

25 September 2022

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost



Thanks to all who organised, and all who attended, last week's parish dinner. It was wonderful to welcome a number of guests, hear from the 'Warrior Welcome Home' team, and enjoy fellowship together.

Today's Services

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: Jeremiah 32.1-3a, 6-15; Ps 91.1-6, 14-16; 1 Timothy 6.6-19,
Luke 16.19-31

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| 7am | Eucharist (1662 Book of Common Prayer) |
| 8am | Sung Eucharist |
| 9.30am | Sunday@9.30 kids@church and Youth Group |
| 4.30pm | Choral Evensong - featuring the choir from the NSW Conservatorium of Music High School |
| 6pm | stjohns@6 |

Midweek

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| 10 am | Wednesday BCP Holy Communion |
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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

Temporarily suspended due to Covid. 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–Aug 2022

	<u>Actuals</u>	<u>Revised budget</u>
Income (minus once-off donations):	\$339,000	\$348,000
Consisting of	\$178,000 (offertories)	\$188,000
	\$161,000 (facilities, hire)	\$160,000
Expenses to date:	\$491,000	\$475,000
Shortfall to date:	\$152,000	\$127,000

Summary: Our budget has been revised to reflect losses in carparking income. Some extremely generous one-off donations are likely to cover our shortfall for this year – however in the absence of improved patterns of regular giving, ministry objectives for 2023 may need to be revised.

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRIEST



Is the God of the Old Testament the God of the New

I distinctly remember an evening in an officer's mess, I was purchasing a beverage from a young captain who was manning the bar and as he passed it over, he said "Padre, why is the God of the Old Testament so different from the God of the New?"

It is a question I have been asked many times. It is a common belief that the important part of the Bible is the New Testament. After all, that is where the focus of our faith, Jesus' death and resurrection is found. It is where we see God revealed in flesh. It is so much clearer to see who God is in Jesus rather than YAHWEH of the Old Testament.

Yet when Jesus, Paul, and the apostles refer to scripture (sometimes referred to as the law and the prophets), they are referring to what we call the Old Testament. They see this scripture (the Old Testament) as authoritative and instructive. Timothy spells this out when tells us that "all scripture (yes the Old Testament) is God breathed and profitable for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work." The Bereans in Acts were commended for searching the

scriptures to see if what the Apostle Paul told them about Jesus the Messiah, was true.

The Old Testament has its challenges but what we see is God reveal himself initially to the people of Israel that they might be a light to the nations bearing witness to the Lord of all the world. This happens slowly in the Old Testament, but then comes to full flower in the book of Acts.

The Old Testament prefigures God's action in the New, with much of what we read a shadow of the reality that was to be revealed in Jesus. The rescue of the Israelites from physical slavery in Egypt prefigures our rescue from the slavery of sin by Jesus. The promised land of the Old Testament and the rest it offers is a physical image of Heaven where we will rest forever.

It is sometimes helpful to think of the Bible as a house, with the Old Testament as the walls with the New Testament as the roof. They depend on each other, both are necessary, each informs the other. The Old Testament prepares the way for God's ultimate salvation that we find in the New Testament.

God's compassion and his relationship to us is the same in the Old Testament as in the New Testament, both of which lead us to the revelation of God's love and mercy to us.

Regards,

Rev'd Tracey Sutherland

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

PARISH NOTICES

REMEMBERING HRH QUEEN ELIZABETH II

There will be a Thanksgiving service held to honour and remember our late Queen's life of service on **Friday 30 September** 6pm, in St John's Anglican Church.

PARISH EVENTS

SPORTS CHAPLAINCY

Today at some of our services, we welcome Peter Prior – the regional coordinator of Sports Chaplaincy Australia. If you'd like to learn more about this important ministry, see www.sportschaplaincy.com.au

SPECIAL MUSICAL SERVICE

Today at 4.30pm in the church, the choir from the NSW Conservatorium of Music High School in Sydney, will provide the music for a service of traditional choral evensong. All are welcome to this very special event.

CUPPACOMALONG

An invitation is extended to all to come to Cuppacomalong on **Monday 26 September** at 2pm until 4pm in the Robertson Room. This is an opportunity to meet fellow parishioners and to get to know them. Our speaker on the day will be Canon Kevin Stone who will talk about his latest travels overseas. We would love to see you. Refreshments will be served. Enquiries please phone Coral Ogilvie on 0448 329 432



BOOTCAMP

Our next Bootcamp/confirmation session is discussing worship, and in particular the principles that guide Anglican worship. Come and join us on Thursday 6 October, 7.30pm, in the Robertson Room.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Now is the time to return your shoeboxes so they don't miss the boat. Returns can be brought to the table at 9.30 morning tea for the next few weeks - or they can be returned to the office. REMEMBER each box costs \$10 to transport. If you pay on line you will get a tracking ticket which you stick on the box so that they can tell you exactly where it has gone. OCC believe ours are going to Cambodia. Any questions ring Jennifer Lawson 0407 286 572.



FLOWERS

Today the flowers are presented in loving memory of Nan & Deborah - wife and daughter of Lionel Mead - who are both greatly missed. Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord; and let perpetual light shine upon them.



WIDER CHURCH NEWS

ST MARK'S OPEN DAY & ORDINATION ENQUIRIES

St Mark's is having an open day on **Saturday 8 October from 8.30am - 1.00pm**. If you would like to attend, please RSVP (to assist with catering, room planning or zoom access) at the St Mark's website <https://stmarks.edu.au/open-day/>

AGEING SEMINAR

The Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture (ACCC) is holding an ageing seminar - Spiritual Reminiscence for Older People.

