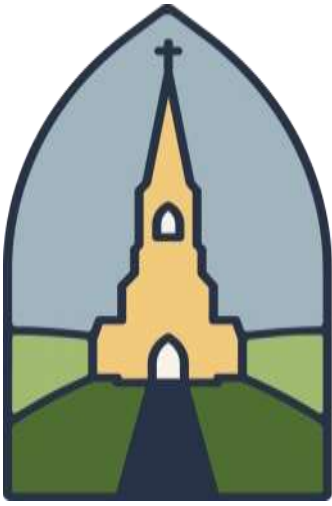




ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH CANBERRA

4 October 2026

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

(This week's service times within)

The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes. Matthew 21.42



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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God,
your Son Jesus was the stone rejected by the builders,
and, by your doing,
he has been made the chief cornerstone:
grant that, by the power of his Spirit working in us,
we may become living stones
built up into your dwelling place,
a temple holy and acceptable to you;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

IMPORTANT NOTICES

Kids' Church and Youth. Our 9.30am programs take a break during school holidays, resuming on 18 October. However we encourage families to continue to prioritise worship, making use of the activity sheets provided in the porch, and/or the cry room in the Robertson Room (where the service is livestreamed).

Stepping Up: A Conversation on Christian Learning and Service. Are you interested in exploring how studying theology might equip you in your service of God and others? Have you considered the skills, gifts, and opportunities God has before you for you to serve in ministry?

In partnership with St John's, St Mark's National Theological Centre invites you to an evening to learn about the benefits of theological study and opportunities to go deeper at St Mark's, and to explore what learning and ministry might look like in your life. (4 November 2026, 7.15–9.30pm, St John's (Robertson Room). See stmarks.edu.au/events/stepping-up-a-conversation-on-christian-learning-and-service/

Youth and Young Adults Camp. St John's is having a weekend away for youth and young adults from Friday 13 November – Sunday 15 November! For people aged 15-35. Full details in the flyer in the Church Porch, or go to tinyurl.com/SJCampRego

PARISH FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT (August YTD)

- Income: \$554 537, consisting of:
 - Donations and giving: \$367,934
 - Other (e.g. carparking fees, etc): \$164 534
- Expenses: \$600 813 (consisting of employment, property, admin, insurance, diocesan contribution etc)
- **Operating deficit: \$46,267k**

Comment: While the year has seen continued generosity and commitment to the church's mission, unexpected disruptions to parking revenue have badly damaged our cash position and paused unnecessary expenditure. Without improvements, present ministry offerings are not sustainable. (See back page for giving details.)

Praying the Daily Office. Create habits of daily prayer. E-Pray Daily is a free online resource providing daily prayers and Bible readings from *A Prayer Book for Australia* and *An Australian Lectionary*. It can be viewed at daily.epray.com.au

Our Parish Fair 17 October. Volunteers can sign up for the Fair at volunteersignup.org/43DKT. So, please click on the link and sign up – it's simple and you can choose your ideal time slot. We need help with sound system setup. See page 8 for "What When and Where to leave your donations". Any queries regarding the Fair, contact Jon (jon.hawkins@bigpond.com).

Garden stall: Please start thinking about planting/potting so we have good items to sell. Also, any garden equipment or pots should be quality, and no disposable seedling containers, thanks – best spot for them is the Bunnings recycle bin!

Books: 11 October is closing date for book donations. If you still have books you'd like to donate, now's the time to get sorting! We would like to have all book donations with us in the hall by Sunday 11 October.

Flyers: If you have some time in the next couple of weeks to walk your local streets and letterbox drop flyers to advertise our Parish Fair, please collect some bundles of flyers from the Church porch after Sunday services. (They need to be distributed before 17 October.)

Parliamentary Prayer Breakfast. This annual event, to be held on 26 October at 7.15am – 8.15am (in the Great Hall of Parliament House) offers us a chance to pray for our members of parliament, in the presence of many political and faith leaders. The two St John's tables are now fully booked, but you can put yourself down on the waitlist by emailing admin@stjohnscanberra.org or you can purchase a ticket directly at <https://nationalprayerbreakfast.org>.

Keynote speaker Amy Brown will draw on her experience of leadership and personal challenge in public service, to explore the theme "The Way Down is the Way Up" – the counterintuitive Christian hope that God meets us in the valley, where we may be formed deeply and encounter Him most clearly.

UPCOMING EVENTS

(*St John's event)

***Sunday 4 October: Bellringing.** The monthly bellringing practice is on again today, from 5pm to 6 pm. Everyone is welcome to come along and join in the ringing. (You could then stay on for the St John's@6 service.)

Sunday 4 October: Celebrate Spring at the Peter Crisp Gallery with Carl Rafferty. Peter Crisp Gallery, Hume Highway, Bowning. Gates open at 2.30pm. Concert at 3pm.

