ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH CANBERRA

1 November 2026
All Saints
(This week's service times within)

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Matthew 5.10

One of the St John's tables at last week's Australian National Prayer Breakfast at Parliament House.

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

We praise you, heavenly Father,
that you have knit together your chosen ones
in one communion and fellowship
in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord:
give us grace so to follow your blessed saints
in all virtuous and godly living
that we may come to those inexpressible joys
you have prepared for those who truly love you;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour,
who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns,
one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

CHURCH NEWS (IMPORTANT NOTICES)

Warning About Scam Emails. Parishioners continue to receive many scam emails, often claiming to be from someone in the parish. Please be cautious if you receive an unusual email that appears to come from a parish leader or member. If you're unsure whether it's genuine, don't reply or click any links. Contact the office at admin@stjohnscanberra.org, and we'll check it for you.

Parish Office: Open by appointment only. The Parish Office has now relocated to the Upper Rooms above the Hall to prepare for the building works at St John's. Should you need to come to the Office during this interim time, you will need to make an appointment by emailing admin@stjohnscanberra.org or phoning 6248 8399. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

All Saints Day: Interment of Ashes. Today we give thanks for the lives of John Thorpe, Winifred Garran and Amy Hunt whose ashes will be interred immediately following the 6pm service. Attendees are welcome.

Morning Tea Volunteers Needed. We are looking for 2 - 3 people to join the 9.30am morning tea team. You could be rostered monthly or bi-monthly and still get to be in church (leaving after communion). No baking skills needed! Just a friendly face and willingness to help setup, serve and pack up morning tea. Please contact Sara Crowther, crowtherps@gmail.com or 0422 163 756.

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

Friends of St John's and Schoolhouse Museum event. On 8 November at 3pm the Friends of St. John's will combine with the Schoolhouse Museum for their next event, when Jennifer Garden will deliver an illustrated talk in the Robertson Room. Its title "Against All Odds", will explain the inspiration for the Museum's current exhibition, in which we tell the story of how Canberra's first school building survived its expected demolition. This will be followed by afternoon tea at the Schoolhouse, and then the scheduled 5pm Evensong in the Church.

Youth and Young Adults Camp. Registrations closing soon for a weekend away for youth and young adults (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

Women's Advent Afternoon Tea. Come to the Robertson Room for a relaxing afternoon of Christmas music, festive treats, sharing Christmas memories and making new ones. Bring something you enjoy crafting/ making and a recipe to share if you are able. You will have the opportunity to make a few simple decorations to take home. You are welcome to bring a plate of afternoon tea to share. See Cath McLennan for further details. Saturday 28thNovember, 2pm-5pm. RSVP at www.trybooking.com/DRDVZ

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

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 FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT (September YTD)

- *Income YTD: $680 728, consisting of:*
  - *Donations and giving: $413 053*
  - *Other (e.g. carparking fees, room hire, income from trusts, etc): $217 675*
- *Expenses YTD: $723 793 (consisting of employment, admin, property, mission, insurance, diocesan contribution etc)*
- **Operating deficit: *$43 065***

Comment: The loss of parking revenue has badly damaged our cash position this year. Remedial steps are underway, plus we received $10k above target from our fair (not yet captured in accounts). But our overall cash position is still under serious strain as we face 2027.

SUMMARY OF UPCOMING EVENTS

(*St John's event)

***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. Morning tea afterwards at 10am.

Sunday 8 November: Silo Sounds: Neeman Piano Duo "Twenty Dizzy Fingers". At 2pm at the Ross Memorial Church, cnr Binalong and Derby Streets, Murrumburrah. Book ahead to help cater for your High Tea. Adults $40, Concession $30, Children Free. Enquiries: Stewart 0423 090 912 or https://events.humanitix.com search for silo-sounds

***Sunday 8 November: Friends of St John's and Schoolhouse Museum event.** At 3pm in the Robertson Room. See page 3 for details. This will be followed by afternoon tea at the Schoolhouse, and then the scheduled 5pm Evensong in the Church.

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

Wednesday 11 November: A Service of Light – The Relighting of the Sanctuary Lamp. At St Paul's Anglican Church, Murrumburrah on Remembrance Day, Wednesday 11 November at 5.30pm.

