

St. John's

Anglican Church Albany Consecrated 1848.

Sunday, 29th June 2025 Third Sunday after Pentecost



Sentence of the Day

'Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for Jesus' sake will find it.'

Matthew 10.39

Collect

O God. the light of the minds that know you, the life of the souls that love you, the strength of the thoughts that seek you: help us so to know you that we may truly love you, and so to love you that we may fully serve you, whose service is perfect freedom: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer of the Week O God, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to suffer death upon a cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of the enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Today's Readings

1st Reading 2 Kings 2.1-2; 2.6-14

¹ Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ² Elijah said to Elisha, 'Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel.' But Elisha said. 'As the Lord lives, and as you vourself live. I will not leave you.' So they went down to Bethel. ⁶ Then Elijah said to him, 'Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan.' But he said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So the two of them went on. ⁷ Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. 8 Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. ⁹ When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, 'Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.' Elisha said, 'Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.' 10 He responded, 'You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.' 11 As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. ¹² Elisha kept watching and crying out, 'Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!' But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces. 13 He picked up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. 14 He took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and struck the water, saying, 'Where is the Lord, the God of Elijah?' When he had struck the water, the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha went over.

2nd Reading Galatians 5.1; 5.13-25

¹ For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. ¹³ For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. ¹⁴ For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' ¹⁵ If,

however, you bite and devour one another. take care that you are not consumed by one another. 16 Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷ For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. 18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. ¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, guarrels, dissensions, factions, ²¹ envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. 22 By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. 24 And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ If we live by the Spirit, let us also be auided by the Spirit.

Gospel Reading Luke 9.51-62

⁵¹ When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. 52 And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; 53 but they did not receive him, because his face was set towards Jerusalem. 54 When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, 'Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?' 55 But he turned and rebuked them. 56 Then they went on to another village. 57 As they were going along the road, someone said to him, 'I will follow you wherever you go.' 58 And Jesus said to him, 'Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.' ⁵⁹ To another he said, 'Follow me.' But he said, 'Lord, first let me go and bury my father.' 60 But Jesus said to him, 'Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.' 61 Another said, 'I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home.' 62 Jesus said to him, 'No one who puts a hand to the plough and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.'

The Psalm for today is Psalm 77, Verses 1-2; 11-20

1 I call to my God, I cry out toward him:
I call to my God, and surely he will answer.
2 In the day of my distress I seek the Lord,
I stretch out my hands to him by night:
my soul is poured out without ceasing,
it refuses all comfort.

11 I will declare the mighty acts of the Lord:I will call to mind your wonders of old.12 I will think on all that you have done:

and meditate upon your works.

13 Your way, O God, is holy: who is so great a god as our God? 14 You are the God that works wonders:

you made known your power among the nations;

15 By your mighty arm you redeemed your people:

the children of Jacob and Joseph.

16 The waters saw you, O God, the waters saw you and were afraid: the depths also were troubled.

17 The clouds poured out water, the heavens spoke:

and your arrows darted forth.

18 The voice of your thunder was heard in the whirlwind:

your lightnings lit the world, the earth shuddered and quaked. 19 Your way was in the sea, your path in the great waters:

> and your footsteps were not seen. 20 You led your people like sheep: by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

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.

Next Sunday's Readings

1st Reading 2 Kings 5.1-14 2nd Reading Galatians 6.7-18 Gospel Reading Luke 10.1-12; 10.17-24

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Children's Church is available at our 9:30am service. This week's Children's Talk is "Holding on to Jesus".

You! I Love YOU

Hello Dear Friends

I pray you have had a good week. It is good to be a that time of year when the daylight hours begin to lengthen.

The third Sunday of Pentecost give us an opportunity to look at commitment and resolve. Our sentence hints at a cost, we pray for help to know God and to serve and to realise that service is perfect freedom.

Our Old Testament reading talks of the assumption of Elijah, the Jordan is divided and "the mantle" passed on to Elisha who prays for a double portion of Elijah's spirit and Elijah is taken "up to heaven".

The psalmist today talks of trouble and temptation but encourages himself by the remembrance of God's help of God's people.

Paul writes to the Galatians concerning Freedom!!! They are instructed to stand fast in the liberty of the gospel, to take heed of indulging a sinful temper or demeanour and to walk in the spirit.

