



# ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH CANBERRA

**15 June 2025**  
**Trinity Sunday**

(This week's service times within)

Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice? 'The Lord created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago.'

Proverbs 8.1, 22



*The Trinity*, painted by Andrei Rublev in the 15th century, is an icon depicting the three angels who visited Abraham. The painting is currently held at the Tretyakov Gallery in Moscow.

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



**Friends of St John's Service.** Today's Friends of St John's service (11.15am) will hear from Ms Hayune Lee: her journey from Korea, her Christian faith, and her recent Senate campaign. All are welcome to join us for this service of Matins, followed by lunch in the Robertson Room.

**Prof. Con Campbell on Luke's Gospel.** The Prodigal Son. The Good Samaritan. The Rich Fool. The Dishonest Manager. The Persistent Widow. The Pharisee and the Tax Collector... Some of Jesus' most famous parables are found in one Gospel, and one Gospel only. It is also the only Gospel that mentions anything about Jesus' childhood, the road to Emmaus, and that has a sequel. If you're interested to gain an overview of the fascinating and profoundly significant Gospel of Luke (a focus on this year's lectionary readings), New Testament scholar Con Campbell (9.30am service) is giving an overview seminar at 7.30pm, Thursday 19 June (Robertson Room).

### **Patronal Celebrations.**

- **Patronal Service:** On Sunday 22 June, the whole parish is invited to gather for worship together in the Hall at 9.30am, followed by morning tea together. Singalong and 'hymn fest' (6pm, in the church), followed by mulled wine (in Hall). (Other services are cancelled that day).
- **Patronal Dinner:** All are warmly invited to this fun night (25 June, 6pm to 8.30pm in the Hall for a spit roast and dessert (BYO drinks) to celebrate our 180th anniversary. RSVP and payment by noon on Friday 20 June, at <https://www.stjohnscanberra.org/payments>. (Advise the parish office of any dietary requirements.)

We are also looking for some **helpers** to set up tables beforehand, and to run glasses through the dishwasher at the end of the night. If you can assist, contact Alison (see contacts page).

**Volunteers to Clean Church.** We are seeking the help of some volunteers to vacuum and tidy the church on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month. Please contact Jane at [admin@stjohnscanberra.org](mailto:admin@stjohnscanberra.org) if you are able to offer assistance.

**Rose Garden: Seeking helpers.** Our longtime overseer of the St John's Rose Garden, Barbara Hill, is looking to retire from this role. We are looking for someone (or a team of people) to take over care of the Rose Garden. Are you interested? Please contact Barbara at [b.a.hill@bigpond.net.au](mailto:b.a.hill@bigpond.net.au) to discuss.

**'Flower Power' vacancies.** We would love to welcome new members to our flower team. It's a great way to contribute to the experience of those who enter our church for worship, funerals, weddings or as visitors. Sanya Ritchie would love to hear from you if you would like to know more. Leave her a message on 6282 7118, or email [sanya.ritchie@gmail.com](mailto:sanya.ritchie@gmail.com).

**Operation Christmas Child: Seeking Beanie Knitters.** Now that the cold weather is keeping us in front of the fire, thoughts will turn to knitting. (Obviously!) We need some lovely people to make some for Operation Christmas Child. Last year we sent 110 boxes—i.e. lots of beanies! Jennifer Lawson can assist with wool, patterns, needles and instructions (if needed). [jennifer.lawson@stjohnscanberra.org](mailto:jennifer.lawson@stjohnscanberra.org).

**St Mark's Timetable.** Semester 2 timetable at St Mark's has been released, with many evening classes to accommodate full-time workers who would like to join live. Contact Dr Amy Erickson (6pm service) or see [https://stmarks.edu.au/semester\\_timetable/](https://stmarks.edu.au/semester_timetable/)

**Scripture Union ACT bushwalking camp in Namadgi National Park.** Planned for the Spring school holidays this year (Sept 29-Oct 3). Our team is currently seeking young (or young at heart) Christian leaders for this base and transit camp with year 7-11 students. No prior experience is necessary, but a WWVP card, pastoral referee and some pre-camp Childsafe training will be required. If you are interested (or know someone who is) please email [brentonprosser@hotmail.com](mailto:brentonprosser@hotmail.com) or if you have questions catch Brenton at the 9.30am service.

**Anglican News June 2025.** Here is the link to the latest edition of Anglican News: <https://anglicancg.org.au/news-and-events/anglican-news/>. You can email any contributions for future issues of the Anglican News, by the first day of the month of the issue, to: [anglicannews@anglicancg.org.au](mailto:anglicannews@anglicancg.org.au)



## HOPE 25 - MESSAGE FROM BISHOP MARK SHORT

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

With the celebration of Pentecost the 'official' season of Hope25 has drawn to a close, although I know many missional initiatives inspired by the outreach will continue. Monica and I have been so encouraged by all that God has done through your efforts during this time, and we know some of that fruit will last into eternity. Below you will find a link to two videos designed to be played on Trinity Sunday or shortly thereafter:



<https://www.hope25.com.au/2025/06/04/hope25-celebration-videos/>

They celebrate God's work across our nation. I commend them to you and encourage you to share them with your congregations.

