



# ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH CANBERRA

**28 January 2024**

**Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**

Today's services are:

8am, 9.30am, 6.00pm

Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness.

Matthew 9.35



This year we are sad to be farewelling Canon Kevin Stone, our Pastoral Care Co-ordinator for the past 9 years. Kevin is pictured here with his piano accordion, sharing some Christmas cheer at Cuppacomalong (which meets on the fourth Monday of the month).

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

## PARISH NOTICES



**CANBERRA MISSION FOCUS:** Begin 2024 with a bigger view of what God is doing in the world. CMS is hosting its annual 'Canberra Mission Focus' at Radford College on **Friday 9 February** (from 7pm) and **Saturday 10 February** (9am–3.30pm). Keynote speaker is Derek Brotherson of Sydney Missionary and Bible College and there is a free kids' program. Registrations at: <https://www.cms.org.au/event/cms-canberra-mission-focus-2024/>

**NAME BADGES:** The Parish Office is holding 35+ name tags from the first two orders last year which are yet to be paid for and are therefore unable to be collected. If you ordered a name tag in 2023, could you please reimburse the parish office asap. Once payment is received, your badge will be available to pick up.

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. To be included in the next order (which will happen in mid - late Feb), please email [admin@stjohnscanberra.org](mailto:admin@stjohnscanberra.org).

**JARS FOR PARISH FAIR:** Jars are needed for our jam stall at the parish fair (19 October 2024). Any small or medium-sized jars (preferably clean and with labels removed) can be given directly to Joan Nichols (9.30am service) or to the parish office.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**DANTE LECTURE – THE ART OF WAKING UP:** This Thursday evening we are hosting a free public lecture on the classic 14<sup>th</sup> century Italian poem, *The Inferno*, by Dante Alighieri. Dr Julian Lamb (University of Wollongong) will be providing an introduction to this wonderful poem, drawing on its opening canto. While this will be of special interest to those considering joining an upcoming Lenten study (exploring the poem in greater depth), all are welcome, no prior knowledge is needed and entry is free. 7.30pm, **Thursday 1 February**, in the church.

**WORKING BEE: Saturday 3 February** 9.30am-11.30am. Please bring gardening gloves, hat, gardening footwear, any favourite tools. Planned work for the day includes tidying under the stage, disposal of other accumulated rubbish and general grounds maintenance. There will also be a focus on lawn mowing arrangements for 2024 and interested lawn mowers (as in people not equipment!) are encouraged to attend. Morning Tea will be served at 11.30am in the Robertson Room. Enquiries: Jamie Young, e-mail [jfyoung3@outlook.com](mailto:jfyoung3@outlook.com)

**KIDS MINISTRY IN 2024:** Ministry to kids and youth resumes with 'Start-Up Sunday' at 9.30am on **Sunday 4 February**, when our youth and kids' programs resume with some fun and games after our 9.30am service. Mainly Music (a music-based playgroup for babies, toddlers and preschoolers) will resume on **Wednesday 7 February**. Until then, we encourage families to continue being present at worship, where activity sheets are provided to help assist the kids. Enquiries: [mary.delautour@stjohnscanberra.org](mailto:mary.delautour@stjohnscanberra.org).

**WELCOME TO 2024:** We welcome all who have moved to Canberra or are visiting our church for the first time. We would love to get to know you better. New and established members of the parish are invited to a 'welcome to 2024' event on **Saturday 10 February**. After our Community Hymn Singing event at 6pm (see next notice), there will be some relaxed drinks and finger-food on the lawn, followed by a few words from the Rector, the Chair of Parish Council, and one or two ministry areas. We will offer some words of welcome, a quick overview of the parish, and some ways for you to get involved. Some light refreshments will be provided, but people are also invited to bring a plate to share.

**COMMUNITY HYMN SINGING:** To encourage familiarity with our rich tradition of Christian hymnody, throughout 2024 we intend to have a number of singing events. All are invited to come together to enjoy some favourite hymns, and learn some less familiar ones. These will be aligned with the liturgical season to help us all better enjoy and participate in our public worship. Our first session will focus on hymns of Transfiguration and Lent. **6pm, Saturday 10 February**.

**ST JOHN'S - HOSTING 'LIFE@WORK' HUB IN 2024:** Life@Work is City Bible Forum's annual conference to encourage Christians in their life and witness in the workplace. This year's conference is centred around the theme 'Whom then shall I fear?' and features a lineup of guest speakers including former NSW Premier Michael Baird. St John's is hosting a video hub in the Robertson Room on **Saturday 17th February, 2024**. Earlybird tickets are available at <https://citybibleforum.org/node/6971>

Don't miss the fun, games and ice cream  
sundaes after the 9.30am service



**startup  
sunday**



**Sunday 4 February**

## **Report from the Meeting of Parish Council of 20 December**

### **Rector's Report**

The Rector reported that there has been a significant growth in attendance figures with an average 50 more each week than last year. The 9.30am and 6pm services are up by 37% and the 8am service has grown a little. He noted that the Reverend Andrew Cameron has joined the clergy team on 15 January and that Anna Krebs will commence as a half time curate in the new year. She is being ordained in February.

