

ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH CANBERRA

14 June 2026

Third Sunday after Pentecost
(This week's service times within)

We have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand.
Romans 5.1–2



*"Haymaking" by Léon-Augustin Lhermitte (1844 - 1925), 1887 ,
Van Gogh Museum, Amsterdam*

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord,
we beseech you to keep your family, the Church,
in continual godliness,
that through your protection
it may be free from all adversities,
and devoutly given to serve you in good works,
to the glory of your name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

IMPORTANT NOTICES

Baptism. Today we welcome Kiana Gunawardena into the church family through the gift of baptism.

IMPORTANT: Most services cancelled on 21 June. Please note that, due to our patronal celebration, there will be only one service on this day, at 9.30am in the Hall. (See notice below on ‘patronal celebrations.’)

Patronal Celebrations. Each year our patronal celebrations celebrate God's faithfulness to our parish. (The term *patronal* refers to the person after whom a church is named. In our case, that is John the Baptist, whose life and witness continue to point us to Christ.)

Thursday 18 June: Patronal Dinner. Bookings have now closed for the Patronal Dinner to be held 6pm - 9pm, Thursday 18 June. If you would like to be contacted in the event of a late cancellation, please email the parish office at admin@stjohnscanberra.org to be added to the waitlist. Please remember that it is BYO drinks.

We are also seeking some helpers to assist in running glasses through the dishwasher either at the end of the night or on the morning of Friday 19 June. If you are able to help please contact Alison in the church office (see contacts page for details).

Sunday 21 June: Patronal Service. The whole parish will gather for worship together in the Hall at 9.30am, followed by morning tea. If you can assist with this morning tea, please contact the parish office. All other services are cancelled, however at 6pm

there will be a Singalong and 'hymn fest' in the church, followed by mulled wine and nibbles (in Hall).

Bereavement: an afternoon of conversation and learning.

Hosted by Cate Thompson and Grace Rogerson, Saturday 4 July 2026. 3–5pm, in the Robertson Room. This seminar is for anyone interested in caring for others in grief, and for those who have experienced grief. Grief is both a universal experience, and unique to each of us. It changes us, our relationships, and our faith. We will gather to learn about bereavement (the grief arising from death); to listen; to question; to reflect; and to enable St John's to become a community skilled at bereavement literacy and support. Do come prepared to reflect on any grief you've experienced. (However, if your own grief is very new or raw, this might not be the right time for you.) Entry is free, but numbers are capped, so book a place at <https://www.trybooking.com/DNBCB> or via the QR code.



Cate attends the 9.30am service. She is a social worker, bereavement counsellor and educator, and a Bereavement Practitioner accredited with Grief Australia. Grace attends the 6.00pm service. After a recent bereavement, Grace has relied on her curiosity, sincerity, growing faith and enthusiasm for God's community in order to learn and heal. Her work in antiques, art, and estates sees her encountering others' grief every day.

Prayer Service for Healing. Here at St John's in the Church on Sunday 28 June at 2.00pm. There will be books on healing available for sale and others that will be free. There will be a retiring offertory for the work of the Order of St Luke. Info Fr John Gibson at gibsonjohn385@gmail.com or 0451 681 118 or Canon Kevin Stone 0450 676 864.

Children and Families Worker. We are hoping to fill the position of Children and Families Worker, primarily working with our 9.30am service. Please share the advertisement with suitable people known to you. <https://tinyurl.com/stjohnsfamilies>

Kids' Church: 9.30am service. As we are anticipating a period during Term 3 where we may not have a Children and Families worker, we will likely need to call on volunteers. Parents of relevant aged kids are generally already assisting (or have reasons why they can't). Can

others help? Please contact Mary DeLautour if you might be able to offer occasional assistance to this ministry.

'Church Center' and Parish Roll update. If you have already updated your details using the 'Church Center' app, well done and thanks—there's no need for further action at this time. If all this is new to you, and you'd like St John's staff to know contact details for you and any family member(s), take a flier from the church foyer and try out 'Church Center', as described in the flier. Andrew Cameron will be glad to help. The Directory is not activated in the App yet—coming soon!

