



15 May 2022

The Fifth Sunday of Easter



Have you ever wondered about St John's 100 years ago? How has the landscape changed in that time? This Sam Goddard painting provides a wonderful example of St John's and its surrounds in the 1920's. National Library photograph reproduced with permission.

Today's Services

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Readings: Acts 11.1-18, Ps 148, Revelation 21.1-6, John 13.31-35

8am	Sung Eucharist
9.30am	Sunday@9.30 kids@church and Youth Group
11.15am	Mattins (1662 Book of Common Prayer)
6pm	stjohns@6

Midweek

10 am	Wednesday BCP Holy Communion
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Welcome to St John's

Covid Check In

It is now optional to register your attendance on the **Check In CBR App** before entering the church. Please do not attend church if you are unwell.

Holy Communion

All baptised members of Christian denominations are welcome to receive communion. Gluten free wafers are available.

After receiving communion, please exit through the side door and return to your seats through the main door, thus ensuring a one-way traffic system. If you are unable to come forward, please let a Sidesperson know so the sacrament can be brought to you. You are most welcome to come forward for a blessing if you would prefer not to receive communion.

Visitor? New Parishioner?

Are you a newcomer or a visitor? Please make yourself known to a member of the clergy or a Sidesperson. If anyone has any pastoral need or concern, or would like to discuss any issues from today's services or any other matter, please contact the Parish Office to arrange an appointment.

First Aid

First Aid kits are located in the church sanctuary, vestry and kitchen. A defibrillator is located in the hall foyer. Alert a Sidesperson if needed.

How to Give

The best way to support our ministry is to (annually) prayerfully consider an appropriate amount, and then set up automatic regular transfers using the following details:

BSB **702 389**
ACCOUNT **0520 9450**
NAME **St John the Baptist Reid**

Smaller donations can be offered using your credit/debit card at our tap donation point (near the baptism font).

Hearing Loop

An induction loop has been fitted into the left hand side of the Church as you enter. Please use the appropriate setting on your hearing aid.

Safe Communities of Faith

St John's places a high priority on ensuring our faith community is safe for all who worship and visit here. We follow diocesan guidelines and encourage everyone to help promote a safe environment. To report any form of abuse ring 1800 070 511.

St John's Care Basket

Each Sunday there is a basket in the church. This provides an easy way to make donations of food to St John's Care.

Schoolhouse Museum, built in 1845

Canberra's first school and schoolmaster's residence has reopened to the public on Wednesdays 10.00am -12.00pm, and Saturday and Sunday 2.00-4.00pm. Contact: Diana Body 0427 430 158.

Christian Meditation

'Be Still and Know that I am God' The Wednesday Meditation Gathering will continue to meet via zoom for the next few weeks. Contact Joan Armitage jarmitage@grapevine.com for the link.

Bellringing

Practice Monday nights 5.30-6.30pm except public holidays. Contact Charles Body: 6241 4948 or crb34@bigpond.com

Working Bees

Held in the Church grounds on the first Saturday morning of each month from 9.30 am followed by morning tea. All helpers welcome.

Sunday's Newsletter

This can be downloaded from the parish website, www.stjohnscanberra.org, on the preceding Friday. The deadline for newsletter contributions is noon Wednesday.

Toilets & Baby Change Facilities

These facilities include a toilet for those with a disability, are available in the Hall foyer.

St Mark's National Theological Centre Library

We have a parish membership of the library and encourage you to avail yourself of this wonderful resource at 15 Blackall Street, Barton.

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRIEST



General Synod

This past week in the Gold Coast the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Australia has been meeting. Synod is important, not just simply because of any given issue that the media cares to report about (or our individual views about it), but because Synod reminds us of a profound theological truth. The Church is larger than you and I; indeed, the church is larger than St John's; the church is larger than the Diocese Canberra and Goulburn.