Luke tells us of Jesus reproving the disciples and their mistaken zeal and then an announcement of the cost of following.

In his autobiography, "An Only Child", the Irish writer Frank O'Connor, recalls vividly the night be finally decided to become a writer. He had lost his job with the Great Southern Railway and had no money. His neighbours regarded him as a mad goodfor-nothing. Nevertheless, he gave his first public reading of something that he had written.

What mattered was the act of faith, the hope that somehow, somewhere, I would be able to prove that I was neither mad nor good-for-nothing, because now I

realised that whatever it might cost me, there was no turning back. When as kids to the task. We will not be easily we came to an orchard wall that seemed too high to climb, we took off our caps and tossed them over the wall and then had no choice but to follow them. I had tossed my cap over the wall of life, and I knew I must follow it, wherever it had fallen.

In the Gospel Jesus dealt in a somewhat The First Reading shows how Elisha similar fashion with three would-be followers who came to them. He said. "No one who puts a hand to the plough and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God". He was highlighting the need for commitment and saying that there could be no turning back. If you wish to plough though he knew that rejection, betrayal, a straight furrow, you must give your undivided attention to what you are doing. If you keep on looking back, you won't do a good job. You need dedication and commitment. If you begin such a task, you should give it your all.

All of us have put our hand to some 'plough' or other: studies, marriage, ministry ... to mention just a few. And in baptism we have put our hands to another plough – the following of Christ, or discipleship.

If we keep on looking back our attention will be divided! So too will our energy. We won't be fully committed. We will be half-hearted. We are likely to lose time, to lose sight of our goal, and be tempted to turn back or even guit altogether. To look back suggests that we are having second thoughts and perhaps doubts and regrets. Perhaps we are finding the cost too high. Maybe other things that we thought we have given up are still tugging at our hearts?

But if we keep looking forward, we will give our undivided attention to the chosen task. We will be completely committed. We will be whole-hearted. That will give us great strength. All our

resources will be enlisted and harnessed sidetracked. And so we have an excellent chance of completing the task. Those who are whole-hearted find joy in the task, despite hardship. There is no such joy for the half-hearted. So, the message is: don't turn back; don't even look back.

obeyed the call of Elijah. His response was total, and by killing his oxen and burning the plough he was precluding a return to his old life. In the Gospel we see the best example in Jesus himself. He set his face towards Jerusalem, even and death awaited him there. He would not be deflected from that path. He has given an example to his followers of the kind of dedication and commitment that is required.

This kind of dedication is a great challenge for those of us who have chosen to follow Christ. It may be easy at the start. But in order to persevere, we need the grace of God. That grace will keep us faithful to God and to one another: and his Holy Spirit will empower

Blessings



Prayers for:

Theological Colleges and Church Schools of The Anglican Church of Australia - Staff and students

Ordination Applicants and Trainees for the Diocese - Carolyn Ball, Kerry Robbins, Gaerlan Baguil, Richard Goetz, Brent Findlay, Allyson Charles, Gaile Smit, Jeremy Barraclough, Nicki Latham and Tracey Gray.

Bunbury Cathedral Grammar School - Headmaster - Matthew O'Brien. Head of Secondary - Kathy Chiera and Head of Primary - Robert Whirledge.

Frederick Irwin Anglican School - Principal - Ms. Tracey Gray, Deputy Prinicipals - Tamara Cowan, Anne Crock, Karen Watts, Chaplain Revd. James Tabor, wife Tamara and Assisting Chaplain - Alicia Tearle.

Georgiana Molloy Anglican School - Principal - Brad Evans, Deputy Principal - Meg Watson and Chaplain Revd. Carolyn Ball.

Please pray for:

- *Teaching the faith.
- *The Schools and Staff.
- *The Leadership Teams and Chaplains.
- *Students making decisions about subjects and careers.
- *Service Learning Programmes.
- *Spirituality that we support spiritual growth and positive wellbeing as we embrace kindness, connection and purpose.
- *Authenticity that we are true to our personal values, are compassionate and respectful.
- *Accomplishment that we support each other to experience success in our own ways.
- *Inclusion that we value diversity, fostering genuine opportunities for meaningful relationships and belonging.

