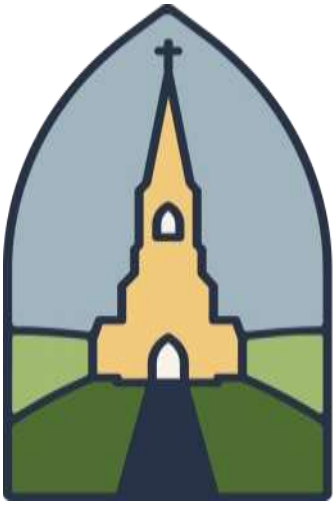




ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH CANBERRA

18 October 2026

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

(This week's service times within)

Give to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's. *Matthew 22.21*



Knights in shining armour at the St John's Community Fair 2025.

Photo: Randall Wilson

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God,
whose beauty is beyond our imagining
and whose power we cannot comprehend:
show us your glory,
as far as we can grasp it,
and shield us from knowing more than we can bear,
until we may look upon you without fear,
through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

CHURCH NEWS (IMPORTANT NOTICES)

Fair – Thank You! Thank you to all the many people who worked so hard in the lead-up to Saturday's Parish Fair. It is always such a wonderful opportunity for community participation and connection. May all our endeavours serve as a strong witness to Christ, the source of life.

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>

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 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

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.)

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.

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

Royal School of Choir 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.

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>



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



UPCOMING EVENTS

(*St John's event)

Sunday 18 October: Encore Concert at the Peter Crisp Gallery with Carl Rafferty. Peter Crisp Gallery, Hume Highway, Bowning. Concert at 3pm. See <https://www.trybooking.com.au/event/1646212>

Thursday 22 October: Church Missionary Society Prayer Evening. 7.30pm-9.00pm in the Robertson Room. More information from Rev'd Canon Kevin Stone 0450 676 864 or stonesaway@gmail.com

Friday 23 October: St Mark's Reel Theology Young Adult's Film Night. *Ex Machina*, the acclaimed science fiction film will be screening at St Mark's, 15 Blackall St. Barton ACT from 6pm, cost \$20. More details and Registration at: <https://tinyurl.com/3ra7pnay>

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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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).

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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 5.)

***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/

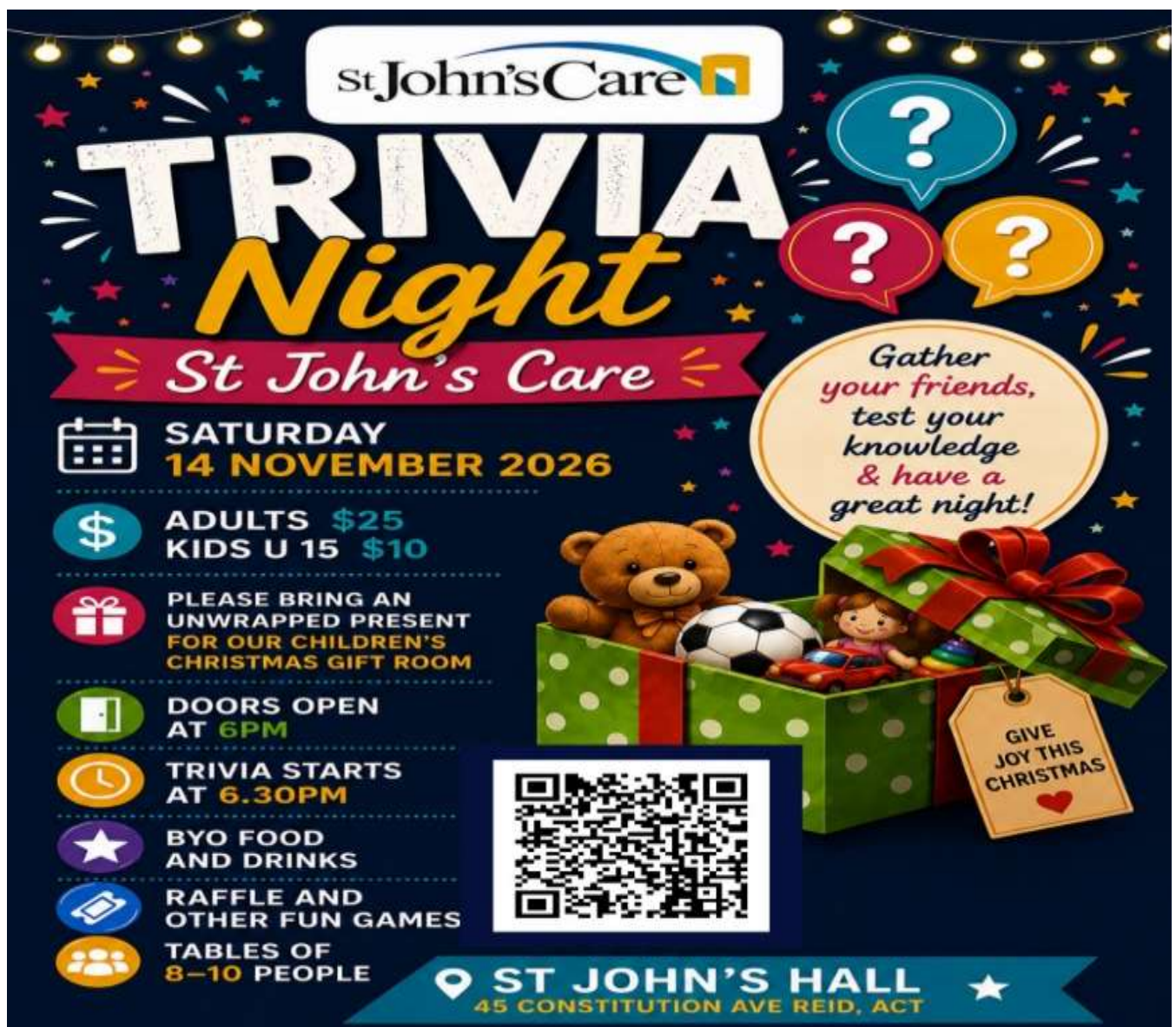
***Saturday 7 November: Working Bee.** From 8.30am–10.00am, working outside helping to beautify the gardens and grounds. Please bring equipment (e.g. gardening gloves, hat, suitable footwear, mowers, blowers) and join us for morning tea afterwards at 10am.