With every blessing in Christ,  
Bishop Mark

## SUMMARY OF UPCOMING EVENTS

(\*St John's event)

**\*Sunday 15 June (today):** Friends of St John's service, featuring Ms Hayune Lee. 11.15am in the Church followed by refreshments.

**\*Thursday 19 June: Evening seminar on Luke's Gospel.** An overview of Luke – the focus of this year's gospel readings. By New Testament Professor and parishioner Con Campbell. 7.30pm, in the Robertson Room.

**\*Saturday 21 June: Equip Women's Conference.** \$20 pp. In Robertson Room or the Hall (depending on numbers). Contact Mary de Lautour for information (see page 7).

**\*Sunday 22 June: Patronal Festival.** Combined Patronal Eucharist (9.30am in hall). Singalong and 'hymn fest' (6pm, in the church), followed by mulled wine (in Hall).

**\*Monday 23 June: Cuppacomalong.** Afternoon tea with fellow parishioners in the Robertson Room 2.00-4.00pm. This month's special guest is Tecia Thompson, the new Community Chaplain for St John's Care. Contact Ailsa Curtis 6247 9363.

**\*Wednesday 25 June: Patronal Dinner.** 6pm to 8.30pm in the hall for a spit roast and dessert (BYO drinks). RSVP with payment and dietary requirements by 20 June at <https://www.stjohnscanberra.org/payments>.

**Sunday 6 July Order of St Luke Healing Meeting.** All are invited to the Healing Service at St John's Anglican Church Reid at 2.00pm followed by afternoon tea. There will be a retiring collection to support OSL and St John's Church. Info Fr John Gibson at [gibsonjohn385@gmail.com](mailto:gibsonjohn385@gmail.com) or 0451 681 118.

**Sunday 6 July: Silo Sounds Concert.** At the Ross Memorial Uniting Church in Murrumburrah will feature the Estivo Trio. Click on this link for details and bookings: <https://events.humanitix.com/concert-3-estivo-trio>

**Monday 7 July -Friday 11 July: Scripture Union Youth Leadership Conference.** Connecting faith in Jesus with everyday life so that young leaders develop in their character and conviction. At the Shoalhaven Youthworks Conference Centre, \$425 -\$500. Bookings through the QR code



**\*Saturday 26 July: St John's Care Trivia Night.** A fun evening for a great cause. In the Hall from 6pm. Bookings through <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1397030>

**Saturday 26 July: Anglican Mother's Union NSW Conference.** Triannual conference and barbeque dinner, at Bishop Mark and Dr Monica Short's home in Watson from 5pm to 8.30pm. Bookings through Alison Payne [alison.payne@anglicancg.org.au](mailto:alison.payne@anglicancg.org.au)

**\*Saturday 18 October: 2025 St John's Parish Fair.** Contact John Richards on [gjrich@bigpond.net.au](mailto:gjrich@bigpond.net.au)

## SAFE MINISTRY UPDATES

The Safe Ministry training day took place yesterday at St John's with around 60 people in attendance. For those of you looking to do the training either as a new volunteer or to update as a regular volunteer, please see the Anglican Diocese website for details: <https://anglicancg.org.au/safe-ministries/safe-ministry-unit/safe-ministry-training/>. If you have any questions, please email Alison Hosking at the parish office at [alison.hosking@stjohnscanberra.org](mailto:alison.hosking@stjohnscanberra.org).

### Online Training Courses

In addition to the in-person training courses Creating Safer Communities provides online options. To help you navigate the on-line variations:

- Safe Ministry Essentials remains the introductory course for all Church workers.
- Ministry with Children is for those working with children and youth. The online version of this course now includes the core material from Module 1 meaning that workers can complete their required training with one unit rather than two. Those undertaking in-person training will still need to complete both Modules 1 & 2.
- Refresher modules are for those who have previously completed the required training, and now need an update for their ongoing clearance.
- The Top Up module has been introduced as there may be volunteers who have already completed Module 1, who are starting to work with Children and Young people. Rather than make them repeat the Safe Ministry Essential program again in the online version of Module 2, the Top Up Module 2 concentrates solely on Safe Ministry with Children and Young people without duplicating material from Module 1

## PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE 21 MAY 2025

**Rector's Report:** The Rector reported that for the redevelopment project support is required from the Diocese for Development Applications. It was agreed that the Parish would write to the Anglican Church Property Trust of the Diocese to formally brief them on the redevelopment plans. The Rector suggested that the Parish needs a co-ordinating body to oversee the redevelopment which was agreed to by Parish Council.

