

ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH CANBERRA

18 May 2025
Fifth Sunday of Easter

(This week's service times within)

'I give you a new commandment,'
says the Lord, 'that you love one
another. As I have loved you, you
also should love one another.'
John 13.34



Gang-gang cockatoo—a recent visitor to the parish grounds.

(Photo by Alison Hosking)

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

NOTICES



Hope 25. Along with Anglican Churches throughout Australia, we are participating in the Hope 25 campaign between Easter and Pentecost, to share our Christian hope across our nation. The following events are of special relevance:

- **Introduction to Christianity**. What's Christianity all about? Our simple '3-2-1' course is a beginner-level introduction to Christian basics. Held over three consecutive Thursday evenings in the Robertson Room: 7.30pm Thursdays May 22, May 29 and June 5. For further details contact Rev'd Andrew (see page 9) or Jamie Young (jfyoung3@outlook.com).
- **Hope 25 'for Blokes'**. Canon Kevin's 'Bible for Blokes' is held in the Robertson Room, on Tuesdays at 10am. He is looking into a series of conversations that Jesus had with people in John's gospel. They include a confused minister and a desperate woman, a lifelong loser and an anxious politician. Let Canon Kevin Stone know that you are coming by contacting him on stonesaway@gmail.com or on 0450 676864.

Patronal Dinner. Parishioners from all our various congregations are invited to gather for our annual Patronal Dinner, on Wednesday 25 June, 6pm to 8.30pm. This spit roast meal, including dessert, will celebrate our 180th anniversary, and promises to be a fun and positive night. Book at www.stjohnscanberra.org/payments.

Kids' Church and Junior Youth: We are still seeking volunteers to make this critical ministry possible. The harvest is plentiful, but our workers are few. Mary recently reminded us that this ministry requires more than giftedness, and only the resources God provides. Please contact her to learn more about this precious work, and how you might help. (mary.delautour@stjohnscanberra.org).

Christian Bootcamp: 'Bootcamp' is our parish's program for those (16+) seeking baptism or confirmation and is also suitable for new Christians or enquirers. Our first session ('Who - or What - is God?', 7.30pm, Thursday, 12 June, in Robertson Room) might help you decide if this is for you. Contact Rev'd Dave (rector@stjohnscanberra.org) to register your interest.

Young Women's Bible Study: Seeking Expressions of Interest. Any young women (ages 15-25) who wish to be part of a regular fellowship and Bible study are invited to contact Jess (0404 703 847). In coming weeks, we hope to identify a suitable time (likely a week night or Sunday afternoon). Looking forward to hearing from you!

Making Marriage Work'. We are offering a short marriage course to those who have booked a wedding at St John's. Occasionally we have spare spots, which we can offer to interested parishioners. Whether you are recently married or have been for many years, this material – drawn from the Gottman Institute's extensive research – could benefit any couple. Cost is \$120, and the next courses are in late May and October. If you're interested in knowing more, contact one of the clergy, or weddings@stjohnscanberra.org

Accommodation requested: Cameron West is hosting a conference on pilgrimage 3-6 June, and one of the delegates has unexpectedly had funding withdrawn. He is a young scholar from the University of Pennsylvania whose field is environmental adaptation. He is seeking short term accommodation for his stay. If you are in a position to assist with a bed or a room, please contact Cam on 0438808050 or cameronjwest@gmail.com

Jam Stall. Do you have any extra produce in your garden? The Jam Stall will gladly accept donations of fruit, vegetables, and sugar to turn them into delicious jams, chutneys, and relishes to sell at the Fair. Please contact Jo Lloyd if you can help (cjlloyd@me.com).

UPCOMING EVENTS (*St John's event)

***Tuesday 20 May: Funeral for Susan Caroline Bambrick, OBE:** Susan's funeral will be held at 2.00pm.

***Thursdays from 22 May: '3-2-1' - Introduction to Christianity.** A three-week evening course (22 May, 29 May, 5 June) designed to help people understand what Christian faith is all about. Like the Of interest to people of faith, as well as curious inquirers. This will be held in the Robertson Room at 7.30pm.

Sunday 25 May: Order of St Luke Healing Service. All are invited to the Healing Service 3.00pm at Yarralumla Uniting Church 3-7 Denman Street Yarralumla followed by afternoon tea. There will be a retiring collection to support OSL and Yarralumla Uniting Church . Info Fr John Gibson at gibsonjohn385@gmail.com or 0451 681 118.

***Monday 26 May: Cuppacomalong.** Join us for afternoon tea in the Robertson Room, 2.00-4.00pm. The special guest this month will be Sue O'Leary who will talk about Rev'd Pierce Galliard Smith's medicine chest – 19th century first aid and health care. Contact Ailsa Curtis 6247 9363.

***Thursday 12 June: 'Who – or What – is God?'** This is the first session of our annual 'Bootcamp' program, and also serves as a 'taster' to help people decide if this course is for them. (See earlier notice, 'Christian Bootcamp'). 7.30pm, Robertson Room.


***Saturday 14 June: Safe Ministry Training.** St John's will be hosting a Safe Ministry training day in the Robertson Room. For other dates/locations and online options, see <https://safercommunities.net.au/anglican-diocese-of-canberra-goulburn-online-training/>. All training for St John's parishioners is booked and paid for by the Parish, so please contact alison.hosking@stjohnscanberra.org if you would like to book in for training or if you have any Safe Ministry questions.

