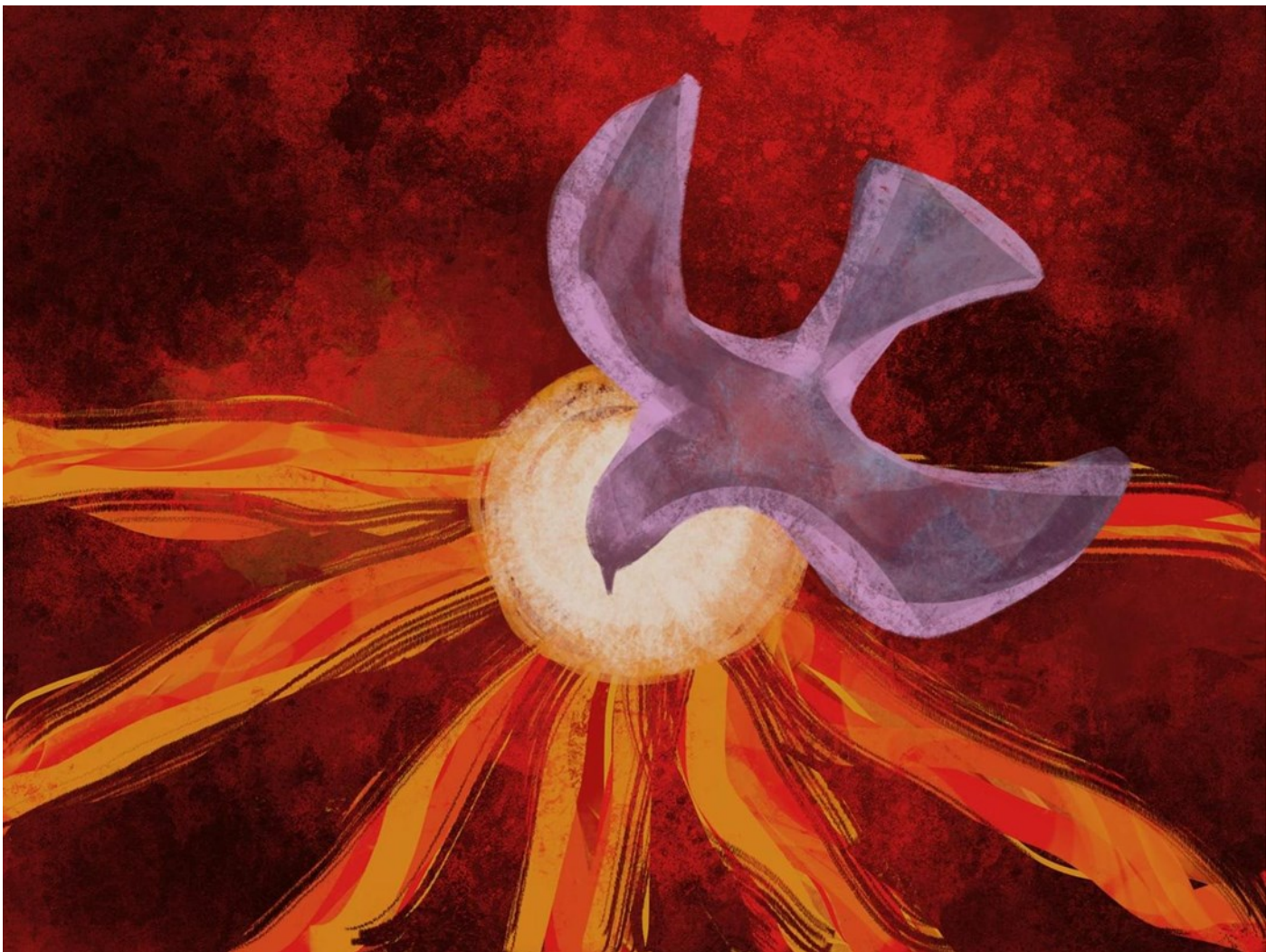


ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH CANBERRA

8 June 2025
Day of Pentecost

(This week's service times within)

God's love has been poured into
our hearts by the Holy Spirit who
has been given to us.