The Rector reported on concerns about fewer female clergy in the diocese, diocesan actions to redress this, and local efforts to ensure we encourage the ministry of women at all levels. It was generally agreed that while we should not be complacent, our parish is welcoming and supportive to women (as reflected in recent clergy appointments and the even mix of women and men across other leadership roles). There are additional initiatives afoot to give further expression to this support for the ministry of women including in ordained roles.

**Finance Update:** The offertory income is ahead of budget and parking is slightly above budget, year to date.

**Property and Grounds Update:** A new volunteer is needed to look after the rose garden. This role is being advertised in the Newsletter. Improving the outdoor lighting will be worked on. Only two quotes for the kitchen redevelopment were received and were much higher than hoped for. A mid-sized builder quoted \$158,800 and a larger firm quoted \$200,000. As a result, a meeting was held to discuss what should be done in relation to the redevelopment project. A number of key decisions were made. The kitchen, Robertson Room and electrical changes will be put together for a new tender to take advantage of economies of scale. The aim will be to start any building works after the Parish Fair in mid-October and increase the size of the extension to the Robertson Room and Offices.

**Community Outreach:** Everyone is encouraged to attend the Patronal Dinner which will be held on Wednesday 25 June from 6pm to 8pm in the Hall. Booking details can be found in the Newsletter. The Missions Committee recommended that the Parish donate funds to the Church Mission Society, Anglican Board of Missions, Bush Church Aid and the Diocesan partnership with Jose in Nigeria which Parish Council approved. They will come back to Parish Council later this year with a proposal on how to spend the rest of the funds available.

For any questions, please contact the Rector on [rector@stjohnscanberra.org](mailto:rector@stjohnscanberra.org)

## Out of the Ashes

I want to share a story that shows just how far your generosity reaches - into moments of heartbreak, and into the hope that follows.

Recently, a woman named *P* came to our Emergency Food Relief Centre after surviving a devastating house fire. While she and her two young children escaped with their lives, the smoke destroyed nearly everything they owned. Clothes, furniture, toys, schoolbooks - most of it was gone.

The trauma ran deep. *P*'s children became fearful and anxious, struggling to sleep unless they could see their mum close by. *P* had to stop working - not by choice, but because her children were too frightened to be apart from her.

With no income, no belongings, and two little ones in distress, *P* turned to us. And because of your support, we were able to step in.

We provided nutritious food, essential supplies, and a safe space where *P* and her children could begin to feel steady again. We also helped her access counselling services to support their emotional recovery and referred her to **OneLink** for housing assistance and **Vinnies** for clothing and essential household items. It wasn't just about immediate relief — it was about helping *P* rebuild.

Gradually, things began to shift. The children are now back at school and smiling again. *P* has found a new home and recently started part-time work - on her own terms, with her children feeling safe and secure once more.

"You gave me strength when I had none left," she told us. "Because you were there, I could be there for my children."

This is the power of your kindness. It doesn't just fill shelves - it rebuilds lives.

With heartfelt thanks,

**Jason Haines**

**Managing Director**

**Items Required:** School snacks, muesli bars, pasta sauce, thick and chunky soup, tinned spaghetti/baked beans



St John's  
Care  
presents

# TRIVIA NIGHT

Saturday  
26  
July



\$25 Adults  
\$10 Kids U 15  
Tables of 8  
nibbles on  
table



Doors open at 6 pm  
Game starts at 6.30 pm  
BYO Food and Drinks

stJohn'sCare   
Partnering with Anglicare

Dessert Auction  
Raffle and other fun  
games

**ST JOHN'S HALL  
REID**



## 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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# Upcoming services

## Sunday 15 June 2025

### Trinity Sunday

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

- 8.00am:** Sung Eucharist
- 9.30am:** Family Eucharist (Kids Church & Youth Group)
- 11:15am:** Friends of St John's Choral Matins (1662 BCP)
- 6.00pm:** stjohns@6 (Holy Communion)

## Wednesday 18 June 2025

*Readings: Romans 5.1-5; John 16.12-15*

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

## Sunday 22 June 2025

### Birth of St John the Baptist

*Readings: Isaiah 49.1-6; Psalm 139.1-11; Luke 1.57-66, 80*

- 9.30am:** Combined Patronal Eucharist (in the Hall)
- 6.00pm:** Singalong/Hymnfest

## Wednesday 25 June 2025

*Readings: Isaiah 49.1-6; Luke 1.57-66, 80*

For more information: [www.stjohnscanberra.org](http://www.stjohnscanberra.org)



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