SPARK - a Christian conference for young adults (18-30ish).

This conference aims to help people fix their eyes on Jesus in a world that's constantly distracting and confusing. This year's theme is 'Chasing Meaning'. 28-30 August 2026. Tickets: \$159 (Accommodation \$47-\$171). Volunteer tickets are also available for \$88; meals and accommodation included. For more information visit <https://sparkconference.com.au> or speak to Annemieke (@6pm service).

In Pursuit of Paul. Follow in Paul's footsteps on a 14-day tour through Türkiye, Greece, Malta, and Rome, visiting key sites from his missionary journeys in roughly chronological order. Highlights include Pisidian Antioch, Ephesus, Philippi, Athens, Corinth, Malta, and Rome—places where Paul preached, suffered, and helped shape the early church. Along the way, we'll gain deeper insight into Paul's life, ministry, and letters within their historical setting. Dates: November 3–16, 2026. See https://selah.au/trip/pursuit_paul-2026/ The tour is hosted by Professor Constantine Campbell, New Testament scholar, author of several books on Paul, musician – and St John's parishioner (<https://www.constantinecampbell.info/>)

UPCOMING EVENTS

(*St John's event)

***Sunday 14 June: Choral Evensong.** Join us at 5pm today for this brief, reflective service, including hymns and choral music.

***Tuesday 16 June: Bible for Blokes.** 10.00am in the Upper Room. Enquiries, Canon Kevin Stone 0450 676 864.

***Thursday 18 June: Patronal dinner.** 6pm to 9pm in the church hall. BYO drinks. (Bookings have now closed. To be added to the waitlist please email admin@stjohnscanbera.org)

***Monday 22 June: Cuppacomalong.** All welcome for fellowship and afternoon tea. Come and have a cuppa with a Parish Councillor or two. 2pm to 4pm. Contact Ailsa Curtis (6247 9363).

***Tuesday 23 June: St John's Sketching/Painting Group.** The fourth Tuesday each month 9.30am to lunchtime, starting in the Hall. Come along with sketch pad, pencils or paints. Please contact Fiona (fcotton@fionacottonpaintings.com; 0404 066 021) or Jennifer (jennifer.lawson@stjohnscanberra.org; 0407 286 572).

*** Tuesday 23 June: Bible for Blokes.** 10.00am in the Upper Room. Enquiries, Canon Kevin Stone 0450 676 864.

***Thursday 25 June: Bootcamp—How do Christians pray?** 7pm in the Robertson Room.

***Saturday 27 June: Operation Christmas Child Working Group.** From 1pm-4pm in the Robertson Room. Contact Jennifer Lawson on 0407 286 572.

***Sunday 28 June: Prayer Service for Healing.** Here at St John's in the Church at 2.00pm. Please contact Fr John Gibson at gibsonjohn385@gmail.com or 0451 681 118 or Canon Kevin Stone 0450 676 864.

***Saturday 4 July: Working Bee.** From 8.30am—10.00am. Two options: (a) work outside helping to beautify the gardens and grounds or, (b) help give the inside of the church a general clean. Please bring equipment (e.g. gardening gloves, hat, suitable footwear, mowers, blowers) and join us for morning tea afterwards at 10am.

***Saturday 4 July: Bereavement: An afternoon of conversation and learning.** 3–5pm, Robertson Room. Hosted by Cate Thompson and Grace Rogerson.

***Saturday 17 October: St John's Parish Fair.** 9am-2pm. Save the date!

***Friday 13 – Saturday 15 November: Youth Camp.** This weekend is being supported by Scripture Union, and is designed to offer teaching and encouragement for our youth and young adults. For more information contact jess.evans31169@gmail.com

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT MAY 2026

The most recent Parish Council meeting was held in the evening on Wednesday 20 May at which several issues were discussed and a summary is provided below.

Rector's Report: The Rector briefed the meeting on a range of matters, including recent attendance numbers, a developing pastoral care strategy, and the St John's Care staffing review. The meeting appointed Ms Julia Agostino (8am service) to the St John's Care Management Committee. The Rector noted that recent weeks had seen a number of demanding pastoral situations.

