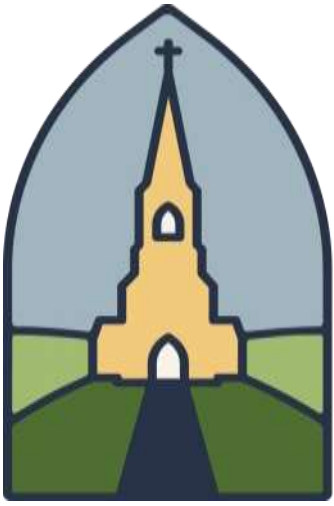




ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH CANBERRA

25 October 2026

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

(This week's service times within)

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: you shall love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Matthew 22.37–40



A beautiful day at St John's Community Fair last Saturday.

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God,
whose Son has taught us that love is the fulfilment of your law:
stir up within us the fire of your Holy Spirit,
and pour into our hearts your greatest gift of love,
so that we may love you with our whole being,
and our neighbours as ourselves;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

CHURCH NEWS (IMPORTANT NOTICES)

Parish Office Closed for relocation. Our Parish Office will be closed from Monday 26 October – Friday 30 October (inclusive), due to office relocation to the Upper Room, above the Hall. For any urgent matters during this time, please email admin@stjohnscanberra.org

Cuppacomalong. All welcome for fellowship and afternoon tea on Monday 26 October. This month's topic, "A Parishioner's Road to St John's". Come and have a cuppa and a chat, 2pm to 4pm. Contact Ailsa Curtis (6247 9363).

Royal School of Church Music, Lunchtime Concert. Sheila Thompson, OAM, Nigel Poole (organ), Rosemary Shepherd (flute) and members of the St John's Choir will perform, at St John's Church, Thursday 29 October 2026, commencing at 12.30pm. Admission at door by paper note donation. Enquiries, Trevor Bunning 0411 232 317.

Young Women's Bible Study: Change of day: Young Women's Bible Study group will now meet on Mondays, 7:00–8:30 pm, at a home in Reid (school terms). See page 9 for more details.

Bible for Blokes: Change of Venue. The Bible for Blokes' Bible study will move downstairs to Wild Honey from Tuesday 27 October onwards. Enquiries, Canon Kevin Stone.

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>

Friends of St John's and Schoolhouse Museum event. On 8 November at 3pm the Friends of St. John's will combine with the Schoolhouse Museum for their next event, when Jennifer Garden will deliver an illustrated talk in the Robertson Room. Its title "Against All Odds", will explain the inspiration for the Museum's current exhibition, in which we tell the story of how Canberra's first school building survived its expected demolition. This will be followed by afternoon tea at the Schoolhouse, and then the scheduled 5pm Evensong in the Church.

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

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

PARISH FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT (September YTD)

- Income YTD: \$680 728, consisting of:
 - Donations and giving: \$413 053
 - Other (e.g. carparking fees, room hire, income from trusts, etc): \$217 675
- Expenses YTD: \$723 793 (consisting of employment, admin, property, mission, insurance, diocesan contribution etc)
- **Operating deficit: \$43 065**

Comment: The loss of parking revenue has badly damaged our cash position this year. Remedial steps are underway, plus we received \$10k above target from our fair (not yet captured in accounts). But our overall cash position is still under serious strain as we face 2027.

Anglican News October 2026. 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

Gingerbread House Decorating Evening. Saturday the 5 December 6-9pm in the Hall. Kits from \$40 each, with gluten free options available. Bring your own lollies or buy through the try booking link. All funds raised go to the St Johns Care Christmas lunch. Light supper provided. Lots of prizes! Get your friends together for lots of Christmas fun. <https://www.trybooking.com/DQQTW>

UPCOMING EVENTS

(*St John's event)

Sunday 25 October: Order of St Luke Healing Service. Arawang Anglican Church Cnr Kett & Marconi Cres Kambah at 4.00pm, followed by a cuppa. More information from Rector Rev'd Gus Robinson 0402 257 237 or Rev'd Canon Kevin Stone 0450 676 864.

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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>.

***Monday 26 October: Cuppacomalong**. All welcome for fellowship and afternoon tea. This month's topic, "A Parishioner's Road to St John's". Come and have a cuppa and a chat, 2pm to 4pm in the Robertson Room. Contact Ailsa Curtis (6247 9363).

***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).

*** Thursday 29 October: Royal School of Church Music, Lunchtime Concert**. Commencing at 12.30pm in the Church. Admission at door by paper note donation. Enquiries, Trevor Bunning 0411 232 317.

Saturday 31 October: A Conversation with Dr Amy Erickson.

'Belonging to Jesus in grief, hope and rest.' This event is hosted by St Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Forrest and is open to women. It commences at 1.30pm is followed by a free meal. RSVP by 20 October to office@standrewscanberra.com (See page 6.)

***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 7.) 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. Morning tea afterwards at 10am.

***Sunday 8 November: Friends of St John's and Schoolhouse Museum event.** At 3pm in the Robertson Room. See page 3 for details. This will be followed by afternoon tea at the Schoolhouse, and then the scheduled 5pm Evensong in the Church.

***Sunday 8 November: Choral Evensong.** Join us at 5pm for this brief, reflective service, including hymns and choral music.

***Tuesday 10 November: 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).

Wednesday 11 November: A Service of Light – The Relighting of the Sanctuary Lamp. At St Paul's Anglican Church, Murrumburrah on Remembrance Day, Wednesday 11 November at 5.30pm.

***Friday 13 – Sunday 15 November: Youth and Young Adults camp.** Registrations are closing soon 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!