To become a Christian is to stand as part of a much larger family across distances and across history. The Anglican Church is an episcopal church – we stand under the authority of a bishop who appoints and licenses clergy and lay people to serve. The Bishop stands in relationship to other Bishops, under an Archbishop of a Province – perhaps not in terms of raw authority, but more in terms of relationship.

In the Nicene Creed, we say that we believe in *one holy catholic and apostolic church* – those words 'one' and 'catholic' speak to us about there being only one Christian body, regardless of distance, geography or even denomination. Catholic is not about the

Roman Catholic Church but about the universality, or world-wide nature of the church.

Synods have a role to play in the holiness of the church. After the important work of the Royal Commission into Institutional Abuse, our Synods have reviewed our canons (church law) and set new rules and expectations about what it means to serve in the church. In 1 Peter 1:16, echoing God's words in Leviticus, the Apostle calls believers to be holy just as God is Holy. Synod can help set out the practical benchmarks for what holiness in ministry looks like, and create systems for keeping people safe across our national church.

We say the church is 'apostolic' too – committed to the teaching and example of the Apostles. Sometimes Synod is about debating how to understand and apply *'the faith that was once for all entrusted to God's holy people'* (Jude 1:3). As noted in our constitution, Scripture and the creeds sit in authority over the deliberations of synods – our debate then is about how to read and understand scriptures. Sometimes synod is a mirror to the church, examining what and why we believe what we do.

Please pray for General Synod members as they return home across the country, and give thanks for their ministry.

Yours in Christ,

The Rev'd Dr Guerin Tueno

Our vision is to be a vibrant Christ-centred community that engages and transforms the heart and soul of Canberra.

PARISH NOTICES

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Led by Rev'd Vicky Cullen **Wednesday 18 May** in Robertson Room 11am -12.30pm. Luke's chapters 15 &16.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION "BOOTCAMP"

All—inquirers, long-term Christians, confirmation candidates etc—are invited to the introductory session on **Thursday 19 May** at 7.30pm. This session will address the question "What is a Christian?" and provide an overview of future topics. RSVP to rector@stjohnscanberra.org

CUPPACOMALONG

Cuppacomalong will be back on **Monday 23 May** at 2pm. We would love to see you! After our chats, refreshments will be served. For enquiries please phone Coral Ogilvie on 0448 329 432

ASCENSION DAY EUCHARIST WITH CHOIR

There will be a Eucharist (with choir) on **Thursday 26 May** at 6.30 pm to celebrate the Ascension.

Christ has not only been raised from death, but he is now 'at God's right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come.' (Ephesians 1:20-21)

PROPERTY & MAINTENANCE ISSUES

St John's is a large site, and there are opportunities for many things to go wrong - big or small. So should you notice a leaking tap, a loose door handle or something similar, please let the parish office know. This will enable us to fix the issue quickly. If we receive advice early, before a little problem develops into something more substantial, a more expensive situation may be avoided.

WIDER CHURCH EVENTS

OSL HEALING MINISTRIES

You are invited to an Order of St Luke the Physician Healing Service **today** from 3pm to 4pm. To be held at St David's Anglican Church Cnr La Perouse & Fortitude Streets, Red Hill ACT. See the flyers in the church porch or Hall. Enquiries to Archdeacon Emeritus John Gibson 0451 681 118 johngibson@grapevine.com.au

ANU CHAPLAINCY ANNUAL LECTURE

Dr Monica Short will present "A Pedagogy and Theology of Kindness - Educating the Mind Whilst Caring for the Heart"

When: **Tuesday 24 May 2022**

Time: 7pm (refreshments) for 8pm start

Where: Burgmann College Chapel (at rear of Burgmann College, 52 Daley Road Acton)

Bookings are required via the EventBrite link

[ANU Chaplaincy Annual Lecture - Dr Monica Short: A Pedagogy of Kindness Tickets, Tue 24/05/2022 at 7:00 pm | Eventbrite](#)

SAMARITAN'S PURSE CHRISTMAS BOXES

Samaritan's Purse is a world-wide ministry which aims to fill 'shoeboxes' of small gifts to be sent to needy children. Boxes from Australia and New Zealand are usually sent to Pacific and southeast Asian nations. After having to cancel this wonderful ministry for the last couple of years due to Covid, we are once again hoping to revive the team effort by holding an initial meeting to discuss ideas and organize individual responsibilities. If you would like to know more information or are ready to join the team please ring Joan Nichols on 0412 967 842

Thank You All!

