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*'For the citizens of the
new Canberra the old
church still stands
serene and beautiful,
fulfilling the original
concept of its founders
and the function of its
consecration'*

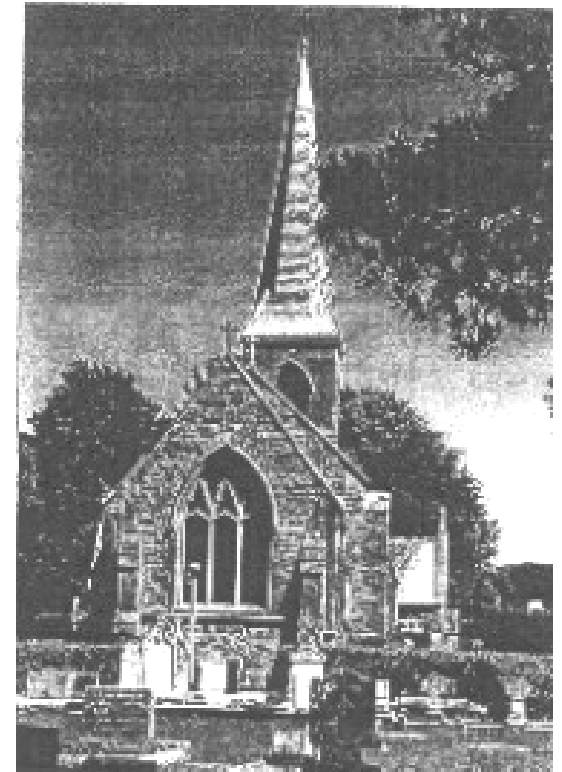
*L.F. Fitzhardinge
St John's Church and Canberra
(1959)*

The definitive history of St John's is the late
Alf Body's book: *Firm Still You Stand* (1986)
(Available from Parish Office)

The Church of St John the Baptist, Canberra,
is part of the Anglican Communion

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The Friends of St John's



*If St John's Church,
Canberra, has special
significance for you, here's
how you can help preserve it.*

St John's

Foundation 1841 Consecration 1845

Anglican Services and other activities have been held daily at St John's for over 160 years. It is the oldest building in use in central Canberra. Its cultural and heritage values are central to the history and development of Canberra as the nation's capital.

St John's into the future

St John's has played a central role in the wider community. However the future of St John's can only be assured through the combined efforts of clergy, parishioners and local residents.

Experience shows that the combined actions of weather, a falling water table, the uneven quality of its building materials and a variable maintenance program have meant that St John's does not stand as firmly as our community might hope.

It underwent major conservation and repair in 1995 but to keep it in good condition it needs ongoing care.

'Named for the Baptist preaching in the wilderness ...
Church, schoolhouse, trees in the empty plain,
not Jordan but Molonglo.'
St John's Church by Michael Thwaites

A Place of Special Significance

St John's holds the historical beginnings of Canberra in its Church, Churchyard and schoolhouse.

Many have come here to be baptised, confirmed or married. Others have worshipped, rejoiced, grieved or rested here. These people and their families can play a special role in ensuring this beautiful site continues into the future.

*For here have we no continuing city,
but we seek one to come.*
Heb 13.14 [Headstone of George & Sarah Webb]

The Friends

To this end the Friends of St John's was formed in late 1986. Although its main aim is the conservation of the Church building and grounds it has many other functions. These include making improvements in the grounds and encouraging people to use them for recreation and enjoyment. The Friends also host talks on important world topics with distinguished speakers and publish various discussion papers.

You can help

The Friends can best achieve these objectives if they have active members of all ages, particularly young people. If St John's holds special memories or significance for you, you can contribute money or help in other ways.

Join today!

Application for Membership of the Friends of St John's

Yes, I would like to be a member of the Friends.

I have indicated the type of membership and enclose the relevant cheque (made payable to Friends of St John's).

- Individual member/concession**
Yearly: \$20.00/\$15.00
- Family member/concession**
Yearly: \$30.00/\$20.00
- Young person (under 25)**
Yearly: \$10.00
- Life member/Family Life Member**
\$250.00/\$350.00
- Corporate member**
Yearly: \$100.00
- I would like the Treasurer to contact me regarding bequests to the Friends of St John's

Total amount

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