Sunday 11 October: Exploring Ordination Information Session. For anyone who is wondering whether God might be calling them to ordained ministry. At St Mark's National Theological Centre, 15 Blackall St, Barton ACT, 2.00-3.30pm, no charge. Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/ty8tej4d>

***Sunday 11 October: Choral Evensong.** Join us at 5pm for this brief, reflective service, including hymns and choral music.

Thursday 15 October: St Mark's Online Information Session. For anyone who is considering theological study in 2027. At St Mark's National Theological Centre, 15 Blackall St, Barton ACT, 2.00-3.30pm, no charge. Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/ty8tej4d>

Thursday 15 October: What the Bible says about Doubt with Aden Cotterill. At Arawang Anglican Church Kambah, cnr Kett St & Marconi Cres Kambah, 7.30pm. Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/44p7tc4r>

Friday 16 October: National Day of Recognition. For further information or enquiries, please contact the organising committee at: honouringthehiddenservice@gmail.com

***Saturday 17 October: St John's Parish Fair.** 9am-2pm for a wonderful time of food, festivities and bargains.

Monday 26 October: Parliamentary Prayer Breakfast. 7.15am–8.15am (in the Great Hall of Parliament House). For waitlist email admin@stjohnscanberra.org or to purchase ticket directly visit <https://nationalprayerbreakfast.org>.

***Tuesday 27 October: St John's Sketching/Painting Group.** 9.30am to lunchtime, in the Robertson Room. All welcome to come along with sketch pad, pencils or paints. Contact Fiona (0404 066 021) or Jennifer (0407 286 572).

***Saturday 31 October: All Saints Eve event.** St John's alternative to Halloween. 4:30pm – 7:30pm. Includes lantern making, mystery trail, lolly hunt and more. Tickets at <https://www.trybooking.com/DPMD>. For families with children up to 15 yrs old. Offers to help or enquiries to Mary de Lautour (see page 12).

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***Saturday 7 November: Working Bee.** From 8.30am–10.00am, working outside helping to beautify the gardens and grounds. Please bring equipment (e.g. gardening gloves, hat, suitable footwear, mowers, blowers) and join us for morning tea afterwards at 10am.

***Friday 13 – Sunday 15 November: Youth and Young Adults camp.** Registrations are now open for our Youth and Young Adults weekend away at tinyurl.com/SJCampRego.

***Saturday 14 November: St John's Care Trivia Night.** In the Hall from 6pm. See more details below.

st John's Care 

TRIVIA Night

St John's Care



SATURDAY
14 NOVEMBER 2026



ADULTS \$25
KIDS U 15 \$10



**PLEASE BRING AN
UNWRAPPED PRESENT
FOR OUR CHILDREN'S
CHRISTMAS GIFT ROOM**



**DOORS OPEN
AT 6PM**



**TRIVIA STARTS
AT 6.30PM**



**BYO FOOD
AND DRINKS**



**RAFFLE AND
OTHER FUN GAMES**



**TABLES OF
8-10 PEOPLE**



*Gather
your friends,
test your
knowledge
& have a
great night!*



ST JOHN'S HALL
45 CONSTITUTION AVE REID, ACT



~~HALLOWEEN~~ ALL SAINTS EVE

October

Saturday

31

4:30 – 7:30pm

2026

Lantern Making - Mystery Trail

Lolly Hunt

Games - BBQ

Try to escape the **CRYPT!**



Tickets

\$6 per child

Adults free

All activities & food included.

Bookings are essential as tickets are limited!

<https://www.trybooking.com/DPMDI>

No ghosts! No ghouls! Just light, laughs and life!

St John's Anglican Church

45 Constitution Ave, REID



ST JOHN'S COMMUNITY FAIR 2026 DONATIONS

The following lists *What, When & Where you can leave your Donations* for the Community Fair:
Please do not leave donations before the times below

WHAT	WHEN	WHERE	NOTES
Books, Games, Puzzles, DVDs and CDs	Now	Bench outside Church Hall	<i>If the Hall is open, please leave your donations on the stage.</i> Good quality fiction and non-fiction, including large print books and books for young adults and children. <i>Please no textbooks, manuals, Readers Digest, encyclopedias, videotapes or audio cassette tapes.</i>
Oranges, lemons, limes, apples, dried dates, or dried apricots	Now	Parish Office	Tuesday – Thursday 10am-3pm
Clothes	From 1 September	Hall	<i>If the Hall is open, please leave your donations in the marked area, immediately to the left inside the Hall.</i>
Craft, Trinkets, Treasure, White Elephant	From 28 September	Bench outside Church Hall	<i>If the Hall is open, please leave your donations in the marked area, immediately to the left inside the Hall.</i>
Raffles	From 28 September to 11 October	Bench outside Church Hall	
Plants & Gardening	From 12 October	Bench outside Church Hall	
Jam & Cake	From 15 October	Central bench in Kitchen	

St John's Study Groups

Monday: 'Young Blokes' Bible Study

When & Where: Mondays, 6.30pm, Campbell

Who: Young men (ages approx. 18-25)