*Today we celebrate the festival of Pentecost, giving thanks that God the Holy Spirit has
been poured into our lives empowering us to be witnesses to Jesus Christ.*

(image <https://smmlomita.org/fire-and-love-of-pentecost/>)

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

NOTICES



Confirmations. Today we welcome Bishop Vanessa Bennett at our main services. 9.30am will be a confirmation service for Sarah Waddingham and stjohns@6 will be a confirmation service for Shaka Browning, William Dyer and James Fry.

Evensong. As today's monthly choral evensong occurs on the King's birthday long-weekend, the service will include prayers for the King. All welcome.

Christian Bootcamp. 'Bootcamp' is our parish's program for those (16+) seeking baptism or confirmation and is also suitable for new Christians or enquirers. Our first session ('Who - or What - is God?', 7.30pm, Thursday, 12 June, in the Robertson Room) might help you decide if this is for you. Register your interest by contacting the rector (see p.7).

Patronal Celebrations.

Patronal Service and Singalong: On 22 June, the whole parish is invited to gather for a combined Eucharist in the Hall at 9.30am, followed by morning tea together. (Other services cancelled that day). At 6pm, there will be a singalong/hymnfest in the church, followed by mulled wine in the hall. Bring some snacks to share. And if you can **assist** with morning tea after the 9.30 service, please contact the parish office, which will put you in touch with the coordinator.

Patronal Dinner: All are warmly invited to our parish dinner (25 June, 6pm to 8.30pm in the Hall) to celebrate our 180th anniversary. RSVP and payment by noon on Friday 20 June, at <https://www.stjohnscanberra.org/payments>. (BYO drinks). Contact parish office with any dietary requirements.

We are also looking for some **helpers** to set up tables beforehand, and to run glasses through the dishwasher at the end of the night. If you can assist, contact Alison (see contacts page).

Prof. Con Campbell on Luke's Gospel. The Prodigal Son. The Good Samaritan. The Rich Fool. The Dishonest Manager. The Persistent Widow. The Pharisee and the Tax Collector... Some of Jesus' most famous parables are found in one Gospel, and one Gospel only. It is also the only Gospel that mentions anything about Jesus' childhood, the road to Emmaus, and that has a sequel. If you're interested to gain an

overview of the fascinating and profoundly significant Gospel of Luke (a focus on this year's lectionary readings), New Testament scholar Con Campbell (9.30am service) is giving an overview seminar at 7.30pm, Thursday 19 June (Robertson Room).

Volunteers to Clean Church. We are seeking the help of some volunteers to vacuum and tidy the church on the 3rd, 4th and 5th Monday of each month. Please contact Jane at admin@stjohnscanberra.org if you are able to offer assistance.

Rose Garden: Seeking helpers. Our longtime overseer of the St John's Rose Garden, Barbara Hill, is looking to retire from this role. We are looking for someone (or a team of people) to take over care of the Rose Garden. Are you interested? Please contact Barbara to discuss (b.a.hill@bigpond.net.au).

'Flower Power' vacancies. We would love to welcome new members to our flower team. It's a great way to contribute to the experience of those who enter our church for worship, funerals, weddings or as visitors. Sanya Ritchie would love to hear from you if you would like to know more. Leave her a message on 6282 7118, or email sanya.ritchie@gmail.com.

The Jam Stall. While our fair's jam stall is now overseen by Jo Lloyd, Joan Nichols has not yet fully retired! She is already at work making jams and would love to hear from anyone with a Feijoa (Pineapple Guava) tree. Also, if you have any spare jars (especially 250g), please pass them to Joan or leave at the parish office.

