



ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH CANBERRA

13 April 2025
Sunday of the Passion
(Palm Sunday)
(This week's service times within)

At the name of Jesus, every knee shall bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. (Philippians 2.10–11)



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Caravaggio: *Ecce Homo*, circa 1605–1609

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



Welcome to St John's. If you're new or visiting us today, welcome. Please say hello to one of our team at the door, or reach out to one of us using the contact details, page 9.

Sermon audio now available. If you want to get a sense of what we teach at St John's, or if you've just missed a week, our Sunday sermons are available on our **website** (<https://www.stjohnscanberra.org/sermons>) and also via **podcast**: search for *St John's Canberra Talks* on Spotify, Apple, or PocketCasts (also via QR code on the web page).

2025 Seminar Series: Finding Hope. How can we hope, with so much bad news about? What even is hope? What does Christianity add? This year's evening seminars begin with a look at hope, wherever we're at. Thursday 8 May (7.30pm, Robertson Room). Good both for people of faith, and curious inquirers. Rev'd Andrew for further details (see page 9).

Introduction to Christianity. What's Christianity all about? Our simple '3-2-1' course is a beginner-level introduction to Christian basics. Held over three consecutive Thursday evenings in the Robertson Room: 7.30pm Thursdays May 22, May 29 and June 5. For further details contact Rev'd Andrew (see page 9) or Jamie Young (jfyoung3@outlook.com).

Farewell Morning Tea for Kirsten. Today after our 9.30am service, there will be a special morning tea to say 'thank you' to Dr Kirsten Lamb, who is finishing up as our youth worker. We give thanks to God for Kirsten's creative and engaging leadership of our youth, and her passion for seeing them grow in depth of faith. We wish Kirsten every blessing as she returns more fully to her classroom teaching career.

Notice Anything? People entering the church may have noticed a difference in colour and appearance around the main entrance. This is due to poulting work being conducted on the stonework, to deal with the issue of rising damp and subsequent stone damage. The work is funded by the St John's Heritage Council Appeal Fund, aided by a grant from the Heritage Trust.

EASTER SERVICE TIMES

MAUNDY THURSDAY 7PM EUCHARIST OF THE LAST SUPPER & FOOT WASHING

GOOD FRIDAY 8AM LITURGY OF THE CROSS

GOOD FRIDAY 10AM LITURGY OF THE CROSS

EASTER DAY 6AM LIGHTING OF THE NEW FIRE & EUCHARIST

EASTER DAY 8AM SUNG EUCHARIST

EASTER DAY 9:30AM FAMILY EUCHARIST & EASTER EGG HUNT 

EASTER DAY 11:15AM CHORAL EUCHARIST (1662 BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER)

EASTER DAY 6PM STJOHNS@6 (HOLY COMMUNION)



Kids Church Easter Event

Join us as we
contemplate the cross
with games, craft,
a puppet show and of
course, a churchyard
Easter egg hunt!

**9:30am
Easter Day!**



Easter Window Box Preparation. Anyone bringing greenery for the window boxes, could you please deliver it to the church between 1.00pm and 2.00pm on **Thursday 17 April.**

Also, anyone who can bring flowers from their gardens and wants to contribute to the window box displays please bring the flowers on Saturday morning – 19 April – from 8.00am onwards. Thank you, Flower Power Team.

Hymn Book Shortage. We have been running short of 'Together in Song' hymn books at our 9.30 service. If you have accidentally taken a copy home, could you please take advantage of the current amnesty period and return it to the porch?

Safe Ministry Training. St John's will be hosting a Safe Ministry training day in the Robertson Room on the 14 June. For other dates/locations and online options, see <https://safercommunities.net.au/anglican-diocese-of-canberra-goulburn-online-training/> All training for St John's parishioners is booked and paid for by the Parish, so please contact alison.hosking@stjohnscanberra.org if you would like to book in for training or if you have any Safe Ministry questions.

Name Badges. You can order your own St John's nametag for \$17.00 (resin with magnetic back) or \$15.00 (pin back). It's a great way to help people connect with you at church. Order at stjohnscanberra.org/payments.