### **Strategic Planning – Implementation**

Russ Tunks has now completed a report and very detailed spreadsheet on the needs analysis. The Rector noted that the main needs identified include an extra large worship space, several multipurpose rooms, office accommodation and storage. Secondary requirements include more toilets and a revamped kitchen. It was agreed that the next step is for the paper to be discussed by the Projects Committee who will then come back to Parish Council with a way forward, including an architect's brief.

### **Finance Update**

The Presiding Member noted that the offertory income has increased again and is averaging \$33,000 a month compared to the budgeted amount of \$25,000. Overall, the income for the year is up about \$50,000 compared with budget. The updated revised 2024 draft budget was discussed and approved in principle.

### **Property and Grounds Update**

The Chair of the Projects Committee reported on the new Parish Centre roof, including some minor damage sustained since its refurbishment. Repairs have been made and the ceilings will soon be repaired in two offices and the Rector's office. A list of projects for donations is in progress and proposals will be considered at the next Council meeting.

### **Community Outreach**

The Presiding Member noted the extensive report Bill Sutherland put together for Council which includes a review of the Fair in 2023 and planning for the 2024 Fair, to be held on 19 October. Bill has assembled a Fair handbook which he will update further prior to his departure. The Presiding Member thanked Bill for his skills and commitment as Fair Convenor in 2023 and that the Parish is much richer for his contribution.

If you have any questions please contact the Chair, John Richards, on 0407 790 767 (mobile) or [gjrich@bigpond.net.au](mailto:gjrich@bigpond.net.au)

## Seeking school supplies

Yesterday I spoke with a client who I call P. She had not visited St John's Care (SJC) for over two years. Since her last visit, P had managed her financial situation well until experiencing a tragedy not too long ago.

P has three daughters and had arranged a co-parenting (50-50) system with her ex-husband which was working well. That is until he was involved in an accident in which he died instantly.

Since then, she has been caring for her three daughters full time. Unfortunately, the expenses have steadily increased, particularly with the start of school fast approaching.

P explained that she had already visited Centrelink to update her current situation, but that this process would take a couple of weeks. I assured P that the staff and volunteers at SJC would try to help her in any way we could.

P and I sat together for a long time - she needed some space to vent her emotions in a safe environment as she was experiencing shock, frustration, and sadness. We were then able to look at her situation and consider her options.

Firstly, I made a referral to *Roundabout*,

asking for support with school packs for their three daughters. SJC assisted with obtaining uniforms for her children (polo shirt, skirt, and hat) and helped her with lunchboxes and water bottles - which we had on site. A referral was also made to *Thread Together* to help them get some additional clothing which they all needed (shoes, socks, jackets, etc).

P expressed her gratitude to me for the support that she received from St John's Care.

St John's Care operates in a unique space in that we can 'fill the gaps' where other services may not have the resources or capacity to provide emergency relief functions (e.g., food, clothing, advice, and referral).

P and I agreed that she could come once a fortnight, to receive help with food especially for her daughters' lunch boxes. She was also offered information about food bank support closer to her home.

I would like to thank the donors, supporters, and volunteers who have contributed to our organisation, and who have played a part in supporting people like P and her family.

Kind regards.

Karen Medrano  
SJC Case Manager

**Items Required:** shampoo, conditioner, Vegemite, school supplies, small sultanas

## Upcoming services

### Sunday 4 February

#### Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

**Readings:** Isaiah 40.21-31; Psalm 147.1-11; 1 Corinthians 9.16-23;  
Mark 1.29-39

- 8am Sung Eucharist
- 9.30am Family Eucharist with Baptisms  
– ‘Start Up Sunday’ for Kid’s Church and Youth Group
- 11.15am Choral Eucharist (BCP)
- 6pm stjohns@6

### Sunday 11 February

#### Transfiguration Sunday

**Readings:** 2 Kings 2.1-12; Psalm 50.1-6; 2 Corinthians 4.3-12;  
Mark 9.2-9

- 7am Eucharist (BCP)
- 8am Sung Eucharist
- 9.30am Family Eucharist
- 5pm Choral Evensong (BCP)
- 6.00pm stjohns@6

### Sunday 18 February

#### First Sunday in Lent

**Readings:** Genesis 9.8-17; Psalm 25.1-10; 1 Peter 3.18-22;  
Mark 1.9-15

- 8am Sung Eucharist
- 9.30am Family Eucharist
- 11.15am Matins (BCP) Friends of St Johns
- 6pm stjohns@6 Holy Communion

### Each Wednesday

- 10am 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 the following details:

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## FOR YOUR ENJOYMENT

### Who's In Control?

The people were all so amazed that they asked each other, "What is this? A new teaching—and with authority! He even gives orders to evil spirits and they obey him." Mark 1:27

Based on Mark 1:21-28



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PEOPLE  
DESTROY  
ORDERS  
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