Finance Update: It was reported that the income from offertories income remains strong and parking income has picked up a little. However, concerns remain over the performance of Trust Funds particularly given the cash portfolio's performance of just 0.83%. Explanations have been sought from the fund managers. Discussions have also commenced for a proposal to establish a Parish Redevelopment Trust Fund.

Property and Grounds Update: The Chair of the Property Committee reported on various works and projects that continue across the St John's precinct. The entry to the side vestry has been redone for improved mobility access to the church and the fan in the church organ has been repaired to ensure quality organ harmonics. At a recent inspection termites were found in two locations. Treatment has been organised and this will be monitored. The electrical upgrade for the Parish Centre is scheduled for Saturday 13 June. Please note there will not be any power in the Centre on that day. The development plans for the Robertson Room and Offices are progressing. Numerous reports are required to accompany the Development Application (DA) submission to the National Capital Authority. These are being finalised and it is anticipated that the DA will be submitted by mid-June. St John's Care has held preliminary discussions with a quantity surveyor about their development plans and is waiting to hear their response.

St John's Fair: Councillors are grateful for Jon Hawkins' offer to serve as Fair Convenor. Most stall convenors have been confirmed, and planning and preparations have commenced for this great parish event.

Save the Date: The Patronal Dinner will be held at 6pm on Thursday 18 June.

The Parish Fair will be held on Saturday 17th October from 9am to 2pm.

For any questions, please contact the Presiding Member, Jo Lloyd, through admin@stjohnscanbera.org

2026 HERITAGE FUND APPEAL: two weeks to go

With just two weeks to go, parishioners and friends are invited to donate to this year's Heritage Fund Appeal.

The aim of the Appeal is to continue the conservation of the stonework on the church, with the focus being on the sandstone extensions made to the church building in the 1870s. Lower sections of the sandstone have been eroded by rising damp and embedded salts and moisture. Work is now underway to deal with this problem.

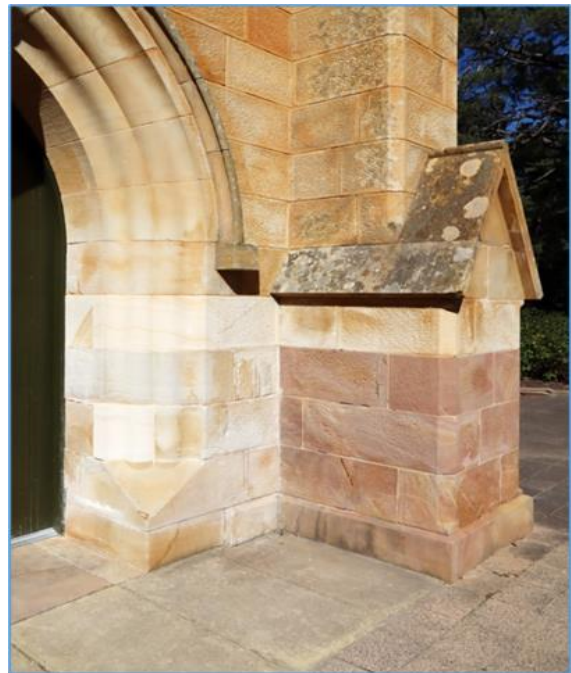
As in previous years, you can donate to this year's Appeal in various ways, and these are described in the Appeal letter. The letter and the Appeal brochure have been distributed using the weekly Newsletter email list. If you do not use or have access to the internet, the Appeal letter will be mailed to you together with the Heritage Fund's Appeal brochure. Donations of \$2 or more to the Heritage Fund are tax deductible. Your support for this project would be greatly appreciated.

Randall Wilson

Chair of Trustees



Eroded sandstone on the north face of the chancel, showing damage caused by the past use of non-porous cement mortar.



The finished job at the entry arch: after use of a poultice, new slip stones were inserted accompanied by the use of softer, lime mortar.



The poultice applied to sandstone on the northern side of the church.