***Wednesday 25 June: Patronal**

Dinner. All parishioners are invited to this fun night. 6pm to 8.30pm in the hall for a spit roast and dessert (BYO drinks) to celebrate our 180th anniversary. RSVP and payment at www.stjohnscanberra.org/payments.

***Saturday 18 October: Our 2025**


Parish Fair. Please note the date of our Parish Fair in your diaries! We have already started planning for this key event with a special theme this year celebrating the 180th year of the consecration of the Church. We need to fill some crucial positions as soon as possible and wonder if any parishioners are interested in volunteering to run the white elephant stall, the treasures and trinkets stall, the cake stall and the BBQ. We also need volunteers for several stalls including the craft stall. And if anyone is interested in taking responsibility for the sound system on the day, we'd love to hear from you. If you can help in any of these ways, please contact John Richards on gjrich@bigpond.net.au



Heartbeat of Hope

A creative presentation of the gospel of Christ in music and spoken word.

8 vocalists. 10 piece band.
Music composed by Michael Dooley



Venue: St Matthew's Anglican Church, Wanniasa.
Date: 31st May 2025, 7 to 9 PM
Cost: \$15 adults. \$10 concession. Family ticket \$30

Book through TryBooking
<https://www.trybooking.com/DBCJS>

Proceeds from ticket sales will go to Anglican Aid's emergency relief project in Democratic Republic of Congo.

HOPE25
HOPE IN AN UNCERTAIN WORLD

Living a Nightmare

At our last community lunch, a man came in asking for information and support. He told me that someone in the city had directed him to St John's Care, saying we could help with food. I assured him that of course we could help and gently asked if there was anything else he needed. At that moment, he began to cry. I invited him into my office so we could speak privately. He looked exhausted and was carrying a large suitcase and a backpack. He introduced himself as N. He explained that he had been in Australia for about two months, visiting as a tourist at the invitation of a family member. Everything had been going well until four days ago, when a serious incident occurred in the home where he was staying—serious enough that he had to report it to the police. After making the report, N returned to the house only to find all his belongings dumped outside. The person who was meant to care for him told him to leave and never come back.

He told me he felt devastated and deeply saddened by what had happened, but he knew that reporting the incident was the right thing to do. Since then, he had been sleeping rough for four nights, relying on various food relief services in the area. When I asked if he needed more than food, he quietly said no—he could manage sleeping on the streets for another week until his flight home.

Hearing this, I told him we would try to find emergency accommodation for the week. I began calling our partner services to see who might be able to help. After many calls, we were finally able to secure a room that was vacant for 10 days, which meant N could stay there for the week he needed. When I gave him the news, he began to cry again—this time with relief. He said his trip to Australia had felt like waking up from a nightmare. He had come to Australia to enjoy himself and meet people and instead found himself homeless and without food.

His joy was overwhelming—he kept smiling and thanking us. We referred him to the Early Morning Centre so he could access hot meals and invited him to return to us for food relief whenever he needed it.

St John's Care also helped him purchase a bus ticket to Sydney Airport, provided public transport tickets, and referred him to Thread Together so he could receive warm winter clothing. Thank you to all our donors and the incredible organisations we partner with. Your support makes stories like this possible. Together, we continue to bring hope and dignity to those in need.

Kind regards,

Karen Medrano
Case Manager

Items required: Cooking oil, Shampoo & Conditioner, Spreads (peanut butter, vegemite) Nappies and baby wipes

Upcoming services

Sunday 18 May 2025

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 11.1-18; Psalm 148; Revelation 21.1-5; John 13.31-34

- 8.00am:** Sung Eucharist
9.30am: Family Eucharist (Kids Church & Youth Group)
11:15am: Choral Matins (1662 Book of Common Prayer)
6.00pm: stjohns@6 (Holy Communion)

Wednesday 21 May 2025

Readings: Revelation 21.1-5; John 13.31-34

- 10am:** Eucharist (1662 Book of Common Prayer)

Sunday 25 May 2025

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 16.9-15; Psalm 67; Revelation 21.10-14, 21.22-22.5; John 14.23-29

- 7.00am:** Eucharist (1662 Book of Common Prayer)
8.00am: Sung Eucharist
9.30am: Family Eucharist (Kids Church & Youth Group)
6.00pm: stjohns@6 (Praise, Prayer & Proclamation)

Wednesday 28 May 2025

Readings: TBA

- 10am:** 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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FOR YOUR ENJOYMENT

A New Commandment Word Shape

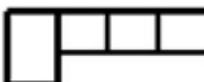
A New Commandment

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

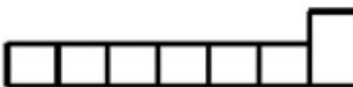
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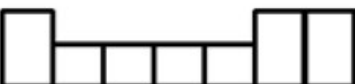


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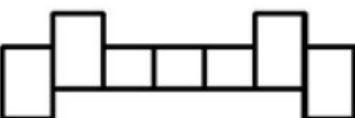
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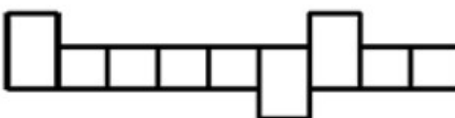
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