Meals for the William Family. Meals would be appreciated for the William family as Richa continues to face further complex surgery (and recovery). Frozen meals can be left in the church freezer, clearly labelled 'Williams'. Non-spicy chicken, fish or vegetarian meals only, please. Thanks for your prayers and care for this family.

Jam Stall. Do you have any extra produce in your garden? The Jam Stall will gladly accept donations of fruit, vegetables, and sugar to turn them into delicious jams, chutneys, and relishes to sell at the Fair. Please contact Jo Lloyd if you can help, cjlloyd@me.com

Meet your candidate. In the lead-up to the Federal election, churches across Australia are hosting "meet the candidate" events for churches in their electorate. These forums are respectful, non-partisan opportunities for politicians to hear the concerns of the Christian community and give specific and direct responses. They are also an opportunity for Christian voters to hear directly from their candidates on a variety of issues, so that they can make a wise choice. You can find a full list of the forums, and search for your closest one at: <https://meetyourcandidates.org.au>

1 Way FM 'Lightning Strike' Appeal. Supporter of St John's, 1 Way FM, has shared the following message: "On January 13, a lightning strike hit Telstra Tower, damaging our transmitter and reducing our broadcast power. Thanks to swift action from our team and local technicians, we restored operations—but to continue sharing hope and encouragement across Canberra, we need to upgrade our equipment. Your donation will directly support these essential upgrades, ensuring that 1WAY FM remains strong and reliable for our community. We need to raise \$47,285."

To donate, go to: <https://www.1wayfm.com.au/donate/>

In Pursuit of Paul. Come with Professor Constantine Campbell (St John's parishioner) and follow in the Apostle Paul's footsteps as we travel to major sites on Paul's journeys in Türkiye, Greece, Malta, and Rome. From the site of Paul's first recorded sermon in Psidian Antioch, to the Ephesian theatre where he sparked a city riot, to the spot where Lydia was baptised, to where Paul preached to the Athenians, to where he pleaded with the Corinthians. We'll visit the site of Paul's infamous shipwreck where he is still honoured, his Roman prison and his burial place. Along the way we'll gain deeper insights into Paul the man and missionary, as well as a greater appreciation of the backdrop for his letters that have shaped the church (and the world) for two millennia.

November 6–19, 2025. For further info: https://selah.au/trip/pursuit_paul/

UPCOMING EVENTS (*St John's event)

***Sunday 13 April: Choral Evensong.** Our monthly service of choral evensong will be held today at 5pm (second Sunday of the month).

Sunday 13 April: Palm Sunday Rally. Bishop Mark Short, Anglican Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn, will be speaking at the Canberra Palm Sunday rally. Bishop Mark says: "Join with me and other representatives of faith and community groups on Palm Sunday as we say yes to refugees and to the vital contribution that they make to building a hope-filled Australia". Show your support, be at the Canberra Palm Sunday rally, 1pm, 13 April, Civic Square.

Sunday 13 April: Invictus – A Passion. The Llewellyn Choir Performs *Invictus: A Passion*, on Palm Sunday at 5.00pm at the Wesley Uniting Church, National Circuit Forrest. Book through www.llewellynchoir.org.au

***Sunday 20 April: Easter Sunday Kids Program – 9:30am.** We will be running a program of games, teaching and craft during the 9:30am service on Easter Day. All kids aged 4 years to 12(ish) are welcome. Come straight to the Hall from 9:20am! Younger ones are welcome too but will need to be accompanied by a parent. The cry-room livestream will also be available in the Robertson Room.

***Monday 28 April: Cuppacomalong.** All folk with time to spare, come for afternoon tea with fellow parishioners in the Robertson Room 2.00-4.00pm. The special guest this month will be Rev'd Kevin Stone who will present a talk on the Anglican Historical Society. Contact Ailsa Curtis 6247 9363.

***Thursday 8 May: Finding Hope.** The first of the 2025 evening seminars. See under 'Parish Notices' for more info. 7.30pm, in the Robertson Room.