Focus: Bible study and discussion

Contact: Rev'd Andrew - Andrew.Cameron@stjohnscanberra.org

Tuesday: Bible for Blokes

When & Where: Tuesdays, 10.am, Upper Room

Who: Men of any age

Focus: Bible study and discussion

Contact: Rev'd Kevin – Kevin.Stone@stjohnscanberra.org

Tuesday: Young Women's Bible Study

When & Where: Tuesdays, 7:00–8:30 pm, at a home in Reid (school terms)

Who: Women aged 15–30; new Christians and those exploring faith welcome

Focus: 30 min fellowship + 1 hour study; social events in school holidays

Contact: Jess – jess.evans31169@gmail.com or 0404 703 847

Wednesday: Southside Bible Study

When & Where: Wednesdays, 2pm, Fadden, Tuggeranong

Who: Adults, any age.

Focus: Bible study and discussion

Contact: John Richards—0407 790 767

Wednesday: Adults Bible Study

When & Where: Wednesdays, 7:00–8:00 pm, Rectory (school terms)

Who: Adults, any age. Mostly connected with stjohns@6

Focus: Bible study; group communicates via Signal

Contact: Russ Tunks — rustunks@yahoo.com.au

Thursday: Ladies' Bible Reading Group

When & Where: Thursdays, 9:30 am (after school drop-off), Robertson Room (school terms)

Who: Women, especially with pre-school children

Focus: Bible reading and discussion (currently Matthew)

Contact: Mary de Lautour — mary.delautour@stjohnscanberra.org

There may be scope for a new Bible study to commence. Contact clergy if you'd like to be involved.

CREATING SAFETY, HOPE AND CONNECTION

Over the past few months, I have seen an increase in clients seeking food relief. However, through deeper conversations and building trust with them, many also experiencing domestic violence or significant relationship breakdowns.

Domestic violence can affect people from all backgrounds. For some of the women I support, cultural barriers, financial dependence, family circumstances, professional backgrounds, and fear can make it particularly difficult to disclose what they are experiencing or to seek help.

I have supported women whose partners have left them while they were experiencing significant medical issues. Others have been left by their partners and suddenly found themselves having to take responsibility for everything - managing the home loan or rent, utility bills, school supplies, groceries, medical expenses and all the everyday needs of their children, alone. For many of these women, life changes very quickly.

As a Case Manager, my role is not only to respond to the immediate need that brings someone through our doors. It is also to listen, build trust, understand what is happening behind that initial request for help, and connect clients with appropriate services.

I have been able to provide practical and consistent support to women and families during some of their most difficult times. For clients who have fled domestic violence with children under two years old, this has included weekly assistance with essentials such as nappies, wipes, fresh fruit and vegetables, food staples and other necessities.

These items may seem simple, but when someone is trying to rebuild their life and provide a safe and stable environment for their children, this support can make a significant difference. Regular assistance also gives me the opportunity to remain connected with clients, check on their wellbeing, continue building trust and link them with specialist services when needed.

I am very grateful to be part of St John's Care and to be the connection between our clients and the support that SJC can provide. Being able to stand beside people when they need support the most is incredibly rewarding.

I feel very fortunate to be in a role where I can build relationships with clients, listen to their stories and help them access practical support during some of the most challenging moments of their lives.

To our donors, thank you. Your generosity provides much more than household essentials. It allows us to create a safe and welcoming place where people can talk, feel heard and receive support without judgement. Your contributions help us walk alongside women and families as they work towards greater safety and stability.

Thank you for making this work possible.

Sincerely,

Karen Medrano, Case Manager

Items required: Gluten free items, conditioner, honey, peanut butter, tinned spaghetti

Upcoming services

Sunday 4 October 2026

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: Exodus 20.1-4, 7-9, 12-20; Psalm 19; Philippians 3.4b-14; Matthew 21.33-46

8.00am: Sung Eucharist

9.30am: Family Eucharist (Kid's Church recess School Holidays)

11.15am: Choral Eucharist (1662 Book of Common Prayer)

6.00pm: stjohs@6 (Praise, Prayer and Proclamation)

Wednesday 7 October 2026

Readings: Philippians 3; Matthew 21.33-46

10.00am: Eucharist (1662 Book of Common Prayer)

Sunday 11 October 2026

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: Exodus 32.1-14; Psalm 106.1-6, 20-24; Philippians 4.1-9 ; Matthew 22.1-14

7.00am: Eucharist (1662 Book of Common Prayer)

8.00am: Sung Eucharist

9.30am: Family Eucharist (Kid's Church recess School Holidays)

5.00pm: Choral Evensong (1662 Book of Common Prayer)

6.00pm: stjohs@6 (Praise, Prayer and Proclamation)

Wednesday 14 October 2026

Readings: Exodus 32.1-14; OR; Philippians 4.1-9 ; Matthew 22.1-14

10.00am: Eucharist (1662 Book of Common Prayer)

For more information: www.stjohnscanberra.org

SUPPORTING THE MINISTRY OF THE PARISH

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

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

See also: <https://www.stjohnscanberra.org/giving>

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