



# ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH CANBERRA

**1 March 2026**

**Second Sunday in Lent**

(This week's service times within)

*God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. John 3.16*



Our amazing Jazz on the Lawn event!

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

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of mercy,  
you are full of tenderness and compassion,  
slow to anger, rich in mercy,  
and always ready to forgive:  
grant us grace to renounce all evil and to cling to Christ,  
that in every way we may prove to be your loving children;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

## IMPORTANT NOTICES

**Time Change: Bible for Blokes.** For this week only we will meet on *Monday* (2 March at 10am in the Upper Room). Contact Canon Kevin Stone on 0450 676 864 or at [stonesaway@gmail.com](mailto:stonesaway@gmail.com)

**Toward a new Parish Directory.** As St John's grows, it becomes more important to find secure and efficient ways to connect with each other. We have introduced a computer- and app-based system that puts you in charge of what details we have, so that you can change or delete them at any time. To use it, **see the handout available in the church foyer** (or email [admin@stjohnscanberra.org](mailto:admin@stjohnscanberra.org) for a PDF version). The system has many useful features, but it starts with you logging in and updating us. (Later in the year, we'll offer some help after church if you're finding it too hard.)

**AGM.** Our parish AGM and Electoral Meeting will be held on Sunday 22 March. From 11.00am, Alan Wilson (parish archivist) will give a presentation on the archives. From 11.30am the meeting itself will begin. We encourage all parishioners to attend so they can engage with the significant and exciting matters facing the parish in the year ahead. Elections will be held for parish councillors, peoples' wardens, and representatives for our Clergy Appointments Board and Synod. Those wishing to nominate someone for these positions should do so using the nominations form in the church foyer and depositing it in the collections box no later than Sunday 15 March.

**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](http://stjohnscanberra.org/payments).

**Palm Cross Working Bee.** Please join us for fun and fellowship to make our Palm Crosses on either Tuesday 17 March or Tuesday 24 March, from 2 - 4 pm in the Robertson Room. If you could bring a pair of scissors that would be great. We will have afternoon tea following our endeavours.

**St. John's Care Mission.** The parish's flagship ministry is celebrating 35 years! Today after our 9.30am service, Jason Haines will be offering a tour through the St John's Care facility.

**St John's Care Canberra Day Appeal.** There is less than one month to go until Canberra Day! Over the past few years, St John's Care has proudly taken part in the Canberra Day Appeal, and we have been so grateful for the generosity of our local community.

The Canberra Day Appeal is now underway, and this is a wonderful opportunity to stand behind our community. Every \$1 you donate will be matched, becoming \$2 for the first \$2,500 raised - doubling your impact and helping us reach even more people in need.

Our goal is to raise \$25,000 to support our programs right here in Canberra. As you know SJC gets no government funding and relies totally on donations. If you're in a position to give, we would be so grateful for your support. Visit <https://canberra-day-appeal-2026.raiselysite.com/o/st-johns-care> to give where we live today.

**Anglican News February 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](mailto:anglicannews@anglicancg.org.au)

## SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

**Mainly Music Morning Tea Helpers.** Mainly Music is held at 10am each Wednesday during school terms. We need some volunteers to prepare and serve morning tea to the children and their parents/carers. If you enjoy hospitality and have 2 hours to spare once or twice a month, please let Mary de Lautour know (contact details page 8).

## SUMMARY OF UPCOMING EVENTS (\*St John's event)

**\*Monday 2 March: Bible for Blokes.** (Note day change. At the usual time of 10am in the Upper Room.

**Wednesday 4 March: Scripture Union Australia ACT fundraising Dinner.** For several decades, Scripture Union (SU) has introduced children and young adults to Jesus in schools, on camps, and through print media. This quiet and consistent work will be celebrated at the Woden Hellenic Club. Rev'd Andrew will be MC. More info at [su.org.au/act](http://su.org.au/act)

**\*Friday 6 March: World Day of Prayer.** The focus of this year's ecumenical prayer gathering is the persecuted church of Nigeria. 6.30pm in the church. All are welcome.

**\*Saturday 7 March: Working Bee.** From 8.30am—10.00am. Two options: (a) help in the Church for the brass cleaning for Easter, or (b) work outside helping to beautify the gardens and grounds. Please bring equipment (e.g. gardening gloves, dusters, rags, hat, suitable footwear, mowers, blowers) and join us for morning tea afterwards at 10am.

