in England. Two of the founding members were John Newton, an Anglican priest who was formerly the captain of a slave ship, (he wrote Amazing Grace); and William Wilberforce who led the movement to abolish slavery. Together with others Wilberforce succeeded in stopping the slave trade in England. They were both part of a group of Evangelicals with a passion for spreading the Good News of the gospel worldwide.

CMS in the UK took a particular interest in Australia, especially the aboriginal community. At that time (1825) most of the action was in Sydney where a CMS outpost was established. The first Missionaries from the UK arrived soon after. From Sydney they ventured further afield; the first overseas missionaries from Australia went to Sri Lanka (Ceylon as it then was) in 1892.

The CMS branches in Australia eventually combined to form The Church Missionary Society of Australia. Since then Australia has sent Missionaries to many countries. The stated objectives of the CMS Australia are

To proclaim the gospel of Christ throughout the world, in fellowship with the local Churches;

- To send missionaries overseas and to Northern Australia;
- To deepen Christian commitment to Evangelism;
- To support CMS missionaries by prayer, giving and pastoral care;
- To engage in cross culturalism;
- To educate the Australian Church in its responsibilities to this Mission.

Although the CMS has its roots in the Anglican Church, it works closely with other Christian denominations in the field

Notices

- * **Lenten Studies.** - This year we are following a study called "Lament and Hope - Create in me a Clean Heart" following the appointed Lectionary Psalms for Sundays in Lent. Although these meetings are suspended, please continue these studies at home..
- * **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 Revd 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)
- * **Pew sheet Notices** - Please be advised that all pew sheet notices must be received by the Parish Administrator by 5.30pm Wednesday, preferably via email. Thank you.
- * **Gardeners** - Here at St John's we enjoy the most amazing gardens, thanks to the loving care and attention of our gardeners. We need more helpers please. Maybe you would like to care for a small part of the grounds or help in general. If so, ask Revds Karen or John or Peter Fitzgibbon for details
- * **Rae Anderson** requested in lieu of flowers at her funeral, donations be made to the Ladies Guild. The Ladies Guild would like to thank those who have made a donation and if anyone would still like to do so, please contact Ethel Halliday 0409 447 960.

For Prayer Chain Requests - Please contact Revd. Karen on 0434 702 343

Direct Giving:

For parishioners to set up electronic giving the BSB details are:

Anglican Community Fund St. John's Anglican Parish Albany, BSB: 706 001 Account number: 3000 3081

This goes to the same Albany Parish account as Church collections.

For more information visit www.anglicanchurchalbany.org.au

Please quote the word "Donation" in your reference.

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Please consider making your regular donation using this method so as to help keep the church operating through these difficult times. If you intend to drop in at the church during the week and give a cash donation there are envelopes and a donation box in the entrance or Eftpos at the office.

PRAYER FOR A PANDEMIC

May we who are merely inconvenienced remember those whose lives are at stake.

May we who have no risk factors remember those most vulnerable.

May we who have the luxury of working from home remember those who must choose between preserving their health or making their rent.

May we who have the flexibility to care for our children when their schools close remember those that have no options.

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May we who have to cancel our trips remember those who have no safe place to go.

May we who are losing our margin money in the tumult of the economic market remember those who have no margin at all.

May we settle in for a quarantine at home remember those who have no home.

As fear grips our country, let us choose love during this time when we cannot physically wrap our arms around each other, let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace Of God to our neighbour. **Amen.**

IN A TIME OF UNCERTAINTY, ISOLATION AND ANTICIPATION

Almighty and All-loving God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we pray to you through Christ the Healer for those who suffer from the Coronavirus Covid-19 in Australia and across the world.

We pray too for all who reach out to those who mourn the loss of each and every person who has died as a result of contracting the disease. Give wisdom to policymakers, skill to healthcare professionals and researchers, comfort to everyone in distress and a sense of calm to us all in these days of uncertainty and distress. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord who showed compassion to the outcast, acceptance to the rejected and love to those to whom no love was shown. **Amen.**

Archbishop Michael Jackson Dublin & Glendalough

Retreat to the things within:

Dear God, a door on the world is momentarily closing; There is much anxiety and fear about the future. Open the door within my soul that I may take repose upon your eternal changelessness and love. Let me nourish the things within: my home, my garden, my family, the autumn leaves and cooler nights, and more time to pray for many who are ill and dying, for carers, doctors, scientists and researchers. For the time being, this is my cell with you and others; my cloud of unknowing, my place apart in waiting. Let me trust completely in you, believing that 'All shall be well; all manner of things shall be well.' dtw. with gratitude to Julian of Norwich

Blessings

Karen

Hello Dear Friends

Today we find ourselves on the fifth Sunday in Lent. We have only Palm Sunday next week and then we find ourselves at the foot of the cross on Good Friday. But that of course also means we are only two weeks away from the greatest celebration of the church's year: that of Easter where we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All three readings for today prepare us then for the events of Easter weekend; all three readings concern death and the promise of resurrection to newness of life.

Our Gospel reminded me that as we are created in the image of God and as God is a community in the Trinity, everybody needs friends – even Jesus. In the village of Bethany Jesus had three very special friends – the sisters, Martha and Mary, and their brother, Lazarus. Their house remained open to him when many other houses were being closed against him.

When Lazarus got sick, it was only natural that the first one the two sisters should turn to for help was Jesus. They send an urgent message to him, couched in language calculated to appeal to his heart. It said simply, 'Lord, the man you love is ill'. Their hope was that he would drop everything and come and cure him.

But surprisingly Jesus did not drop everything and rush to the bedside of his dying friend. Instead he stayed on where he was for two whole days. We don't know why. His delay in coming must have been heartbreaking for the sisters. Right in front of their eyes their brother's life was ebbing away. And the one they believed could do something about it wasn't there.

