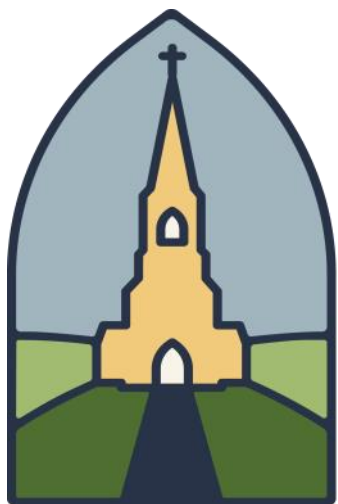




ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH CANBERRA

9 November 2025

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

(This week's service times within)

'I am the resurrection and the life,' says the Lord. 'Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.'
John 11.25–26



Over 80 children and their parents came to our All Saints Eve event. They experienced a 'crypt escape room', churchyard mystery trail, crafts and food—and all were reminded of the saints who have gone before us and of Christ's victory over death.

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

This following notices draw attention to news and events which seek to 'bear witness to Jesus Christ, the source of life.'

NOTICES

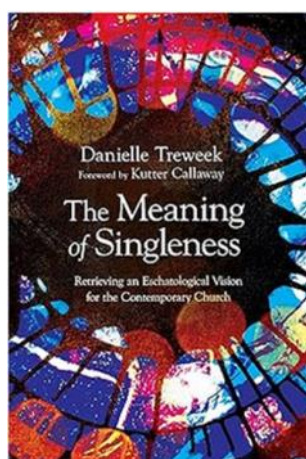
Defence Force Sunday: Today is Defence Force Sunday – a day to pray for our ADF personnel, especially the work of chaplains. See our insert on Canon Fred Ward MC, and take a moment to look at the stained glass windows in the flower vestry.

You might also like to visit this link from Bishop Grant Dibden (Anglican Bishop to the ADF) released on ANZAC Day, which commemorates the sacrifice of some RAAF chaplains: www.youtube.com/watch?v=e2ONxfaB64o

For those who might wish to donate to the Anglican Military Outreach and Service fund (which helps chaplains in their ministry to Defence families) you can do so here: <https://www.defenceanglicans.org.au/connect-and-support/amos/>

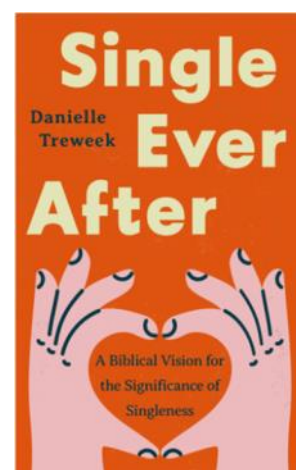
Where to Begin? An Introduction to Christianity (3-2-1). If you feel like you are starting at square one, or need a refresher on the basics, try the 3-2-1 course. It's based around videos and discussion. Thursdays, 20 & 27 November and 4 December. 7.30pm Robertson Room. Further info: Jamie Young or Rev'd Andrew.

Some resources on the single life. Two books by Rev'd Danielle (Dani) Treweek, referenced by Rev'd Andrew in today's sermon. Start with *Single Ever After* (it's shorter) from www.thegoodbook.com.au and then do a deeper dive into *The Meaning of Singleness* from www.amazon.com.



Also see www.singleminded.community for podcasts, events, and other resources. *Single Minded* aims to 'develop biblical, theological and pastoral resources exploring God's purposes for singleness that equip Christians, encourage Christian communities, and shape Christian culture.'

(Married people will also find these resources helpful, since circumstances may change—and because of the 'age to come.')



Heritage works. The bi-fold doors inside the church have been temporarily removed for restoration work and will be returned within a couple of weeks. This work is made possible by the generous contributions to the St John's Heritage Conservation Appeal Fund.

'Responding to the Rebirth': Livestream Conference. Many have observed a 'surprising rebirth in belief in God' in the Western world, particularly the UK. This London conference, featuring Prof. John Lennox, Margaret Oldfield, Justin Brierley and Glen Scrivener, is about helping the church to respond. It's on Saturday 22 November, beginning at 8pm (AEST), and finishing at 3.30am (!). If you are interested in joining others for the livestream, contact admin@stjohnscanberra.org ASAP so we can secure a group booking. (See also <https://speaklife.org.uk/rebirth/#book-now>).

Gingerbread Night Saturday 6 December (note date change). Gingerbread Night will be going ahead in the Hall from 7pm – 9pm. All ages welcome! See page 5.

St Mark's Introduction to Christian Theology. This is a natural follow up to the 'Stepping Up' event recently co-hosted between St Mark's and St John's. Build a strong theological foundation as you lead, teach and care for others. Start your study in December, with an intensive in Canberra from 12–14 January 2026. Online and at St Mark's. Enrol by 17 November 2025. Register at www.stmarks.edu.au.

Jill Clingan's Unfinished Business Retrospective. An exhibition of Jill's life of art from the late 1950's to the present. At Strathnairn Arts, Holt. Exhibition ends today, 11am – 4.00pm, in the Woolshed, Strathnairn. See www.strathnairn.com.au

Remembering Jim Ritchie. Flowers this week are to celebrate the life of Jim Ritchie from his family, and friends within the Parish of St John's.



SUMMARY OF UPCOMING EVENTS

(*St John's event)

***Sunday 9 November: Schoolhouse Museum spring morning teas:** Today, after the 8am and 9.30am morning services. The Museum will be open to visit, and weather permitting, we'll be able to serve morning tea on the northern paved area near the red geraniums.

***Tuesday 11 November: Bible for Blokes.** Resumes at 10am in the Upper Room, with Canon Kevin Stone. Continuing to explore Jesus' sermon on the mount.

