

# ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH CANBERRA

**3 May 2026**

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

(This week's service times within)

*'I am the way, and the truth, and the life,' says the Lord.  
'No one comes to the Father except through me.'* John 14.6



*On Anzac Day, thanks to the sterling efforts of Jon and Christine Hawkins and a team of dedicated helpers, we were able to offer hospitality and a hearty breakfast to many visitors and parishioners, with our annual 'Gunfire Breakfast'.*

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

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Everliving God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life:  
give us grace to love one another,  
to follow in the way of his commandments,  
and to share his risen life;  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## IMPORTANT NOTICES

**‘DV Sunday’.** Today is marked as a national day for Anglican churches to raise awareness of the scourge of domestic and family violence, and to support the Church’s work of prevention and response. To learn more about the Anglican Church’s approach to this matter, or to support its work, visit [www.tencommitments.org.au](http://www.tencommitments.org.au). And please do reach out if you need support, or a conversation, around this difficult issue.

**Note to 9.30am and 6pm ‘regulars’.** Visiting a church for the first time can feel daunting. Due to the lovely presence of many newcomers in recent months, it would be appreciated if our regulars could train themselves to sit (a) closer to the front of the church and (b) closer to the wall - not the aisle. This will make it easier for newcomers, and latecomers, to find somewhere to sit. Thanks for your cooperation.

**Ushers needed: 9.30am and 6pm.** We need to bolster our welcoming teams to assist in directing people to their seats. If you are able to help, please email [jane.rose@stjohnscanberra.org](mailto:jane.rose@stjohnscanberra.org)

**Anzac Way Pilgrimage BBQ Dinner.** On Wednesday, we will be hosting pilgrims for a simple dinner following their attendance at the Last Post Ceremony. This is part of a walk (from Wagga) in support of veterans’ spiritual health. If anyone is able to assist the Rector with setup and cooking snags (from about 5.15pm), please let him know ([rector@stjohnscanberra.org](mailto:rector@stjohnscanberra.org)).

**‘Church Center’ and Parish Roll update.** If you’d like some help to check or update your details, Andrew will be available to assist after

services today (Sunday 3 May), in the Robertson Room. If you have already updated your details using the ‘Church Center’ app, well done and thanks—there’s no need for further action at this time. If all this is new to you, and you’d like St John’s staff to know contact details for you and any family member(s), take a flier from the church foyer and try out ‘Church Center’, as described in the flier.

**Name Badges.** You can order your own 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](https://stjohnscanberra.org/payments).

**Canberra and Region Heritage Festival.** The Schoolhouse Museum has been very busy putting together an exhibition which is on view until Sunday 10 May, offering a different slant on the theme of the 2026 Heritage Festival, which is “Mid-century-innovation, change and optimism”.

Periods of rapid development, while inevitable, bring with them challenges to the survival of heritage buildings and sites. As mid-twentieth century Canberra grew, several early colonial buildings were lost. Our exhibition illustrates two examples within St John’s Parish: the 19<sup>th</sup> century Parsonage, later known as “Glebe House”, and our own St John’s Schoolhouse, both of which stood in the middle of planned roads.

Read their stories, see the photos in the Museum exhibition: “Marked for Demolition: the Lost and the Saved”

**Anglican News April 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)

**In Pursuit of Paul.** Follow in Paul’s footsteps on a 14-day tour through Türkiye, Greece, Malta, and Rome, visiting key sites from his missionary journeys in roughly chronological order. Highlights include Pisidian Antioch, Ephesus, Philippi, Athens, Corinth, Malta, and Rome—places where Paul preached, suffered, and helped shape the

early church. Along the way, we'll gain deeper insight into Paul's life, ministry, and letters within their historical setting. Dates: November 3–16, 2026. See [https://selah.au/trip/pursuit\\_paul-2026/](https://selah.au/trip/pursuit_paul-2026/)

The tour is hosted by Professor Constantine Campbell, New Testament scholar, author of several books on Paul, musician – and St John's parishioner (<https://www.constantinecampbell.info/>)

## SUMMARY OF UPCOMING EVENTS

(\*St John's event)

**\*Wednesday 6 May: ANZAC Way Pilgrimage dinner.** All welcome to join and contribute (see earlier notice). BBQ at 5.45pm.

