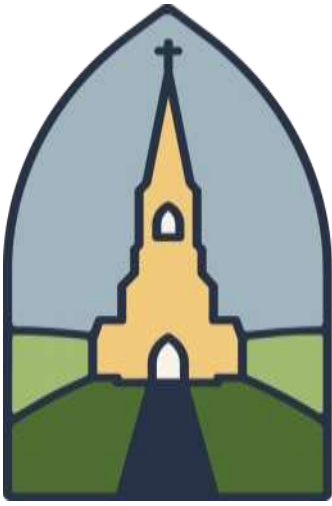




ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH CANBERRA

11 October 2026

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

(This week's service times within)

This is our God for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation. Isaiah 25.9



The Marriage Feast (The Parables of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ). After Sir John Everett Millais, British. Engraver and Engraved and printed by Dalziel Brothers, British, 1864, The Mt, New York, NY.

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Saving and healing God,
you have promised
that those who have died with Christ shall live with him:
grant us grace to be continually thankful for all you have done for us,
and in that thankfulness
to be eager to serve and live for others,
so that we and all your children may rejoice in your salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

IMPORTANT NOTICES

Bible for Blokes: Change of Venue. The Bible for Blokes' bible study will be in the Upper Room at 10am on Tuesday 13 October and Tuesday 20 October and then will move downstairs to Wild Honey from Tuesday 27 October onwards. Enquiries, Canon Kevin Stone.

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: <https://tinyurl.com/h45uprkz>

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

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.

St John's Community Fair

Saturday 17 October 9am – 2pm

Come along and enjoy our Community Fair. There will be a variety of stalls, displays, entertainment on the lawns and in the church, food stalls and coffee and plenty of activities for children in the Kids Zone on the fountain lawn.

We need more volunteers on the day. If you are available for an hour or two please register at volunteersignup.org/43DKT.

We also need volunteers to help sort donations in the Hall on the Thursday before the Fair, and help setting up on the Friday—after lunch is best. Just turn up.

We need more donations of Clothes please!!!

Please drop off Donations as follows:

Clothes Stall: Drop off to the left inside the Hall the day before the Fair.

Cake and Jam Stall: Drop off in the Kitchen, in the two days prior to the Fair.

Garden Stall: Drop off near St John's Care, in the two days prior to the Fair.

Craft, Trinkets and Treasures and White Elephant Stalls: Drop off to the left inside the Hall the day before the Fair.

Book Stall & Raffle items: Drop off on the bench outside the Hall by *this Sunday 11 October*.

As you leave the Services this Sunday please collect Posters, Flyers and Letterbox Slips to help promote the Fair. Posters can be put up in your favourite coffee shop or on noticeboards, while the flyers can be given to family, friends and work colleagues. You can either place the letter box slips into letter boxes in Reid or in your own suburb. Finally, please collect a street sign after a service and place it beside a main road. Please retrieve the sign the day after the fair and return it to the church the following Sunday.

Please See the following Table for all Deadlines

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	Deadline: Sunday 11 October	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	Deadline: Monday 12 October	Parish Office	Tuesday – Thursday 10am-3pm
Clothes	Deadline: Friday 16 October	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	Deadline: Friday 16 October	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	Deadline: Sunday 11 October	Bench outside Church Hall	
Plants & Gardening	From 15 October	Near St John's Care	
Jam & Cake	From 15 October	Central bench in Kitchen	

UPCOMING EVENTS

(*St John's event)

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.

Tuesday 13 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).

Tuesday 13 October: Order of St Luke Healing Meeting. All are invited to the Healing Meeting at St David's Anglican Church Red Hill at 2.00pm followed by afternoon tea. There will be teaching and prayer. More information, Father John Gibson at gibsonjohn385@gmail.com or 0451 681 118.

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>

***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>.

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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. (See page 8.) Offers to help or enquiries to Mary de Lautour (see page 12).

