

20 November 2022

Christ the King/ The Reign of Christ



When you entered church today, you passed under the western window, which depicts Christ as King. The end of the liturgical year presents Jesus as the true Lord and goal of human history. If we can trust him to bring all things to their proper completion, we can trust him with the smaller things in our lives also.

Today's Services

Readings: Jeremiah 23.1-6; For the Psalm - Song of Zechariah; Colossians 1.11-20
Luke 23.33-43

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

Midweek

10 am	Wednesday Holy Communion (1662 Book of Common Prayer)
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Welcome to St John's

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 concerns 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.

Schoolhouse Museum

Built in 1845, Canberra's first school and schoolmaster's residence is open 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 continue to meet via zoom.

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 John's finance update: Jan-Sep 2022

	<u>Actuals</u>	<u>Revised budget</u>
Income (minus once-off donations):	\$411,309	\$405,380
Consisting of	\$208,002(offertories)	\$215,249
	\$203,307(facilities, hire)	\$190,131
Expenses to date:	\$549,456	\$519,728
Shortfall to date:	\$138,347	\$114,348

Summary: Our budget has been revised to reflect losses in carparking income. Some extremely generous one-off donations are likely to cover our budget shortfall for this year – however our regular patterns of regular giving are not sufficient to fund current and hoped-for ministry objectives.

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRIEST



CHRIST THE KING

Welcome to the end – an end we're still living in anticipation of. The calendar on your wall starts with January 1 and ends with December 31; the financial year runs from July 1 through to June 30. But the church's liturgical calendar marks time differently again. It starts with Advent as a time of anticipation for the birth of Jesus, through the story of his birth at Christmas; we mark his death and resurrection on Good Friday and Easter Sunday; his return to the Father on Ascension, and the giving of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Christ the King is the last Sunday of the liturgical year – it points us to a present spiritual reality and anticipates something greater to be revealed, that of Jesus' kingship over all that is.

It is a present reality in that Jesus is ruling now – as we say in the creed, he is seated at the right hand of the Father. He already has dominion over creation, and the new creation, all things physical and spiritual have existed through and for him, in him all the fullness of God dwells, and through him God the Father has established reconciliation (Colossians 1:15-20).

But there is something more to come to, not a higher status, but a public revealing. An unveiling on a cosmic stage that will be unmistakable, and unmissable. As Paul writes in Philippians – a time is coming when every knee will bend, in heaven and on earth, and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus is Lord to the glory of God the Father (Philippians 2:9-11). The time that Jesus himself described as “*the Son of Man coming in a cloud*” with power and great glory.” (Luke 21:27).

We have two of our members getting confirmed today; confirmation is at its heart about those who were baptised as infants choosing to take those promises that were previously made for them, as their own. They confirm these promises and their intent to follow Jesus as their Saviour, their Master and their King, in the presence of the Bishop (as the leader of the church). Confirmation isn't about your ability to take communion – it's about the public declaration of 'taking the knee' – recognising the sovereignty and lordship of Jesus in your life as he is in the universe.

The Reverend Dr Guerin Tueno

*St John's exists to bear public witness to Jesus Christ,
the source of life.*

PARISH NOTICES

PARISH EVENTS

CONFIRMATIONS

Today we congratulate Jade Nelson (9.30am) and Dan Fortune (6pm) on their confirmations, and welcome Bishop Mark and Carol who are celebrating these events with us. Pray for Jade and Dan, and support them as they live out their baptismal promises.

ARE YOU A PASTORAL CARER?

Today at 11.15am, in the Robertson Room. Come and join the conversation about being a part of this valuable ministry.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Led by Rev'd Vicky. To begin again on **Wednesday 23 November** at 11.00am - 12.30pm in the Robertson Room. The Temple: 2 Sam Chapters 7 & 11; 1 Kings 1 & 2 + 5 - 8. (From 30 November, Matthew's Gospel)

SOUND SYSTEM TRAINING

Michael will be providing training on the sound system.

'In Church' – **Sunday 27 November**, 11.15am – 12.30pm.

'Outside Events' – **Sunday 4 December**, 3.30pm - 5pm (or 8pm to help pack down). Set up (until 5pm), stay to enjoy the stjohns@6 service on the Fountain Lawn and pack up. For more info contact Michael yp.minister@stjohnscanberra.org or to register attendance.

CUPPACOMALONG

An invitation is extended to all to come to Cuppacomalong on

Monday 28 November from 2pm - 4pm in the Robertson Room. We would love to see many of you there as it will be the last meeting for this year. Refreshments will be served. Our speaker on the day will be The Reverend Dave McLennan. Enquiries, please call Coral Ogilvie 0448 329 432



CELEBRATING 50 YEARS AS A PRIEST

On **Wednesday 30 November** we will be recognising the 50th anniversary of Rev'd David Hill's ordination to the priesthood, as well as that of Rev'ds Bob Lindbeck and Bob James. All are invited to join us at the 10am BCP Eucharist, followed by some light refreshments in the hall afterwards. People are encouraged to bring a plate to share.

FRIENDS OF ST JOHN'S: A PERSPECTIVE ON THE UKRAINE CRISIS

Father Michael Solomko and his wife Kathy will be our guests on **Wednesday 30 November**, at 7.30pm, for an event hosted by the Friends of St John's in the church. Father Michael serves at the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of St Nicholas (Turner). He and Kathy will help us understand the conflict better, and will be available for questions. A collection will be made to support the Ukraine Crisis Appeal. All are welcome.

BRASS CLEANING BEE - SAVE THE DATE

Come and help get all our brass shining for Christmas! **Saturday 17 December** 9am followed by Morning Tea. No experience necessary. All equipment supplied.