'Making Marriage Work'. Whether you are recently married or have been for many years, our short (2 sessions) marriage course – drawn from the Gottman Institute's extensive research – could benefit any couple. Cost is \$120, and the next course is in October. If you'd like to know more, contact one of the clergy, or weddings@stjohnscanberra.org

Operation Christmas Child: Seeking Beanie Knitters. Now that the cold weather is keeping us in front of the fire, thoughts will turn to knitting. (Obviously!) We need some lovely people to make some for Operation Christmas Child. Last year we sent 110 boxes—i.e. lots of beanies! Jennifer Lawson can assist with wool, patterns, needles and instructions (if needed). jennifer.lawson@stjohnscanberra.org.

SUMMARY OF UPCOMING EVENTS

(*St John's event)

Tuesday 10 June Order of St Luke Healing Meeting. St David's Anglican Church, Red Hill. 2.00pm, then afternoon tea. Info Fr John Gibson (gibsonjohn385@gmail.com, 0451 681 118.)

***Thursday 12 June: 'Who – or What – is God?'** First session of our 2025 'Bootcamp'. (See earlier notice, 'Christian Bootcamp'). 7.30pm, Robertson Room. RSVP to Rev'd Dave.

***Saturday 14 June: Safe Ministry Training.** On site at St John's. Booked and paid for by the Parish, so please contact alison.hosking@stjohnscanberra.org to attend (or with any other Safe Ministry questions). For other dates/locations and online options, see <https://safercommunities.net.au/anglican-diocese-of-canberra-goulburn-online-training/>.

***Thursday 19 June: Evening seminar on Luke's Gospel.** An overview of Luke – the focus of this year's gospel readings. By New Testament Professor and parishioner Con Campbell. 7.30pm, in the Robertson Room.

***Saturday 21 June: Equip Women's Conference.** \$20 pp. In Robertson Room or the Hall (depending on numbers). Contact Mary de Lautour for information (see page 7).

***Sunday 22 June: Patronal Festival.** Combined Patronal Eucharist (9.30am in hall). Singalong and 'hymn fest' (6pm, in the church), followed by mulled wine (in Hall).

***Wednesday 25 June: Patronal Dinner.** 6pm to 8.30pm in the hall for a spit roast and dessert (BYO drinks). RSVP and payment at <https://www.stjohnscanberra.org/payments>.

***Saturday 26 July: St John's Care Trivia Night.** A fun evening for a great cause. In the Hall from 6pm. Bookings through <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1397030>

Saturday 26 July: Anglican Mother's Union NSW Conference. Triannual conference and barbeque dinner, at Bishop Mark and Dr Monica Short's home in Watson from 5pm to 8.30pm. Bookings through Alison Payne alison.payne@anglicancg.org.au

Monday 7 July -Friday 11 July: Scripture Union Youth Leadership Conference. Connecting faith in Jesus with everyday life so that young leaders develop in their character and conviction. At the Shoalhaven Youthworks Conference Centre, \$425 -\$500. Bookings through the QR code



***Saturday 18 October: 2025 St John's Parish Fair.** Contact John Richards on gjrich@bigpond.net.au

Reaching milestones

Four years ago, a quiet but resilient family first walked through our doors—a devoted mother and her two teenage children, each carrying more than their share of life's burdens. Over time, their faces have become familiar, and their story has become one of courage, hardship, and hope.

The family's struggles have been significant. The mother, a kind and soft-spoken woman, has faced ongoing financial hardship for years, doing her best to provide for her children. More recently, her world was turned upside down when she was diagnosed with cancer. As her health declined, the weight of day-to-day responsibilities began to fall more heavily on her children—two teenagers trying to navigate their own lives while caring for the person who has always cared for them.

Despite the immense pressure, these young people have shown remarkable determination. Over the years, St John's Care has supported them with regular food assistance, support with transport and prescriptions, a listening ear, and help managing the complex emotional toll of their situation. Sometimes, simply having someone to talk to—a place where they feel safe, seen and supported, makes all the difference.

Recently, the family's daughter reached out for help with something that felt out of reach amid the chaos: booking driving lessons and applying for university. Despite her drive and determination, she was limited by the necessary resources to achieve these goals. Together, we worked through each step—connecting her with the right supports, helping her complete applications, and encouraging her every step of the way.