***Friday 13 – Sunday 15 November: Youth and Young Adults camp.** Registrations are closing soon 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 on page 6.

***Tuesday 22 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).

***Saturday 28 November: Women's Advent Afternoon Tea.** See notice, page 3. In the Robertson Room, 2pm-5pm. RSVP at www.trybooking.com/DRDVZ

St John's Care

TRIVIA Night

St John's Care

Gather your friends, test your knowledge & have a great night!

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

ST JOHN'S HALL
45 CONSTITUTION AVE REID, ACT

JOIN US FOR
Gingerbread House
Decorating
6-9PM
5 DECEMBER | 2026
BRING YOUR OWN LOLLIES OR BUY THROUGH BOOKING LINK
TRYBOOK AT
https://www.trybooking.com/DQQTW
ALL FUNDS RAISED GO TO ST JOHN'S CARE CHRISTMAS LUNCH
KITS FROM $40 EACH
GLUTEN FREE AVAILABLE
ST JOHNS CHURCH
45 CONSTITUTION AVENUE, REID ACT 2612

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

Monday: Young Women's Bible Study

When & Where: Mondays, 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

Tuesday: Bible for Blokes

When & Where: Tuesdays, 10.am, Wild Honey Room

Who: Men of any age

Focus: Bible study and discussion

Contact: Rev'd Kevin – Kevin.Stone@stjohnscanberra.org

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 — russtunks@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.

Searching For a New Home

For many years, St John's Care has had the privilege of supporting a young Aboriginal man who carries an extraordinary amount of responsibility on his shoulders. Not only is he raising his young son, but he is also the primary carer for an elderly female relative who relies heavily on his support.

Despite the many challenges he has faced, his commitment to caring for his family has never wavered. Over the years, St John's Care has provided the family with food, clothing and other basic necessities, helping to ease some of the financial pressures of everyday life. Recently, however, the family has found themselves facing a much more serious challenge. Ongoing housing difficulties have placed them at significant risk of homelessness, creating enormous uncertainty about their future. For a young father already balancing the responsibilities of raising a child and caring for an elderly relative, the prospect of losing their home is particularly distressing.

Our team at St John's Care is now working closely with relevant housing agencies and support services to advocate on the family's behalf, explore suitable accommodation options and do everything possible to prevent them from becoming homeless. The uncertainty surrounding the family's housing situation is a constant source of stress, particularly when three generations are depending on the security of a safe and stable home. For this young man, securing appropriate housing is about much more than simply having a roof over their heads. It is about ensuring his elderly relative can continue to receive the care she needs, while giving his young son the stability, safety and opportunities that every child deserves.

While we cannot always provide an immediate solution, we can ensure that families like this one do not have to navigate these challenges alone. Through practical assistance, advocacy and ongoing case management, St John's Care continues to stand alongside those experiencing hardship.

Our hope is that this young man and his family can find the stability and security they deserve, allowing him to focus less on the fear of losing their home and more on building a positive future for his son and caring for his loved one**.**

Kind regards

Robbie Speldewinde, Operations Manager

Items required: 1kg rice, boxes of tissues, 1kg flour
Christmas items: Gift cards for teens, Christmas pudding, Christmas Chocolate, Fruit mince pies

Upcoming Services

Sunday 1 November 2026

All Saints Day

Readings: Revelation 7.9-17; Psalm 34.1-10, 22; 1 John 3.1-3; Matthew 5.1-12

8.00am: **Sung Eucharist**

9.30am: **Family Eucharist** (Kid's Church & Youth Group)

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

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

Wednesday 4 November 2026

Readings: 1 John 3.1-3; Matthew 5.1-12

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

Sunday 8 November 2026

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: Joshua 24.1-3a, 14-25; Psalm 78.1-7; 1 Thessalonians 4.9-18; Matthew 25.1-13

7.00am: **Eucharist** (1662 Book of Common Prayer)

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Wednesday 11 November 2026

Readings: Joshua 24.1-3a, 14-25; OR, 1 Thessalonians 4.9-18; Matthew 25.1-13

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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