

12 June 2022

TRINITY SUNDAY



Today we celebrate Trinity Sunday, worshipping the mysterious Lord who is revealed as one God, in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Today's Services

Trinity Sunday

Readings: Proverbs 8.1-4, 22-31; Ps 8; Romans 5.1-5; John 16.12-15

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| 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 |

Midweek

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| 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 RECTOR



Are you a 'mere monotheist'?

If the Trinity was not part of Christian belief, would it make any difference to your life of discipleship, or your view of God?

It should. For the Trinity is not a footnote to Christian theology, but lies at the very heart of our understanding of God's identity. The Christian view of God is not simply 'monotheism', but 'Trinitarian monotheism'. God is one, but God is also three, and both these insights somehow need to be held together.

'Trinity' is central to what we mean by the word 'God', and therefore impacts every part of our lives as Christians.

A few examples.

1. Experience of God. A Trinitarian pattern is pervasive throughout the New Testament. On over 100 occasions, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit are used together to describe God's saving action. Long before the Trinity was expressed in doctrinal statements, it was already the way the first Christians experienced God in their lives and their worship.

2. Diversity and unity. Worship of a Triune God (one God in three persons) helps us see how unity can exist alongside diversity, and how diversity need not diminish unity. This is a valuable conceptual insight for any society seeking to live together despite diversity.

3. Love. The Trinity reveals that the God who made us is a God of love. Our God is a Father, who adores his Son utterly. Our God is a Son, who lovingly and unconditionally obeys his Father. Our God is a Spirit – the bond of love who unites Father and Son into an ever-expanding relationship of divine love, and who draws us in to share in this relationship of love.

4. Jesus. Finally, Jesus' ministry cannot be understood apart from the Father who sent him and the Spirit who was active in his ministry. Jesus was not just a wandering prophet, but the entry point through whom the Triune God can be known. Any follower of Jesus needs to take seriously the God revealed in Jesus' ministry.

Nobody could ever claim that the Trinity is easy (or even possible) to fully comprehend. But if we lose sight of this source of endless wonder, we are the poorer for it, and our knowledge and worship of God is badly weakened.

Rev'd Dave McLennan

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

PARISH NOTICES

ST JOHN'S & ST JOHN'S CARE PHONES

Unfortunately we are currently experiencing technical difficulties and as a result, the St John's phones are not working across the precinct and are unlikely to be fixed before next week.

If you can please email your enquiry to admin@stjohnscanberra.org

For St John's Care matters, please email community@stjohnscare.org.au

We will get back to you as soon as we can. Please call the Rector only if your matter is urgent. Thanks for your understanding.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

In the Robertson Room **Wednesday 15 June**
Luke's Gospel Chapters 17-19.

VALE RUDI DE JONG

Rudi's funeral at St John's will be on **Friday 17 June** at 10.30am. All welcome. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

YOUTH WINTER GAMES NIGHT

Our youth group is invited to a combined youth night at St Peter's Weston on **Friday 17 June**, 5 – 8 pm. There will be games, dinner and fellowship. It is a free event. Contact Michael for more information. yp.minister@stjohnscanberra.org

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION "BOOTCAMP"

The next installment of our Christian Education "Bootcamp" series occurs on **Thursday 23 June (7.30pm)** in the Robertson Room. This session will address the question "What do Christians believe?" with special reference to the creeds. All welcome. RSVP to guerin.tueno@stjohnscanberra.org

MISSED A SERVICE?

Audio of recent sermons can be accessed on our website (See 'Sermon Audio')

HERITAGE FUND APPEAL- REMINDER

A reminder that this year's Heritage Fund Appeal ends soon. While the focus of this year's appeal is to raise funds for the restoration of the furniture and timberwork at the entrance to the Church, the National Trust-St John's Church Heritage Conservation Appeal Fund welcomes donations throughout the year for heritage projects relating to the Church, Churchyard and Schoolhouse. Donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

To be eligible for tax deductibility in 2021-22, donations to the Fund should be received by 30 June. Randall Wilson, Chair of Trustees

CITRUS FRUIT AND SMALL JARS REQUIRED

Joan Nichols is seeking citrus fruit for jams for the Fair. Also required are small jam jars with lids. If anyone has some of these items surplus to your needs that you would like to donate, please bring your supply to the parish office in a bag or box labelled for Joan. Thanks.