***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).

***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 is for a Trivia Night event. It features a dark blue background with string lights and stars. At the top, the St John's Care logo is displayed. The title 'TRIVIA Night' is in large, bold letters, with 'Night' in a script font. Below the title, a pink banner reads 'St John's Care'. The event details are listed on the left side, each preceded by an icon: a calendar for the date, a dollar sign for ticket prices, a gift box for the charity request, a door for opening time, a clock for start time, a star for food and drinks policy, a raffle ticket for games, and a group of people for table sizes. On the right, there are three question mark icons in speech bubbles, a quote bubble with text, an illustration of a gift box containing a teddy bear, a soccer ball, and a doll, and a tag that says 'GIVE JOY THIS CHRISTMAS'. A QR code is located in the bottom center. The bottom of the poster features the venue name and address on a blue banner.

stJohn'sCare

TRIVIA Night

St John's Care

SA 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.

A LITTLE SUPPORT, A LIGHTER BURDEN

A new client came to St John's Care facing significant financial hardship. She is single, and her dog is an important source of companionship. Alongside ongoing physical and mental health difficulties, she has been working hard to keep up with her debts and everyday expenses. During our conversation, she explained that she had been doing everything she could to maintain her repayments. Despite her efforts, she felt her financial situation was slipping out of her control. Covering groceries and medication while keeping up with debts had become increasingly difficult.

We took time to listen to her concerns and discuss practical support. She was referred to CARE Financial Counselling for assistance with managing her debts and understanding her options. We also shared information about CARE financial assistance. I agreed with her that St John's Care would pay the outstanding amount owing for her medication and provide support with PBS prescriptions and food relief. We also provided a large bag of dog food for her much-loved companion and information about Pets in the Park, where she could explore further support for her dog.

Together, we agreed that she could access food relief more frequently. Reducing her grocery expenses would allow her to put that money towards her debt repayments while still having food for herself and her furry friend. The client expressed her gratitude, saying this support had lifted a significant weight off her shoulders. Knowing she had help with medication and food made her feel more able to continue managing her debts without the added worry of meeting these essential needs.

We sincerely thank our donors for making this assistance possible. Because of your generosity, we can support clients like her with food, essential medication and pet food during difficult times. Your contributions help ease financial pressure and give people room to take their next steps. For this client and her beloved companion, your kindness brought much-needed relief.

Sincerely,

Karen Medrano, Case Manager

Items required: Boxes of tissues, Sultanas (sml box), Powdered milk, Christmas lollies

Upcoming services

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: 1 Thessalonians 1.1-10; Matthew 22.15-33

10.00am: Eucharist (1662 Book of Common Prayer)

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: stjohns@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)

For more information: www.stjohscanberra.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
Children & Families Worker	Mary de Lautour	mary.delautour@stjohnscanberra.org	
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Office Administrator	Jane Rose	admin@stjohnscanberra.org	6248 8399
Operations Manager	Alison Hosking	alison.hosking@stjohnscanberra.org	5140 0101
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		SJC Emergency Relief	6248 7771
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Parish Office: 6248 8399

Opening Hours: 10.00am to 3.00pm Tuesday to Friday

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