**\*Thursday 7 May: Bootcamp—What is a Christian?** 7-9pm in the Robertson Room.

**\*Saturday 9 May: Operation Christmas Child Working Group.** From 1pm-4pm in the Robertson Room. Contact Jennifer Lawson on 0407 286 572.

**\*Sunday 10 May: Choral Evensong.** Prayer, hymns and choral music. 5pm.

## 2026 HERITAGE FUND APPEAL NOW UNDER WAY

Parishioners and friends are invited to donate to this year's Heritage Fund Appeal.

The aim of the Appeal is to continue the conservation of the stonework on the church, with the focus being on conserving the sandstone extensions made to the church building in the 1860s and 1870s. Lower sections of the sandstone have been eroded by rising damp and moisture in the past, and work is now underway to deal with this problem.

As in previous years, you can donate to this year's Appeal in various ways, and these are described in the Appeal letter. The letter will be distributed using the weekly Newsletter email list. If you do not use or have access to the internet, the Appeal letter will be mailed to you together with the Heritage Fund's Appeal brochure. Donations of \$2 or more to the Heritage Fund are tax deductible. Your support for this project would be greatly appreciated.

Randall Wilson  
Chair of Trustees



*Eroded sandstone on the north face of the chancel, showing damage caused by the past use of non-porous cement mortar.*



*The poultrice applied to sandstone on the northern side of the church.*



*The finished job at the entry arch: after use of a poultrice, new slip stones were inserted accompanied by the use of softer, lime mortar.*

## A New Chapter: Maternity Leave & Gratitude

As I prepare to step away on maternity leave, I wanted to take a moment to share some personal news and reflect on what this transition means to me.

I'm getting ready to welcome my first baby into the world, something that feels nothing short of a miracle. This journey has been deeply meaningful, and I'm filled with gratitude, excitement, and a sense of wonder as I move into this next chapter of life.

It also feels like the right time to reflect on my work as a case manager here at St John's Care. Being part of this space has been incredibly grounding and humbling. Every day, I've had the privilege of meeting people at different points in their lives, often during times of vulnerability, and walking alongside them in whatever way I could. That experience has shaped me in ways I'll carry forward, not just professionally, but personally as well.

This role has strengthened my patience, empathy, and the importance of simply showing up for others. It has also reminded me how powerful community can be, especially in moments when people need it most. I'm so grateful to have been part of a team that is committed to making a genuine difference in people's lives.

As I step into motherhood, I'll be taking many of these lessons with me. While I'll miss the day-to-day connections and the meaningful work, we do together, I'm looking forward to this time with my growing family and everything it will bring.

Thank you all for your support, kindness, and shared commitment to St John's Care. It has truly meant a lot to me and to the community we support.

I look forward to reconnecting and sharing the joy of this new chapter with you all.

Kind regards,  
Lisa Sithole, Case Manager

**Items required:** Vegemite, Cooking oil, Oats, Tissues

# Upcoming services

## Sunday 3 May 2026

Fifth Sunday of Easter

*Readings: Acts 7:55-60; Psalm 31:1-5, 17-18; 1 Peter 2:11-25;  
John 14:1-14*

**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 6 May 2026

*Readings: Acts 7:55-60; OR; 1 Peter 2:11-25; John 14:1-14*

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

## Sunday 10 May 2026

Sixth Sunday of Easter

*Readings: Acts 17.22-31; Psalm 66.7-19; 1 Peter 3.8-22; John 14.15-21*

**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 13 May 2026

*Readings: Acts 17.22-31; OR; 1 Peter 3.8-22; John 14.15-21*

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

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## 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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