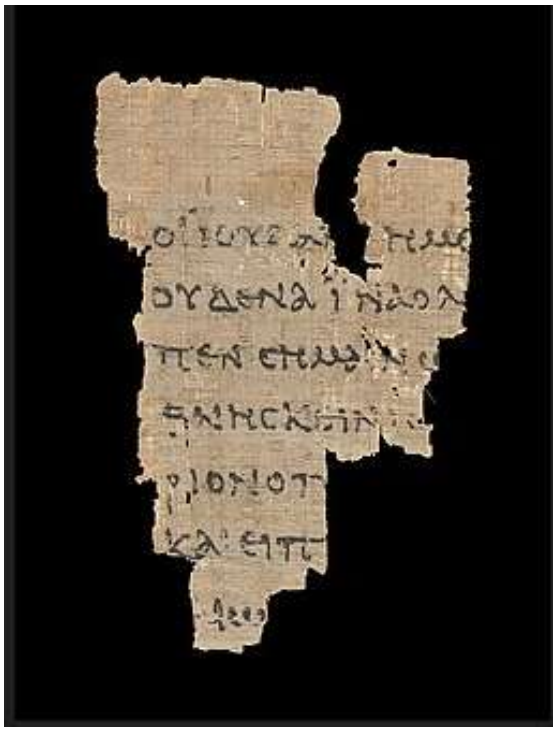
ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH CANBERRA

15 November 2026
Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost
(This week's service times within)

God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other. 1 Thessalonians 5.9, 11



The John Rylands fragment shows part of John 18:31–33. It is likely to have been written somewhere between 90–160AD. (Refer to page 3, for the next Occasional Seminar on the New Testament.)

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Everliving God,
before the earth was formed,
and even after it shall cease to be, you are God.
Break into our short span of life
and show us those things that are eternal,
that we may serve your purpose in all we do;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in unity with the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

CHURCH NEWS (IMPORTANT NOTICES)

Funeral Service for Georgette Torvell. All are welcome to attend the funeral service for Georgette Torvell, on Monday 16 November at 10.30am at Norwood Park Crematorium.

Tap Machine Working. Our donation tap point is now working. Donations can be made at this tap point and also via the cash box (near the entry to the nave) or online. See page 8 for details.

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.

Cuppacomalong. All welcome for fellowship and afternoon tea on Monday 23 November. This month's talk, "A Parishioner's Road to St John's", given by Alan Wilson. Come and have a cuppa and a chat, 2pm to 4pm. Contact Ailsa Curtis (6247 9363).

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 28 November, 2pm-5pm. RSVP at www.trybooking.com/DRDVZ

Llewellyn Choir presents Sing Hope! Carols for Advent. The Llewellyn Choir warmly invites you to join them in celebrating the season of Advent with an evening of beautiful choral music at the Royal Military College Chapel, Duntroon. Bringing together the rich traditions of sacred choral music and the warmth of the festive season, the concert will feature two major works: Frank Ferko's *Festival of Carols* and Stephen Chatman's *Carols of the Nativity*. On Saturday 28 November, 6pm. Tickets at www.trybooking.com/au/event/1679666

Occasional Seminar: Where did the NT come from, and how did it get to us? Join our very own Con Campbell for insights into the 'textual history' of the New Testament. Do the modern versions we hold in our hands reflect what was written back then? How could we know? What's our evidence for the reliability of its transmission? In addition to being an eminent jazz musician, The Rev'd Dr Constantine Campbell is a world-renowned biblical scholar. Con also attends our 9.30am congregation. Thursday 3 December 2026, 7pm-9.30pm, Robertson Room.

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

Anglican News November 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

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)

Monday 16 November: Funeral Service for Georgette Torvell. At 10.30am, Norwood Park Crematorium.

Saturday 21 November: One Voice Community Choir Annual Concert. 2pm at Woden Valley Alliance Church, 81 Namatjira Drive Waramanga. Followed by light refreshments. Entry $5 per person / $10 per family. All door takings will be donated to Heartfelt Hope.

***Monday 23 November: Cuppacomalong.** All welcome for fellowship and afternoon tea. This month's talk, "A Parishioner's Road to St John's", given by Alan Wilson. Come and have a cuppa and a chat, 2pm to 4pm. Contact Ailsa Curtis (6247 9363).

***Tuesday 24 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 2 Robertson Room, 2pm-5pm. RSVP at www.trybooking.com/DRDVZ

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***Thursday 3 December: Occasional Seminar: Where did the NT come from, and how did it get to us?** 7pm-9.30pm, Robertson Room. See notice page 3.

***Saturday 5 December: Working Bee.** From 8.30am—10.00am. Please bring equipment (e.g. gardening gloves, hat, suitable footwear, mowers, blowers) and join us for morning tea afterwards at 10am.

***Saturday 5 December: Gingerbread House Decorating Evening**. 6-9pm in the Hall.



Walls

As an avid rock climber, I often find myself looking at walls and wondering whether they could be climbed. From the seemingly impossible walls of the Carillon to those of St John's, which almost invite climbing!

But what about the walls we don't notice?

For many people seeking support at St John's Care, these walls are invisible but incredibly difficult to overcome.

Z fled her home country, where violence had claimed the lives of friends and family. Arriving in Australia, she faced new challenges: language barriers, limited digital literacy and difficulty accessing essential services.

When Z sought aged care support, complicated forms, unfamiliar technology and confusing processes left her feeling isolated and overwhelmed.

At St John's Care, we helped break down these barriers. Using translation services, we listened to Z's needs, assisted with paperwork and advocated on her behalf. We worked with the aged care provider to establish reliable support, ensuring Z understood the arrangements and felt confident moving forward.

Today, Z still occasionally visits us for food assistance, but with aged care support in place, she has more time to connect with her community and enjoy gardening, something that brings her genuine happiness.

Thanks to your donations, encouragement and prayers, St John's Care continues helping people overcome the invisible walls of language, technology and financial hardship.

Together, we can turn walls into bridges, helping people move forward with dignity, confidence and hope.

Kind regards, Timothy Leung, Junior Case Manager

Items required: 1kg flour, Pasta meals, Lollies (to be packed for Christmas lunch)

Upcoming Services

Sunday 15 November 2026

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: Judges 4.1-10;(OR Zephaniah 1.7, 12-18); Psalm 123;(OR Psalm 90.1-8 (9-11) 12;); 1 Thessalonians 5.1-11; Matthew 25.14-30

8.00am: **Sung Eucharist**

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

6.00pm: **stjohns@6** (Holy Communion)

Wednesday 18 November 2026

Readings: Zephaniah 1.7, 12-18; Matthew 25.14-30

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

Sunday 22 November 2026

Christ the King

Readings: Ezekiel 34.11-16, 20-24; Psalm 100; Ephesians 1.15-23; Matthew 25.31-46

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

8.00am: **Sung Eucharist**

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

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

Wednesday 25 November 2026

Readings: Ezekiel 34.11-16, 20-24, OR, Ephesians 1.15-23; Matthew 25.31-46

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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Opening Hours: 10.00am to 3.00pm Tuesday to Friday

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