- **Date:** Commencing **Friday 14 Oct 2022** continuing on 15 Oct 2022 9:00am - 4:30pm
 - **Location:** Pavilion at the ACCC
 - **Address:** 15 Blackall Street, Barton, ACT 2600
- See ACCC website for more information.

FAIR UPDATE



St John's Community Fair

COME TO THE FAIR!
SATURDAY 15 OCTOBER
9.00AM - 2.30PM

Bill Sutherland, FAIR CONVENOR
0419 611 924 bill.sutherland@bigpond.com



THE FAMOUS SECOND-HAND CLOTHES BOUTIQUE

Most people love a stylish bargain and they will be sure to find it at the second-hand clothes stall in the Wild Honey Room. Time to turn out your wardrobes! We would love donations of clothes – clean and in excellent condition.

Suitable carry bags are also needed.

Please leave your donated clothes from **Sunday 9 October** outside the church hall.

Queries to Rosemary Thwaites 0424 728 131 or Airdrie Isbister 0400 849 567

FAIR CONVENOR DEVONSHIRE TEA UPDATE

Devonshire Tea Convenor is Lona Thwaites, her contact details are: 0418 650 309

rockyknoll@gmail.com

Lona has positions vacant in her Devonshire Tea team. Let her know if you can help - even a few hours on the day will make a big difference:

- Taking orders
- serving
- Clearing/cleaning tables
- Dishwasher operator
- Food preparation
- Setup before the Fair



FAIR CONVENOR CAKE STALL UPDATE

The Cake Stall Convenor is Anne Faulconbridge, her contact details are 0409 244 488

anne@magpietech.com



In past years the baked goods at the Cake Stall have run out quickly, so donations of baked goods will be very welcome to make sure that we have a plentiful supply. Please let Anne know if you can help with some baking, or are available on the day to assist with sales. Details for drop off of baked goods, packaging and labelling will be confirmed in the next couple of weeks.

JAM STALL



In the last 2 weeks before the Fair, I will be making Lemon Butter. If anyone can please contribute Lemons, Eggs or Butter to this I would be grateful. In that I will aim to have about 40 jars, any made up in your home will be greatly appreciated as well – just let me know that it is coming. Thanks in anticipation.
Joan Nichols 0412 967 842

PLANT STALL

Only 3 weeks to go to the Fair and the weather is warming. Now is the time to plant up. All plants that are rooted and named would be welcomed and can be delivered on the day. Any queries please contact Phil or Chris Creelman on 6278 5829.





Belinda's Learning Journey

Hello, my name is Belinda Ding, and I am a social work student from the Australian Catholic University. I have had the fortune of undertaking my first placement with St John's Care, between July and December this year.

The first thing that struck me about my work with St John's Care is the sheer volume of work this very small and capable team undertakes with clients experiencing, in many cases, extreme disadvantage and complex needs.

I was also struck by the staff and volunteer members commitment to the principles of compassion, respect for persons and encouragement as well as their pursuit of social justice in providing relief that assist our clients to break the cycle of disadvantage. Whether it be providing food or referral or advocating for change that will improve a client's wellbeing, the team works with professionalism, dedication and within an empowerment and strengths-based model that lifts people up and changes lives.

An important learning for me has been that the structures in our society (whether it be Centrelink, housing, or the healthcare system) play a very large role in the opportunities

afforded to our clients, or conversely, their oppression. Many clients come to us as these structures, with their rigid frameworks for assistance, determine a client's access to the necessities of life - whether it be to housing, income support or health care services. Much of the work that St John's Care staff do is attempting to work with these organisations to break down the barriers to clients in need of assistance and to level the playing field in terms of their access to these services.

I have also come to realise that change is hard—it is hard at the best of times for anyone, but for people with complex needs or experiencing a crisis, change may feel insurmountable.

Holding hope for these clients, and conveying this hope, can have a meaningful impact on their emotional state and their ability to keep going in the face of significant adversity. Sometimes we, as workers, need to hold this hope for the client as the client has lost hope. The relationship between the worker and client is central to this holding of hope—the belief that things can and will get better with time and support.

I cannot thank the staff and volunteers enough for contributing to providing such a rich and meaningful learning experience. I feel incredibly lucky to have got to know so many of you throughout my learning journey to date, and I look forward to continuing to see the wonderful outcomes that this organisation produces in the lives of so many people in need.

Kind regards,

Belinda

Items required: Towels (New or good quality second hand), Vegemite, shampoo & conditioner, laundry powder, sweet & savoury biscuits

Upcoming services



Friday 30 September

6pm Service of Thanksgiving for the life of our late Queen

Sunday 2 October

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: Lamentations 1.1-6; Ps 137; 2 Timothy 1.1-14,
Luke 17.(10-4), 5-10

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 9 October

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: Jeremiah 29.1,4-7; Ps 66.1-11; 2 Timothy 2.(1-7) 8-15
Luke 17.11-19

7am Eucharist (1662 Book of Common Prayer)

8am Sung Eucharist

9.30am Sunday@9.30 kids@church and Youth Group

6pm stjohns@6 Holy Communion

Sunday 16 October

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: Jeremiah 31.27-34; Ps 119.97-104; 2 Timothy 3.10-4.5
Luke 18.1-14

7am Eucharist (1662 Book of Common Prayer)

8am Sung Eucharist

9.30am Sunday@9.30 kids@church and Youth Group

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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Russell Tunks		

Music Director

Sheila Thompson OAM	6281 3433	sheila.thompson5@bigpond.com
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St John's Care

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website: www.stjohnscare.org

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