GIVE JOY THIS CHRISTMAS



ST JOHN'S HALL
45 CONSTITUTION AVE REID, ACT

All women are warmly invited to
a conversation with Dr Amy Erickson

Belonging to Jesus in grief, hope & rest

Saturday 31st October
1.15pm for 1.30pm
Dinner to follow at 5.30 pm

St Andrew's Presbyterian Church
1 State Circle Forrest 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



Parish Council Report September 2026

Parish Council met on the evening on Wednesday 16 September 2026. Issues such as the significant growth in people attending services, growing pastoral care needs, and the financial challenges the Parish is facing were discussed. A summary is provided below.

Rector's Report: The Rector reported that since COVID more people have been attending services at St John's, with the 9.30am and 6pm being the strongest growing. Bootcamp has finished for 2026 and seven candidates plan to be baptised next year. Pastoral care needs are growing and Reverend Peter Malone (retired) has joined the Parish in an honorary clergy role, working with Canon Kevin Stone. The Rector noted the financial challenges the Parish is facing given parking income has dropped substantially. It was agreed that a financial snapshot be included in the Newsletter to inform parishioners of this situation.

Finance Update: The Treasurer reported that the offertories are 9% above budget but carparking continues to be significantly below budget. The Parish's total income is 19% below budget year to date and expenses are 12% above budget (although this includes the kitchen costs that were funded from a trust drawdown). Although parishioners continue to be very generous in their giving, the cash position is tight.

A draw down of \$35,000 from the trust funds has been made. \$26,100 of this will pay for the extension to the columbarium, but it is hoped that the purchase of niches will recover the construction costs. The payments for Missions have not been made yet due to the current financial situation. The decline in car-parking revenues will be a challenge for the financial year 2027 budgeting.

Property and Grounds Update: The Chair of the Property Committee highlighted several matters, including the review of the Works Approval for the Robertson Room and Offices extension by ACT Heritage. The proposed tree removal is not supported and so will be revised. If approval is not granted for removal, building plans may need to be altered.

The St John's Care Management Committee are seeking detailed costing to proceed with extensions as well as fundraising strategies to cover the expected costs. A separate Works Approval will need to be submitted for the St John's Care extensions.

For any questions, please contact the Presiding Member, Jo Lloyd.

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

Monday: Young Women's Bible Study

When & Where: Mondays, 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

Tuesday: Bible for Blokes

When & Where: Tuesdays, 10.am, Wild Honey Room

Who: Men of any age

Focus: Bible study and discussion

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

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.

Keeping Warm Together: The Next Step

Back in June, I wrote about L and her family, who were sleeping together in one bed to keep warm through Canberra's cold winter. Their home offered little protection from the weather, and staying warm was a daily struggle.

Thanks to your generosity, St John's Care provided food, warm blankets, and a listening ear when the family needed them most.

But our support did not stop there. We contacted ACT Housing and Vinnies' energy program to help arrange improvements that will make the family's home warmer. Our strong relationships with other agencies help make this possible. We share a common goal: helping people live with dignity in safe, comfortable homes. By bringing together our knowledge, resources, and support, we can achieve more for families like L's.

L has continued to visit St John's Care regularly for food support. This has eased pressure on her household budget, allowing her to purchase additional energy-saving items that the other agencies were unable to provide. Alongside the help arranged through those services, L is taking practical steps to make her home warmer and manage energy costs. With no extended family support to turn to, L has found support in our community. Through your generosity and the care of our staff, volunteers, and partner agencies, she has people to turn to and does not have to face these challenges alone.

Together, we are helping L and her family work towards a more comfortable home and greater peace of mind. Your generosity helps us meet immediate needs and work alongside families towards lasting improvements in their lives.

Thank you for helping bring warmth, dignity, and hope to L and her family.

Kind regards,

Jason Haines, Managing Director

Items required: Christmas lollies, Pasta sauce, Shampoo & Conditioner

Upcoming Services

Sunday 25 October 2026

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: Deuteronomy 34.1-12; Psalm 90.1-6, 13-17; 1 Thessalonians 2.1-13; Matthew 22.34-46

- 7.00am:** Eucharist (1662 Book of Common Prayer)
8.00am: Sung Eucharist
9.30am: Family Eucharist (Baptism, Kid's Church & Youth Group)
6.00pm: stjohs@6 (Praise, Prayer and Proclamation)

Wednesday 28 October 2026

Readings: Deuteronomy 34.1-12 OR, 1 Thessalonians 2.1-13

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

Sunday 1 November 2026

All Saints Day

Readings: Revelation 7.9-17; Psalm 34.1-10, 22; 1 John 3.1-3; Matthew 5.1-12

- 8.00am:** Sung Eucharist
9.30am: Family Eucharist (Kid's Church & Youth Group)
11.15am: Choral Eucharist (1662 Book of Common Prayer)
6.00pm: stjohs@6 (Praise, Prayer and Proclamation)

Wednesday 4 November 2026

Readings: Revelation 7.9-17; OR, 1 John 3.1-3; Matthew 5.1-12

- 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>

Rector	Rev'd David McLennan	rector@stjohnscanberra.org	0468 634 351
Senior Associate Priest	Rev'd Dr Andrew Cameron	andrew.cameron@stjohnscanberra.org	0477 689 421
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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Sacristan	Kim Gibson	admin@stjohnscanberra.org	
Schoolhouse Museum	Jennifer Garden		0414 551 821
Office Administrator	Jane Rose	admin@stjohnscanberra.org	6248 8399
Operations Manager	Alison Hosking	alison.hosking@stjohnscanberra.org	5140 0101
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Opening Hours: 10.00am to 3.00pm Tuesday to Friday

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