Tuesday 11 November: Order of St Luke Healing Meeting. St David's Anglican Church, Red Hill, at 2.00pm, followed by afternoon tea. Info Fr John Gibson at gibsonjohn385@gmail.com or 0451 681 118.

***Sunday 16 November: Friends of St John's.** This 11.15am Matins service will feature an address by Rt Rev'd Vanessa Bennett, and will be followed by a light lunch in the Robertson Room. All welcome.

***Thursdays 20, 27 November & 4 December: 3-2-1—An introduction to Christianity.** A basic introduction to Christianity. Further details from Jamie Young or Rev'd Andrew. 7.30pm Robertson Room.

Saturday 22 November: Adorned Melody. Phillip Gearing performs organ works by J S Bach for the Austral Harmony's 'Remember Bachfest' (commemorating 275 years since the death of Bach and the 150th anniversary of organist & Bach scholar Albert Schweitzer's birth). 12.30pm – 1.15pm at St John's in the church. Tickets \$15. <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1488017>

Saturday 22 November: Bach Springtime Pastoral. Celebrating 300 years of Bach with instrumental trios (baroque violin, oboe d'amore and oboe da caccia) arranged from music on the theme of spring. 2.00pm – 3.00pm in the church. Tickets \$20 including post-concert refreshments in the Robertson Room

<https://www.trybooking.com/DGRIH>

***Tuesday 25 November: St John's Painting/Sketching Group.**

10am in the Robertson Room. All levels welcome! Please contact Fiona Cotton - 0404 066 021 cotton.fiona@gmail.com or Jennifer Lawson 0407 286 572 jennifer.lawson@stjohnscanberra.org

***Saturday 6 December: Gingerbread Night.** 7pm in Hall. See below.

A festive red poster for a 'GINGERBREAD House Party'. The title 'GINGERBREAD' is in large white block letters, and 'House Party' is in a white script font. Below the title, it says 'Gather your friends and family for a delightful evening of icing, lollies, and creativity!'. The date and time are 'SATURDAY 6 DECEMBER' and '7PM - 9PM'. A booking link is provided: <https://www.trybooking.com/DGZNA>. A yellow starburst says '\$45 per kit Gluten free available'. A QR code is in the center. A box on the right says 'Each kit sold includes a donation to the St John's Care Christmas Lunch'. Another yellow starburst says 'Light supper provided'. At the bottom, it lists the location 'St John's Anglican Church 45 Constitution Ave, Reid' and the kit contents: 'Kits include: House, icing, lollies, baseboard, cellophane & ribbon'. The background features illustrations of gingerbread houses, snowflakes, and a Christmas tree.

***Sunday 7 December: 9.30am Service Christmas Pageant.**

Instead of our regular Holy Communion service, kids' church will be presenting this year's Christmas Pageant. All are welcome!

INSTANT IMPACT

One of the things I love about SJC is that we can make an *immediate* difference in the lives of others. A bit like, from the sporting world, catching your breath after an arduous race, or, from the medical world, applying lifesaving first aid in an emergency, or, economically speaking, you can see instant returns on your investment. I could go on, but I'm sure you get the point. SJC is a place where you can make an instant impact on people's lives. And while there is a whole other side to this discussion - about longer-term care and support - in a world that often prioritises the immediate, the quick and the "now", I think it's great that SJC can have an impact in the "instant" space.

For example, K called the other day to see if she could come and see us. She kept in touch on her way as she was 'running late', apologising in every text and call. When she arrived with her baby, she was so grateful that we were here. She was hungry, and in need of urgent help. We were able to give her a hot meal, clothes and nappies for her baby, and emergency food relief for a few days. She had travelled by foot and multiple buses to get to us. At SJC, she was able to catch her breath; she received (life?) saving care and we were able to see an instant impact. With the help of our Case Managers, we were able to ensure she and her baby got home safely with their essentials. But we didn't leave it there. She will be followed up, to see that she has access to ongoing support; she was told that our door is always open to her and that she can return whenever she needs. And so, we will offer to partner with her, seeking to provide what we can, as she continues her journey of life as a courageous, young mum. So yes, we are about long-term care for all those who need it; we do want to help break the cycle of poverty, lack and hurt in people's lives...and we know these things take time. But it is such a privilege to see, pretty much every day, the instant difference that together we can make in the lives of those who desperately need it. Thank you for your ongoing support, particularly now, when we need it more than ever.

Grace and peace,

Nathan

Emergency Relief Coordinator

Items Required: 1kg rice, Small boxes of Sultanas, Cooking oil, 1kg flour

Christmas Items: Fruit mince pies, Fruit cake, Toys & Gift cards

Upcoming services

Sunday 9 November 2025

Twenty Second Sunday of Pentecost

Readings: Haggai 2; Psalm 145 (vv1-5, 17-21) 2 Thessalonians 2.1-5, 13-17; Luke 20.27-40

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

Wednesday 12 November 2025

Readings: 2 Thessalonians 2.1-5, 13-17; Luke 20.27-40

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

Sunday 16 November 2025

Twenty Third Sunday of Pentecost

Readings: Isaiah 65.17-25; Song of Isaiah; 2 Thessalonians 3.6-13; Luke 21.5-19

- 8.00am:** Sung Eucharist
9.30am: Family Eucharist (Kids Church & Youth Group)
11.15am: Choral Matins Friends of St John's Service
(1662 Book of Common Prayer)
6.00pm: stjohns@6 (Holy Communion)

Wednesday 19 November 2025

Readings: 2 Thessalonians 3.6-13; Luke 21.5-19

- 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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