WIDER CHURCH NEWS

NATIONAL PRAYER BREAKFAST

The National Prayer Breakfast, hosted by the Parliamentary Christian Fellowship and Canberra's City Bible Forum, will be held at Parliament House on **Monday 28 November, 2022**. Tickets [now available](#) via this link.

BOOKINGS OPEN FOR SUMMER CAMP PELICAN

Don't delay, as places will fill fast! Contacts are listed in the link.

<https://mailchi.mp/9ff5daf593b6/summer-camp-pelican-2022-bookings-are-now-open-6168745?e=e974b755af>

PARISH NOTICES

PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE 26 OCTOBER

- Council received an update that St John's will host one remaining event to mark the planting and official opening of the HM Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Tree to be held during the Canberra Heritage Festival in April 2023.
- Council agreed to establish a joint working party with the Schoolhouse to support necessary arrangements.
- Rev'd Dave updated Council on staffing departures which includes Rev'd Guerin Tueno, Rev'd Tracey Sutherland and Young People's Ministry Coordinator Michael Shaw.
- Council expressed its gratitude to Bill Sutherland's skillful organisation of the highly successful Parish Fair and welcomed the broad support and participation of parishioners in the event.
- Rev'd Dave reported that the St John's website is currently being updated and is on track to be refreshed and online in December.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Thank you everyone for your generosity. We were able to send 102 boxes and hopefully we will also have given the children not just presents but the gift of meeting Jesus.

Please keep praying for the families who will receive them. As you know the boxes from our area are expected to go to Cambodia, however when containers are being filled, packing space may see them going to Solomon Islands, Papua New Guinea, Fiji or even Ukraine.

We are starting to think about next year and, knowing how difficult it is to find things that will not only fit into the boxes and last but will bring the children lasting joy, we have had some thoughts about what we could send.

Some ideas include knitted teddy bears with clothes that the girls can change, pretty skirts and scrunchies. Whilst the boys are a little harder to make things for, we do have some thoughts particularly for the younger ones.

We have made a start and have some great knitting patterns which we can give to any knitters who are interested and some ideas for sewers who have a bit of spare time. If anyone has material which is sitting in a cupboard waiting for those projects which are not going to happen or is left over from ones that did happen and would like to regain the space it is taking up, we have a solution. We would love the opportunity of turning it into something useful.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



St John's Care are in desperate need for extra volunteers to help in the lead up to the very busy Christmas period. Do you have an hour or so you can spare to help cover some tasks during these next few demanding weeks? No experience necessary.

Contact Robbie Speldewinde 6248 7771 or programs@stjohnscare.org.au

Jennifer Lawson 0407 286 572

Navigating recovery following family violence

S has been a client of St John's Care (SJC) for approximately twelve months. She has one preschool aged child, with whom she currently lives.

A year ago, S and her child fled their family home following a violent incident between herself and her now ex-partner, G. She had disclosed to us that G had been violent towards her for some years. However the violence had escalated significantly during the COVID-19 pandemic lockdowns when he was out of work and the family was experiencing both financial and housing stress.

At the time, both S and G were surviving on Job Seeker payments and a Carer's pension while paying steep rent. The rental payments were compounded by the rising cost of living. The couple had barely enough money to pay for their rent, food and utility bills; and had no savings.

Since leaving G, S received transitional housing via a supported accommodation service that specialises in domestic and family violence. Her ex-partner is currently incarcerated due to the violence he had inflicted upon her.

The supported accommodation service referred S to SJC as, with the high cost of living, she was struggling to pay for her bills (especially childcare), and food.

SJC has supported S with advocacy to Housing ACT for her to be placed on the Priority Housing

waiting list. We are also supporting her with bills, regular food assistance and emotional support after what has been the most difficult period of her life.

Recently, S had a motor vehicle accident and had to pay the excess for her insurance. This amount set her back considerably at a time in her life where she is still financially very vulnerable.

This week, we are pleased to advise that S has received an offer of priority housing from Housing ACT. As a result of this offer, SJC has been supporting S with advocacy to both the Housing ACT and Domestic Violence Crisis Services to assist with her relocation expenses as she does not have the funds to pay for a removal truck herself. She is incredibly grateful for the generous support that SJC has provided to her over the last twelve months.

Despite all that has happened in her life, S feels incredibly lucky to have her family to support her, as well as having organisations like St John's Care who have come to her aid where others cannot.

Thank you to all of you who continue to make contributions to our organisation in some way – we truly are grateful.

Kind regards,

Belinda Ding
Social Work Student

Items required: 1 litre full cream UHT milk, cooking oil, muesli, meat e.g., Irish stew, shampoo and conditioner, dishwashing liquid

Christmas items required: 1 litre juice (golden circle), coffee 100 grams, milo (drinking chocolate), cereal box, tuna 425 grams, tube of chips

Upcoming services

Sunday 27 November

First Sunday of Advent

Readings: Isaiah 2.1-5; Psalm 122; Romans 13.9-14
Matthew 24.36-44

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

Sunday 4 December

Second Sunday of Advent

Readings: Isaiah 11.1-10; Psalm 72.1-7,18-21; Romans 15.4-13
Matthew 3.1-12

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

Sunday 11 December

Third Sunday of Advent

Readings: Isaiah 35.1-10; For the Psalm - Song of Mary; James 5.7-10
Matthew 11.2-11

- 7am Eucharist (1662 Book of Common Prayer)
8am Sung Eucharist
9.30am Children's Christmas Pageant
6pm stjohns@6 Holy Communion

Each Wednesday

- 10am Eucharist (1662 Book of Common Prayer)

All services are held in the Church.

PARISH CONTACTS

Clergy

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The Rev'd Tracey Sutherland	0408 242 924	tracey.sutherland@stjohnscanberra.org

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Office Administrator

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St John's Care

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School House Museum

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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