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

**\*Friday 13 March: Operation Christmas Child Working Group.**

From 1pm-4pm in the Hall. Contact Jennifer Lawson on 0407 286 572.

**\*Sunday 15 March: Friends Service.** The Friends of St John's will have their next service on Sunday 15 March at 11.15am followed by lunch and their AGM in the Robertson Room. Our speaker will be Rev Dr Andrew Cameron, Senior Associate Priest and former Director of St Marks.

**\*Tuesday 17 March: Palm Cross Working Bee.** Please join us from 2 - 4 pm in the Robertson Room. If you could bring a pair of scissors that would be great. We will have afternoon tea following our endeavours.

**\*Sunday 22 March: Parish AGM and Electoral Meeting.** 11am, Alan Wilson (parish archivist) will give a presentation on the archives. From 11.30 the meeting formally begins, and will include elections for parish councillors, peoples' wardens, and representatives for our Clergy Appointments Board and Synod.

**\*Tuesday 24 March: Palm Cross Working Bee.** Please join us from 2 - 4 pm in the Robertson Room. If you could bring a pair of scissors that would be great. We will have afternoon tea following our endeavours.

**\*Saturday 28 March: Operation Christmas Child Working Group.** From 1pm-4pm in the Robertson Room. Contact Jennifer Lawson on 0407 286 572.

**Saturday 28 March: Evil Tamed – Four Christian Perspectives.**

An exploration of psychological, Biblical and social perspectives on evil, At Wesley Uniting Church. To register, visit [www.trybooking.com/DJDZE](http://www.trybooking.com/DJDZE)

**Saturday 28 March: Canberra Mission Focus.** A day of worship, Bible teaching, and info sessions led by visiting missionaries. A children's program is included. For registration details and costs visit <https://www.cms.org.au/cms-canberra-mission-focus-2026>

## Only a little bit of support was given

This week, I met a young family of four who had reached a point no parent ever wants to face. They arrived tired, anxious, and carrying everything they owned with them in the car. The three children stayed close, quiet in that way children sometimes are when life feels uncertain.

I was able to provide them with food, enough to ease the immediate worry of how they would eat over the coming days. We gathered staples, some fresh items, and a few things especially for the children.

But the truth is, as much as we want to, we can't always meet every need that walks through our door.

What weighed heavily on my heart was that they had nowhere safe to stay. As a parent myself, it is incredibly hard to send a family away without accommodation especially when children are involved. In those moments, you feel the limits of being human. I gave them blankets and practical essentials, hoping at least they would have some comfort and protection during the night.

We also worked on the next steps. I provided referrals to doctors so the children could receive medical support, and I connected the family with First Canberra so they could access housing support and other services that may help them find a more stable situation.

Sometimes our role is not only to provide what we can immediately, but to stand beside people as they begin navigating a path forward.

As they left, they thanked us quietly. There was still uncertainty ahead, but they were not walking it alone anymore.

Your support makes moments like this possible, the food to eat and blankets for comfort, the connections to vital services, and the reassurance that someone cares.

Thank you for helping us be there when families need it most.

Kind regards,

Jason Haines  
Managing Director

**Items required:** Toothpaste, Cleaning products (incl dishwashing liquid), Full cream UHT milk

# Upcoming services

## Sunday 1 March 2026

Second Sunday in Lent

*Readings: Genesis 12.1-4a; Psalm 121; Romans 4.1-5, (6-12), 13-17;  
John 3.1-17*

**8.00am: Sung Eucharist**

**9.30am: Family Eucharist** (Kids Church & Youth Group)

**11.15am: Choral Eucharist** (1662 Book of Common Prayer)

**6.00pm: stjohns@6** (Praise, Prayer and Proclamation)

## Wednesday 4 March 2026

*Readings: Genesis 12.1-4a; John 3.1-17*

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

## Sunday 8 March 2026

Third Sunday in Lent

*Readings: Exodus 17.1-7; Psalm 95; Romans 5.1-11; John 4.5-42*

**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 11 March 2026

*Readings: Exodus 17.1-7; OR, Romans 5.1-11; John 4.5-42*

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

For more information: [www.stjohscanberra.org](http://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>

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Opening Hours: 10.00am to 3.00pm Tuesday to Friday

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