HELPING M FOCUS ON HEALING

During a wellbeing chat, M shared that she was due to commence chemotherapy treatment in mid-May. While preparing for this difficult stage of her cancer journey, she expressed concerns about maintaining a healthy diet and managing the additional challenges that treatment would bring. Together, we discussed how our service could support her throughout her treatment. We agreed that M would regularly access food relief, with a focus on fresh fruit and vegetables to help support her nutrition and wellbeing. We also made arrangements for a family member or friend to collect food on her behalf during the weeks when she was not feeling well enough to attend in person. Since beginning chemotherapy, M has continued to access fresh produce through our service. Despite the challenges of treatment, M has made a conscious effort to remain active and maintain a sense of normality. Whenever she feels well enough, she enjoys coming in to collect her food herself, as it gives her an opportunity to get out of the house, stay connected to the community, and focus on her wellbeing. Recently, M visited us and shared that she was feeling much better. She expressed her gratitude for the ongoing support and explained how much the fresh fruit and vegetables have helped her throughout treatment.

During our conversation, we spoke about healthy recipes, nutritious meals, and green juices that could help support her overall wellbeing. M shared that she believes the access to fresh, healthy food has played an important role in strengthening her immune system and helping her body cope with the demands of chemotherapy. For M, the support has been about much more than food. Knowing that she could rely on regular access to nutritious produce has reduced financial stress and provided reassurance during a very challenging time. This support is made possible through the generosity of our food donors, including *OzHarvest* and *SecondBite*. Their contributions allow us to provide fresh and nutritious food to people like M who are facing some of life's most difficult challenges. Through these partnerships, we can continue supporting clients during times of illness, hardship, and recovery, ensuring they have access to healthy food when they need it most.

Kind Regards,

Karen Medrano, Case Manager

Items required: Tomato sauce, Chicken stock, Oat milk, Tinned spaghetti

ST JOHN'S CARE WINTER APPEAL

As Canberra's temperatures continue to drop, more people in our community are being pushed to breaking point. Families who have never needed support before are now struggling to afford food, fuel, heating, and other everyday essentials.

This winter, St John's Care is expecting one of our busiest seasons yet, and we need your help. The good news is that every donation made to our Winter Appeal will be matched dollar-for-dollar up to \$30,000 thanks to the incredible generosity of one of our long-time supporters.

That means your kindness can have twice the impact for local people doing it tough this winter. Together, we can help provide emergency relief, practical support, and hope to people across our community when they need it most.

Donate to our Winter Appeal - <https://www.stjohnscare.org.au/donate>

St John's Care
Partnering with Anglicare
Compassion | Advocacy | Respect | Encouragement

One unexpected cost can tip everything.

This winter, help us be the support that restores balance.

Rising costs. Tight budgets. No room to adjust.
For many in our community, it only takes one unexpected cost to change everything.

RENT **FOOD** **BILLS**
PETROL

UNEXPECTED CAR REPAIR

St John's CARE

- We provide food and essential items
- We offer dignity, care and compassion
- We stand with our community in times of need

You can help

Your donation can turn a moment of crisis into hope and help ensure no one in our community has to face winter alone.
Donate today.

Because no one should have to choose between getting to work and putting food on the table.
Thank you for standing with us, and with those in our community who need it most.

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: 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.

Upcoming services

Sunday 14 June 2026

Third Sunday after Pentecost

*Readings: Genesis 18.1-15; Psalm 116.1-2, 11-18; Romans 5.1-11;
Matthew 9.35-10.8*

- 7.00am:** Eucharist (1662 Book of Common Prayer)
8.00am: Sung Eucharist
9.30am: Family Eucharist (Baptism, Kids Church & Youth Group)
5.00pm: Choral Evensong (1662 Book of Common Prayer)
6.00pm: stjohns@6 (Praise, Prayer and Proclamation)

Wednesday 17 June 2026

Readings: Romans 5.1-11; Matthew 9.35-10.8

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

Sunday 21 June 2026

Birth of St John the Baptist

*Readings: Isaiah 49.1-6; Psalm 139.1-11; Acts 13 (16-21), 22-26;
Luke 1.57-66, 80*

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

Wednesday 24 June 2026

Readings: Isaiah 49.1-6; OR, Acts 13 (16-21), 22-26; Luke 1.57-66, 80

- 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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