Yesterday morning the St John's Care Centre received a client who we will call P. He was referred by friends who are clients of SJC. He is homeless and lives on the street. Occasionally he makes use of the Sleeping Bus in Queanbeyan or Street to Home Program run by various charity organisations.

P said that sometimes it is easier to sleep on the street, because it is now so difficult to secure a spot in any type of temporary accommodation.

He was seeking support with non-perishable food, winter clothing, a sleeping bag, bus tickets (to be able to go Queanbeyan) and any type of support for his dog (food, vet check, etc)

While P told me his history and the kind of assistance that he needs I offered him a cup of tea, which he received gratefully. He also told me that when his friends had mentioned SJC he did not believe them and that's one of the reasons he came to see us.

We explained to P that SJC is able to provide emergency relief services for those who need it most. It is funded primarily from donors, community programs, church groups, individuals and businesses within the community.

Because of the generosity of the above mentioned, we were able to offer P the following: non-perishable food, a nice, warm sleeping bag, cozy blanket, winter clothing, Transport Canberra bus card (to be able to travel to Queanbeyan – Sleeping Bus Service) food bank vouchers, dry and wet food for his dog and information about *Pets in the Park Clinic*

P could not believe how generous people within the community could be and he was immensely thankful to SJC's donors, volunteers and workers. He now feels that he is part of a society which provides help to the most needy.

P walked away promising that he would do his best, and that someday not too far away, he would be on the other side providing assistance to others.

Thank you all for your generous help. Through your donations SJC can continue to accomplish its mission of working towards helping those in the community doing it tough.

Kind regards,
Karen Medrano, SJC Case Manager

Items required:

Savoury biscuits, tomato sauce, olive oil (500ml), disinfectant.



Forthcoming Sunday services

Sunday 22 May

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 16.9-15, Ps 67, Revelation 21.10-14, 22-22.5, John 14.23-29

7am	Eucharist (1662 Book of Common Prayer)
8am	Sung Eucharist
9.30am	Sunday@9.30 kids@church and Youth Group
6pm	stjohns@6

Sunday 29 May

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 16.16-34, Ps 97, Revelation 22.12-22, John 17.20-26

8am	Sung Eucharist
9.30am	Sunday@9.30 kids@church and Youth Group
11.15am	Choral Mattins (1662 Book of Common Prayer)
6pm	stjohns@6

Sunday 5 June

Day of Pentecost

Readings: Acts 2.1-21, Ps 104.26-36, Romans 8.14-17, John 14.8-17 (25-27)

8am	Sung Eucharist
9.30am	Sunday@9.30 kids@church and Youth Group
5pm	Choral Evensong (1662 Book of Common Prayer)
6pm	stjohns@6

Each Wednesday at 10am: BCP Holy Communion

All services are held in the Church. No bookings are required.

PARISH CONTACTS

Clergy

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Russell Tunks		

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St John's Care

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School House Museum

Diana Body	0427 430 158	schoolhouse@stjohnscanberra.org
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Friends of St John's

Chair: Ian Doherty		friendsofstjohnscanberra@gmail.com
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Parish Office Hours: Tues - Fri 9.30 am - 2.30 pm

Ph: 6248 8399 For more information: www.stjohnscanberra.org

A New Commandment

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another." John 13:34

The puzzle is based on John 13:31-35 (NIV).

"Love one another as I have loved you."



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