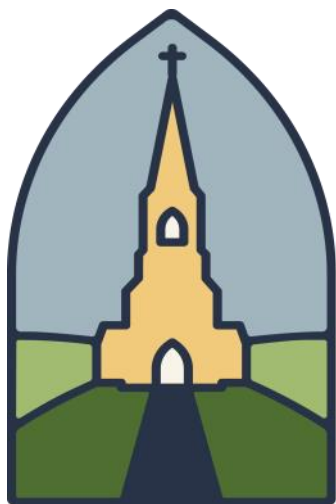




ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH CANBERRA

23 November 2025

Christ the King

(This week's service times within)

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!
Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and
riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. (Zechariah 9.9)



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***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

Youth & Young Adults Camp: Expressions of Interest. If you would be interested in a camp with fun outdoor and indoor activities, and some Christian input, please let us know by completing the form at the link below. Proposed dates: 13-15 November 2026. Please submit your responses by 1 December. Click on link or QR code: <https://tinyurl.com/SJcamp>



Advent Challenge: St John's Care Christmas Appeal. Next week marks the beginning of the new church year, and a season of preparing our hearts for the coming of Christ. In light of the challenges facing many Canberrans, we encourage all our regular worshippers to make an advent discipline of offering support to St John's Care. You might purchase some gifts for our 'present room', or include some extra ingredients in your regular grocery shopping for delivery to St John's Care, or make some financial donations to our work. Please consider helping us show Christ's love to those in need. To donate to the St John's Care Christmas appeal, go to <https://tinyurl.com/53ywvkvk>

Seminars (and short courses) 2026. We'd love your thoughts on our seminars and short courses for 2026. Please spend a few minutes answering the questions at <https://tinyurl.com/SJseminars> or via this QR code:



St Mark's Theological Library: Parish

Membership. St John's parish holds an institutional membership of St Mark's extensive and historic Library (at 15 Blackall Street, Barton). If you regularly attend one of our congregations, you are entitled to free membership of the Library. Steps to join:

- Email Rev'd Andrew (see contacts page), asking for a letter stating that you regularly attend St John's.
- He will send you the letter in PDF format. Save it somewhere handy.

- Go to <https://stmarks.edu.au/library-membership-form> .
- Fill in your details
- Under membership type select 'Free Memberships', and then under 'Free membership type', select 'Individual — Under institutional membership'.
- Upload the PDF letter.
- Click 'I'm not a robot' and 'Submit'.

All further enquiries please to stmarkslibrary@csu.edu.au or via <https://stmarks.edu.au/library> .

'Sabbath Gospel' pre-release free sample. One of our St John's parishioners, Amy Erickson (stjohns@6/St Mark's lecturer) has co-authored a book on a biblical theology of Sabbath for the contemporary church, titled *Sabbath Gospel*. The book is to be released early next year, but a free sample of the introduction can be downloaded from the publisher's website here: <https://www.ivpress.com/sabbath-gospel>

Hawke: The Film of the Play. 8am parishioner Paul Kauffman has written and produced HAWKE, a new play now filmed for wider viewing. It imagines former Prime Minister R. J. Hawke meeting his two wives — and a Canberra Bishop with a dark past — in Purgatory, where their eternal fates are decided. (The Anglican Church of Australia offers no comment on the theology of this!) The film screens at 4 pm Friday 12 December 2025 at Dendy Cinema 6, Canberra Centre. Tickets: \$25 before 26 November, then \$39. www.collections.humanitix.com/mill-theatre-at-dairy-road

SUMMARY OF UPCOMING EVENTS

(*St John's event)

Sunday 23 November: Order of St Luke Healing Service.

Healing Meeting at Yass Uniting Church at 2.00pm today followed by a cuppa. A retiring collection will support OSL and Yass Uniting Church. Info Fr John Gibson at gibsonjohn385@gmail.com or 0451 681 118.

***Monday 24 November: Cuppacomalong.** A friendly gathering remembering our Christmases past. All welcome - Robertson Room 2.00-4.00pm. (Contact Ailsa, 6247 9363.)

***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 29 November: Stone to Flesh. 7pm at St Matthew's Anglican Church, Wanniassa. Canberra Christian band who are re-forming after a 30-year hiatus for a reunion show. Free entry. Details at <https://www.facebook.com/p/Stone-to-Flesh-100062940323346/>

***Saturday 6 December: Gingerbread Night.** 7pm in Hall.
(Bookings now closed.)

***Sunday 7 December: 9.30am Service Christmas Pageant.**
Instead of our regular 9.30am Communion service, kids' church will be presenting this year's Christmas Pageant. All are welcome!



VEHICLE OF HOPE

Maria has lived in her government housing unit for almost eight years. Over that time, she has built her life around routine, resilience, and doing everything she can to support her two children, both of whom attend a special needs school across town. Her car isn't a luxury; it is her lifeline. It gets her children to school safely each morning, allows her to attend their specialist appointments, and gives her the flexibility to manage the complex day-to-day demands of caring for them.

But over the past year, Maria's stability has been repeatedly shaken. Her car has been vandalised three times in six months. First, someone smashed a window. Then, deep scratches were gouged along the passenger door. Most recently, two of her tyres were slashed overnight. Each incident has left her feeling more anxious and more unsafe in her own community. "I'm scared every time I walk outside," she told me. "If it happens again, how will I get the kids to school?" The financial burden has been devastating. Living on a low income, even one unexpected car repair is difficult. Multiple repairs in such a short time have forced Maria to choose between fixing her vehicle and covering essentials like groceries, medication, and fuel. Without the car, her children miss vital schooling, therapy, and social connection - something she works hard to avoid. Despite reporting each incident, Maria still feels vulnerable. The carpark outside her unit is poorly lit, security is limited, and she worries every morning about what she'll find when she steps outside.

When Maria came to us, she was looking for someone to listen, to advocate for her, and to help her keep her family moving forward. We were able to provide Maria and her family with fresh fruit and vegetables, refer her to No Interest Loan Scheme, support her to speak with housing about safety concerns, and provide transport assistance for her children in the short term. For Maria, this isn't just about a damaged car. It's about her children's education, their wellbeing, and her ability to meet their needs. It's about dignity, safety, and the simple hope that her home should be a place of security, not fear.

With the support of our community, Maria is rebuilding a sense of safety and stability. And while the challenges continue, she now knows she doesn't have to face them alone.

Kind regards, Robbie Speldewinde

Operations Manager

Items required: Oil, 1kg flour, 1kg sugar, tinned vegetables, 1 litre full cream uht milk

Upcoming services

Sunday 23 November 2025

Christ the King

*Readings: Jeremiah 23.1-6; The Song of Zechariah; Colossians 1.11-20;
Luke 23.33-43*

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

Wednesday 26 November 2025

Readings: Colossians 1.11-20; Luke 23.33-43

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

Sunday 30 November 2025

Advent 1

*Readings: Isaiah 2.1-5; Psalm 122; 1 Thessalonians 3.9-13;
Luke 21.25-38*

- 8.00am:** Sung Eucharist
9.30am: Family Eucharist (Kids Church & Youth Group)
6.00pm: stjohns@6 (Holy Communion)

Wednesday 3 December 2025

Readings: 1 Thessalonians 3.9-13; Luke 21.25-38

- 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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FOR YOUR ENJOYMENT

Christ the King Word Search

Christ the King

When they came to the place called the Skull, there they crucified him, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left. Luke 23:33 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Luke 23:33-43 (NIV).



CHRIST THE KING

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PUNISHED
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CRUCIFIED
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