Diocesan Ministry - Young people.

For the World:

- *Infant Welfare Centres and Staff.
- *Members of the Medical profession .
- *Women living with obstetric fistulae to gain access to treatment through government intervention.

Anglican Church of Kenya - Diocese of Kapsabet. Retired Clergy.

Please pray that each Christian would seek meaningful relationships in the church for mutual edification through reading the Bible together, praying for one another, and speaking the gospel in one another's lives.

Diocesan Ministry -

Pray for the nature of our bad roads and journey mercies as we travel on those roads and for our government to see the need to repair them.

Mothers Union Monthly Prayer

Gracious God, we offer heartfelt praise and gratitude for the privilege of supporting our clergy. Bless them with wisdom, strength, and compassion as they help their communities. May our

encouragement be a source of strength to them in times of need. Thank you for their dedication and sacrifice in serving your people. Guide us to uplift and uphold them in prayer and practical assistance. In your holy name, Amen.



We give thanks to God today for Hope25. Right across our country from the north to south. from the east to the west. Anglicans have been proclaiming the hope we have in Jesus. People have been bold in giving invitations courageous in sharing their stories.

and faithful in speaking about hope. Many people have heard about Jesus. and have taken steps towards faith.

We praise God for the many who have heard of our hope.

for those who we have welcomed into our churches

and for those who have believed in Jesus. We ask God to continue to bless our church

as we live in hope.

Mission of The Month for May is Bible Society

The following information has been sourced from the website for Bible Society Australia.

Over 200 years ago, passionate community leaders like Mrs Macquarie created the Bible languages and sign language (Auslan) in Society. They knew it wasn't just government Australia. that could build a nation. It is still existing today, creating new ways to advocate for the Bible, to promote it, and offer people new ways to engage with it.

The Mission for Bible Society Australia is to impact and influence Australia and the World by Opening The Bible to all people everywhere by all means possible.

Bible Society Australia's mission extends across Bible translation, distribution. engagement, and advocacy, working in some of Australia's and the world's most remote and challenging regions. From providing Bible -based literacy resources to Indigenous communities in Australia to supporting translation efforts in the Pacific and humanitarian support during international crises, their work brings hope and transformation through God's word. Their projects are as diverse as the needs they

serve, yet each is united by a single goal: to make the Bible accessible to all. How they achieve this single goal???

- 1. Through Language Supporting the ongoing task of translating the Bible into the world's languages, including in Indigenous
- 2. Through Providing Free Bibles to people both overseas and in Australia, many of whom have never owned their own Bible. They also supply Bibles to chaplains of hospitals, schools, prisons and the defence forces. helping to fund indigenous and overseas Bible-based lit.
- 3. Community Engagement By encouraging people's faith journey through Bible engagement campaigns as well as helping to fund indigenous and overseas Bible-based literacy programs
- 4. Advocacy Championing the Bible in the media, at universities and schools, as well as through their digital and publishing channels, always pointing to the relevance of Christianity today and always.

For further details on the Bible Society, please go to their website at https:// www.biblesociety.org.au





AMUA BUNBURY DIOCESE FRIENDSHIP DAY IN BOYANUP

Friday 11th July 2025

Jack and Mary Kitchen Community Centre 55 Thomas Road, Boyanup

Please bring your MU Prayer and Worship Book and your own lunch

9.45am Gather at Venue, morning tea hosted by Executive

10.30am Welcome by Diocesan President

SERVICE: from the AMUA prayer and worship book

Prayer through Mandala Art – a hands on workshop with Isobelle Shortreed, Mandurah Branch President

The earliest Christian mandalas were found in Rome. Christian Mandalas represent wholeness, holiness and all things encompassing God. The Celtic cross, the halo, the labyrinth, the baptismal font, are all mandalas.

Come along to learn more about the how mandalas are a part of our Christian faith and colour your own mandala, using your very own faith experiences as vour inspiration.

Lunch - BYO

Mothers' Union matters – sharing between executive, branches and members.