WIDER CHURCH EVENTS

ANGLICAN RENEWAL NETWORK ON-LINE RETREAT PODCAST

The retreat is available as a daily 10-minute podcast, published on all major podcast platforms. Audio and written versions and further study notes can also be downloaded from the ARNA web site: <https://anglicanrenewal.network>

BRAIDWOOD BOOK FAIR

Friday 10 June to Monday 13 June

9am until 4pm on Fri, Sat, Sun

9am until 2pm on Mon.

Find the book fair at the National Theatre, Wallace Street, Braidwood

Contact: braidwoodbookfair@gmail.com

PARISH NOTICES



St John's Community Fair

Saturday 15 October 2022

9.00 am - 1.30 pm

Our Fair is returning!

Save the Date!!! After a break of two years our Parish Fair will be on again this October, with the full range of stalls and activities.

The Fair is a wonderful occasion for parishioners to engage with the wider Canberra community - as well as with each other. It is also an opportunity to raise awareness for what we do at St John's and to raise significant funds to support our activities.

If you are interested in running or helping out on a stall, assisting with setup and/or closedown or acting as a support person on the day, you may like to attend the upcoming information session.

- **Stall Holder and Participant Information Session Sunday 10 July, 2.00pm**
in the St John's Hall

There will be plenty to do on the day such as: preparation, setup, and clearing up afterwards. Even if you can only spare an hour or so, that can be put to good use.

**For further information, please contact Fair Convenor Bill Sutherland 0419 611 924
or bill.sutherland@bigpond.com**



Empathy and Kindness

On a morning last week when we were getting ready to open St John's Care Emergency Relief Centre I observed a group of clients who use our service regularly speaking to one another. As I listened in, I heard one of them say 'do not worry, here at SJC they will help you, I am sure they will!'

When I heard this, I approached them and offered them a cup of coffee to which they replied, 'yes please!'

I engaged in a conversation with the group, when one of our clients told me that they had met P wandering the streets the night before. I approached P and introduced myself, asking if she would like to have a chat with me. She seemed nervous but agreed.

As we walked to a more private place to continue our conversation, she explained that she needed assistance getting home. P said she had come to Canberra mistakenly and wanted to return to Sydney.

She recalled having an argument with a close relative and reacting by getting on a train to escape the situation, using all the money she had in her pocket to do so. P said that since the previous Friday, she had been sleeping on the street and begging for food to get by, until she met a group of people who happened to be SJC clients.

The group told her that SJC could help her with food and assist her in returning home. She was also asking for help with winter clothing and some food.

P informed me that she had been staying in emergency accommodation in Sydney and provided me with the name of the place. I began looking for a bus ticket to Sydney while the volunteers helped P with winter clothing, a hot coffee, and some food. She looked amazed at all the help she was receiving and couldn't believe how fortunate she was to run into a group of people who told her about SJC.

SJC was able to buy her a ticket to Sydney, provide her with winter clothes, a bag with food and a bus ticket to Jolimont Centre. We also referred her to appropriate emergency relief and mental health support organisations in Sydney.

We thanked the group of people (SJC Clients) for helping P out – they were grateful for the positive feedback, and more so that we could support their new friend P.

This is a great example of how showing kindness and empathy has a flow on effect to other members of the community, and how being kind and compassionate to others can help make you feel good as well.

Thank you SO MUCH to our donors for your generous donations, this story reflects how your kindness and empathy impacts the lives of the most vulnerable in our community.

Warm regards,
Karen Medrano, Case Manager

Items Required: Vegemite, Fruit Salad, 1kg rice, Olive or Canola Oil, Chunky Soup



Upcoming services

Sunday 19 June

Second Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: 1 Kings 19.1-4 (5-7), 8-15A; Ps 42,43; Galatians 3.10-14, 23-29,
Luke 8.26-39

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

Sunday 26 June

Feast of John the Baptist

Readings: 2 Kings 2.1-2, 6-14; Ps 77.1-2, 11-20; Galatians 5.1, 13-25,
Luke 9.51-62

7am Eucharist (1662 Book of Common Prayer)
8am Sung Eucharist and St John's Ambulance (ACT) rededication
9.30am Sunday@9.30 kids and youth in church
6pm stjohs@6

Sunday 3 July

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: 2 Kings 5.1-14; Ps 30; Galatians 6.(1-6) 7-18,
Luke 10.1-12 (13-16) 17-24

8am Sung Eucharist
9.30am Sunday@9.30 kids@church and Youth Group
5pm Choral Evensong
6pm stjohs@6

Each Wednesday at 10am: BCP Holy Communion

All services are held in the Church.

PARISH CONTACTS

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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