Well, Lazarus died. The Gospel shows the desolation his death caused to Martha and Mary. Of the two, Mary seems to have been the worst affected. She wouldn't even leave the house. While they had sympathetic people around them, the one they most wanted to be with them was not there. Jesus, their friend and the friend of Lazarus, was absent. And when he finally came, they suggested that he could have prevented this death 'Lord, if you had been here, our brother would not have died'.

The desolation experienced by Martha and Mary is one many of us have experienced. And when something bad happens to us or to a loved one, we can't help thinking that if God really cared about us, if he really loved us, then he wouldn't have allowed this thing to happen. We feel abandoned by God. We feel he has left us alone.

So what can we do? Well we could try to imitate Martha, because she got it right! The story presents her as a model of faith In her hour of grief, she ran to the Lord and poured out her sorrow to him. And when he challenged her to believe, she made a wonderful profession of faith: 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into the world'.

What we have to do then is to turn to God. We have to go on praying, to go on believing in God. Neither a good life, nor a close relationship with God, will necessarily save a person from a tragic death. Jesus never promised an easy life. In the face of our pain, all we can do is commend ourselves to God, and abandon ourselves to his care.

When we suffer: it seems as though God is absent. But when we pray we come to realise that God is not absent, but is present in our suffering. God is with us as our hope in adversity, and our strength in weakness.

The story shows Jesus as a faithful friend. It shows that even in death we are not beyond the reach of his help. He didn't leave Martha and Mary to grieve alone. He came to them at the height of their grief, shared their sorrow, and gave them hope by announcing eternal life to those who believe in him. He does not leave us alone either. He surrounds us with the love and support of our Church community. And he challenges us to have faith in himself: 'I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will never die. To believe doesn't mean that we know all the answers. Jesus understands the anguish caused by death. He experienced it himself. He overcame death, not by avoiding it, but by undergoing it and overcoming it. Thus he has become a pathfinder and a beacon of hope for us. But more than that: he gives us the assurance of life beyond death, and he provides for us the promise of Eternal Life, in him.
God Bless
Karen

Prayers for:

Theological Colleges and Church Schools of the Anglican Church Australia - Staff and Students.

Ordination Candidates for the Diocese - Carli King, Leon Durrant, Genevieve Milnes, James Bishop and Kevin Toovey.

Bunbury Cathedral Grammar School - Headmaster - Mike Giles, Head of Primary - Robert Whirledge, Chaplain Geoff Chadwick and wife Gabby. -

Frederick Irwin Anglican School - Principal - Ms. Kerry Roberson, Deputy Principal - Primary - Sue Skehan, Chaplain - Noel Oakey and wife Helen.

Georgiana Malloy Anglican School - Principal - Ted Kosicki, Deputy Principal - Jo Burns, Chaplains Earle Chamberlain and Justine Richmond.

Please pray for teaching the faith.

Diocesan Ministry - Young people

For the World

- * Infant Welfare Centres and Staff.
- * Members of the Medical profession
- * For the end of female genital mutilation and early marriages

Anglican Church of Kenya - Diocese of Kapsabet.

Clergy on Secondment - Rev. Peter Lelmengit- Chaplain, Kisii University, Rev. Saul Tanui - Chaplain, Moi University, Mj. Rev'd. Julius Kutto and Mj. Rev'd. Gilbert Songok - Kenya Defence Forces and Ven. John Rotich - Archdeacon Missioner, Anglican Diocese of Kericho, Revd. Alex Songok - Head Teacher, Chepsiro Primary, Revd. Julius Suge - Teacher, Itoibei Primary School, Revd. Emmanuel Magut - Garissa Police Service and Revd David Yegon - Nandi South Police Service.

Please pray for those on secondment and their families as they discharge their duties and ministry.

Diocesan Ministry - That the intercessory ministry be strengthened and the members to be committed.

Responding to Coronavirus (Covid-19) Thursday 26th March 2020 8:00pm

Hello Dear Friends

I write with an update for you (as it stands at the time of writing). You all are held in prayer and I hope this time is not too worrying for you.

Here at the bottom of York Street all seems very quiet with many of the shops and cafes closing. There is however a spirit of compassion and kindness rekindling and replacing the initial fear.

Until further notice all gathering for services, meetings, prepare for worship, lenten studies, home groups and Church Watch are suspended.

I read a lovely poster today - it said, "Churches are not being closed. Buildings are being closed. You are the church. You are open and active."

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Responding to this situation is an interesting test of our Christian lives, worship and mission. Many people will be shocked by the speed of events, the very significant changes we are experiencing, and by the threat to life, to incomes and to jobs. We especially need to look out for the fearful, the vulnerable, the lonely, the disabled, those at risk of domestic violence and the quarantined/self-isolated. We have a responsibility to minister to all in prayer and witness.

Caring for you:

As we face the uncertainties of the coming weeks as the coronavirus presents itself in our community and we take actions aimed at limiting the extent and speed of spread we are a separated people.

You should all be receiving a regular phone call. Please let us know if you have any needs at all. The phone calls that we make are a new way of "doing" church and enable us to love, to care and to build community despite our separation.

You may also have friends or neighbours who would benefit from a phone call or pastoral care. Please feel free to ask permission to pass on contact details to us.

Contact details

Please ensure we have up to date contact details for you.

Pew Sheets and Information will be available for collection at the Church entrance or ask if you would like us to deliver to your mail box.

Offerings

As we are concentrating on less contact, you may wish to avoid cash offerings and consider direct giving. If you wish you may make your free will offering via your own bank with on line banking.