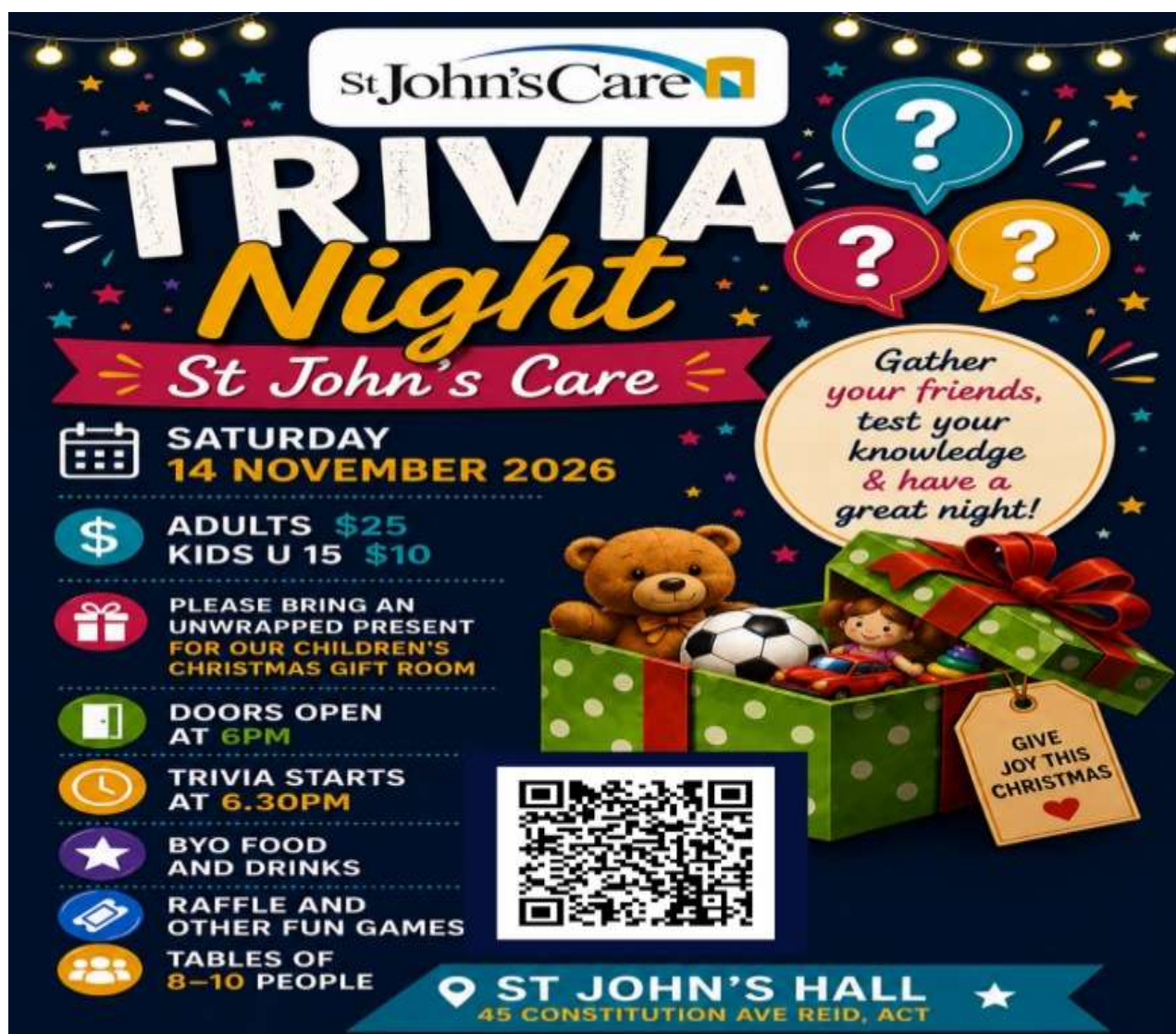
***Sunday 1 November: Bellringing.** The monthly bellringing practice is on from 5pm to 6 pm. Everyone is welcome to come along and join in the ringing. (You could then stay on for the St John's@6 service).