- What does Mothers Union mean to you?
- What do you want from Mothers Union?
- The 2026 28 Diocesan Executive
- Open forum

Prayers led by Isobelle, bringing together our workshop experiences

The Grace

Depart for Home

RSVP branch numbers to <u>mubunburypres@gmail.com</u> or by text to 0418 923 346 by Friday 4th July 2025

Notices Gatherings and Meetings Martha's Soup Kitchen - Mon 12pm- which we very much appreciated. We 1pm.

Communications Committee Meeting - Tuesday, 1st July at 4pm via Zoom.

St John's Ladies Fellowship Meeting -

Friday 4th July at Syliva Griffiths', 119 Morgan Road. Ph: 98412958. Meeting Topic is "News Commentator."

Finance Committee Meeting -Thurs., 10th July at 10am via Zoom. Parish Council Meeting - Tues. 15th July, 5.30pm in the D/W Hall. Reports due to Parish Administrator by Wed. 9th July.

Korean War Service - St Johns at 2pm on Sunday, 27th July.

Emergency Relief - Hi everyone Thanks for your previous donations urgently require the following items:

- * 1 litre full cream long life milk,
- 1kg plain or self-raising flour and,
- 1ka 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 is now up and running again on Fridays from 11am-2pm. If anyone is interested in assisting with this ministry please speak to Revd. Karen.

SAVE THE DATE - FETE NOTICE, SATURDAY OCTOBER 18TH

This years annual church fete will be held on Saturday October 18th in the Wardens Court as it was very successful in that area last year. It would be really appreciated if you could start your jams, pickles, cakes, growing plants and any other ideas for the stalls. October will soon come around. Thank you all in advance. Mike **Taylor**





St John's Christmas Shoebox Appeal -Update May - 2025 Dear Parishioners

We have placed some

Shoeboxes at the rear of the Church, these are now available for anyone wishing to fill their own boxes. There is an instruction sheet enclosed in the box, with full instructions on what is allowed/suggested for the contents, and a subscription sheet for the postage donation.

We are well on the way already this year with a number of boxes already completed, and another 60+ being organised with purchases and gifts already made and contributed. We hope to send at least 100 boxes this year. **However, we will still need** contributions towards the postage and the purchase of some goods.

I have placed a list of the items that are still required in the hall, it is on the BSB: 706-001 **Shoebox Notice board** for anyone who would prefer to donate goods rather than money.

For anyone who prefers not to do the shopping job, monetary donations will willingly be accepted either by myself or John, or they can be left at the church office. They will need to be marked as 'Shoebox Donations' and should have your name inside. This is necessary as we need to record and provide receipts.

At this stage I anticipate having all boxes completed and ready to go to Perth by the end of August.

For any information or problems I can be contacted on Mob: 0409447960 or Home on: 98447961

Yours sincerely Ethel Halliday- St John's Operation Christmas Child coordinator.

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:

Acc: 3000 8763

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/civillaw/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.

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.

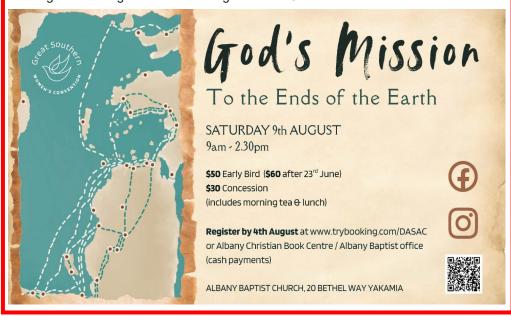
Prayer is an act of worship that glorifies God and reinforces our need for God. "Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:6-7 (NRSV).

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER.

A contemplative prayer service is held in the Lady Chapel every Tuesday of the month 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 takes less than an hour usually, and it is followed for those who wish to stay, by the regular Tuesday 12.30 Eucharist. 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.

The **Great Southern Women's Convention 2025** will be held on **Saturday 9th August 2025**. This year's theme is "God's Mission: To the Ends of the Earth", with Amy Stopher (Providence City) sharing from the book of Acts.

Great Southern Women's Convention is an encouraging time of exploring the truth of God's word through Bible teaching, responding to Him and considering how we can live for Jesus. Since its inception, the conference has been such an uplifting day, with women from various denominations and towns across the beautiful Great Southern, meeting to encourage and be encouraged in their Christian faith.



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 10th of July at 9.30am in the Lady Chapel.

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