***Thursdays 22 May, 29 May and 5 June: '3-2-1' - Introduction to Christianity.** A three-week evening course designed to help people understand what Christian faith is all about. Like the 'Finding Hope' seminar (above), this will be of interest to people of faith, as well as curious inquirers. This will be held in the Robertson Room at 7.30pm.

Saturday 21 June: Save the date. Equip Women Conference is celebrating 25 years, and we would love to see St John's gather 25 women this year. The topic is Revelation 6-22. The cost is \$20 pp. It will be held in the Robertson Room or Hall (depending on numbers). Please contact Mary de Lautour for information (see page 9).

Feeling helpless

When S and D first reached out to us, they were at breaking point. Their young son E had been struggling at home, socially, and at school for a long time. He was full of energy, curious, and incredibly bright – but also found some everyday tasks incredibly tough. S and D have known that their son sees and experiences the world a little differently to other children his age. He was easily overwhelmed, has big emotional outbursts, and was beginning to fall further behind at school. S and D suspected their son might have autism and ADHD, but with long waitlists, expensive specialists, and the rising cost of living, getting a formal diagnosis felt completely out of reach. S and D described knowing their son needed support but being unable to provide it. “Its heartbreaking watching your child struggle and not being able to get them the help they need”, S told me.

On top of that, the family were facing financial hardship, and found paying rent, putting food on the table, and covering regular medications, nearly impossible. Despite their attempts to implement a strict budget, their financial situation has been worsening each week, and S and D had skipped meals to ensure that their son was fed, and that they had a roof over their head.

Since first visiting St John's Care for support, we have been walking alongside S, D, and their son E for several months now – helping them navigate the complex systems around mental health diagnosis and support services. We have helped them find specialist medical appointments and provided some financial assistance towards these costs. Each week, S and D have visited SJC and have been provided with essential food and pantry items, as well as assistance with E's prescriptions. Additionally, we have advocated for the family with other support services, making referrals and helping the family access additional support through E's school.

They note that having someone there to listen to them, understand their situation, and respond with the appropriate support has changed their life. This journey isn't over for S, D and their son E and there are still many challenges ahead. It has been a slow journey but thanks to the kindness of our donors and supporters, they're no longer walking that challenging road alone.

Kind regards,

Robbie Speldewinde

Operations Manager

Items required: Juice Poppers, sweet biscuits, tinned spaghetti, tissues, dishwashing liquid

Upcoming services

Sunday 13 April 2025

Sunday of the Passion - Palm Sunday

Readings: Philippians 2.5-11; Luke 23.1-49

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

Wednesday 16 April 2025

Readings: Luke 23.1-49

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



[Holy Week and Easter Services \(see page 3\)](#)



Sunday 27 April 2025

Second Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 5.27-32; Psalm 118.14-29; Revelation 1.4-8; John 20.19-31

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

Wednesday 30 April 2025

Readings: TBA

- 10am:** 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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FOR YOUR ENJOYMENT

CHRIST THE KING Multiple Choice Quiz

Instructions: Circle the letter by the correct answer.

1. What made Jesus Christ the King different from other kings?
 - a. He lived in a palace.
 - b. He did not wear a beautiful robe or a jeweled crown.
 - c. He had servants to wait on him.
2. What else made Jesus Christ the King different from other kings?
 - a. He had soldiers to fight his battles.
 - b. He had a country to rule.
 - c. He had no coins engraved with his face or his name.
3. Christ is not just any king. He is the....
 - a. King of Kings
 - b. King of Israel
 - c. King of Rome
4. What did the first criminal being crucified with Christ say?
 - a. I do not deserve to be crucified!
 - b. I am not guilty! Why are you doing this to me?
 - c. If you are the Messiah, prove it. Save yourself and us, too.
5. What did the second criminal being crucified with Christ say?
 - a. I do not deserve to be crucified!
 - b. Remember me when you come into your Kingdom.
 - c. Jesus, why don't you get us off these crosses?
6. What did Jesus say to the second criminal?
 - a. Today, you will be with me in paradise.
 - b. You deserve to die! Don't ask for my help!
 - c. I'm sorry, but I cannot help you.