***Wednesday 4 November: Stepping Up: A Conversation on Christian Learning and Service.** 7.15–9.30pm, St John's (Robertson Room). See stmarks.edu.au/events/stepping-up-a-conversation-on-christian-learning-and-service/

***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.



The poster for St John's Care Trivia Night is set against a dark blue background with string lights and stars. At the top, the St John's Care logo is in a white box. Below it, the word 'TRIVIA' is in large white letters, and 'Night' is in large yellow cursive letters. A pink banner with white text reads 'St John's Care'. To the right, three speech bubbles with question marks are in blue, pink, and orange. A circular callout says 'Gather your friends, test your knowledge & have a great night!'. Below this, a green gift box is open, showing a teddy bear, a soccer ball, and a doll. A tag on the box says 'GIVE JOY THIS CHRISTMAS' with a red heart. On the left, a list of details is presented with icons: a calendar for 'SATURDAY 14 NOVEMBER 2026', a dollar sign for 'ADULTS \$25 KIDS U 15 \$10', a gift for 'PLEASE BRING AN UNWRAPPED PRESENT FOR OUR CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS GIFT ROOM', a door for 'DOORS OPEN AT 6PM', a clock for 'TRIVIA STARTS AT 6.30PM', a star for 'BYO FOOD AND DRINKS', a game controller for 'RAFFLE AND OTHER FUN GAMES', and a group of people for 'TABLES OF 8-10 PEOPLE'. A QR code is in the center. At the bottom, a blue banner with a location pin icon says 'ST JOHN'S HALL 45 CONSTITUTION AVE REID, ACT' with a star on the right.

stJohn'sCare

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!

GIVE JOY THIS CHRISTMAS

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 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.

“Kindness goes a long way”

It has been a busy time lately, and we remain so grateful for the support we receive and for our wonderful volunteers, who give their time to care for people across Canberra.

Recently, I met a newly arrived family of five who told me they were on bridging visas and unable to work. They were still learning English, so we sat together and used Google Translate to communicate. As the messages came through, they shared some of the terrible experiences they had endured.

I wished I could speak their language and offer words of comfort more easily. Even with that barrier, we found a way to listen and provide food they knew from their home country. I encouraged them to return with an interpreter so we could better understand their needs and make sure they received the support they needed.

During another recent daily debrief, a volunteer shared how she had gently reminded someone that “kindness goes a long way”, while recognising that they were going through a difficult time. That person later returned and asked for her by name.

These encounters remind us that we never fully know what someone else is carrying. Whether we are offering support or receiving it, patience, understanding and kindness matter.

This work is about more than providing food. It is also about taking time to listen, finding ways to understand one another and making sure people feel welcome. We cannot always change the difficult circumstances someone is facing, but we can offer care and companionship along the way.

Every donation, every hour volunteered and every prayer helps make this possible.

Thank you to everyone who makes this work possible, and to our volunteers for the compassion they bring each day.

Kind regards,

Jason Haines, Managing Director

Items required: Pasta meals, Rice 1kg packets, Peanut butter 470g, Shaving cream (mens)

Upcoming services

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: stjohns@6 (Praise, Prayer and Proclamation)

Wednesday 14 October 2026

Readings: Philippians 4.1-9 ;Matthew 22.1-14

- 10.00am:** Eucharist (1662 Book of Common Prayer)

Sunday 18 October 2026

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

*Readings: Exodus 33.12-23; Psalm 99; 1 Thessalonians 1.1-10;
Matthew 22.15-33*

- 8.00am:** Sung Eucharist
9.30am: Family Eucharist (Kid's Church & Youth Group)
6.00pm: stjohns@6 (Holy Communion)

Wednesday 21 October 2026

*Readings: Exodus 33.12-23; OR, 1 Thessalonians 1.1-10;
Matthew 22.15-33*

- 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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Associate Priest	Rev'd Canon Kevin Stone	kevin.stone@stjohnscanberra.org	0450 676 864
Honorary Priest	Rev'd Vicky Cullen		0476 777 203
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Parish Office: 6248 8399

Opening Hours: 10.00am to 3.00pm Tuesday to Friday

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