Last week, she proudly received her provisional driver's licence, and just days later, she was accepted into university.

As she drove up the driveway to St John's Care, I reflected on how significant these moments are for her, and for her whole family. They are reminders that even in the darkest of times, hope can take root—and with the right support, people can begin to rebuild.

To our donors: thank you. Your kindness and generosity help us walk alongside families like this one, not just in times of crisis, but through the long, slow work of healing and growth. Your support makes stories like this possible.

Thank you,

Robbie Speldewinde
Operations Manager

Items Required: Vegemite, cooking oil, chunky soup, Shampoo and conditioner, dishwashing liquid

Upcoming services

Sunday 8 June 2025

Day of Pentecost

Readings: Acts 2.1-21; Psalm 104.26-36; Romans 8.14-17; John 14.8-17

- 7.00am:** Eucharist (1662 Book of Common Prayer)
8.00am: Sung Eucharist
9.30am: Family Eucharist & Confirmations (Kids Church & Youth Group)
5:00pm: Choral Evensong (1662 Book of Common Prayer)
6.00pm: stjohs@6 (Praise, Prayer & Proclamation & Confirmations)

Wednesday 11 June 2025

Readings: Acts 2.1-21; John 14.8-17

- 10am:** Eucharist (1662 Book of Common Prayer)

Sunday 15 June 2025

Trinity Sunday

Readings: Proverbs 8.1-4, 22-31; Psalm 8; Romans 5.1-5; John 16.12-15

- 8.00am:** Sung Eucharist
9.30am: Family Eucharist (Kids Church & Youth Group)
11:15am: Choral Matins (1662 Book of Common Prayer)
6.00pm: stjohs@6 (Praise, Prayer & Proclamation)

Wednesday 18 June 2025

Readings: TBA

- 10am:** 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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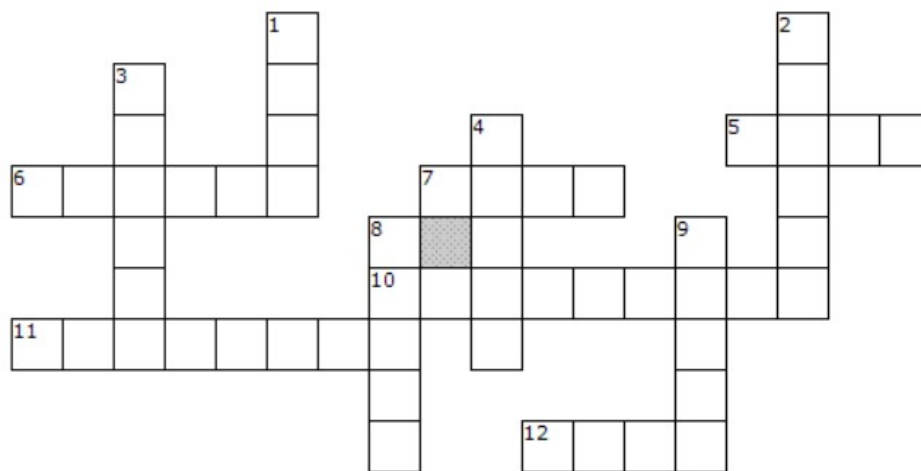
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FOR YOUR ENJOYMENT

Filled with the Holy Spirit

All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. Acts 2:4 (NIV)

Based on Acts 2:1-21 (NIV)



ACROSS

5. Make something to be full
6. To be totally surprised
7. Something that is pure and good, such as God's Word
10. The day the Holy Spirit came upon the apostles
11. Means of communication used by the people of a particular country
12. A destructive burning

DOWN

1. Blowing air, especially that which would move the leaves on a tree
2. A being that cannot be seen, like a ghost
3. The place where God lives
4. Something that can be heard
8. To say words, to use the voice
9. A building which people live in

HEAVEN	SPIRIT	FIRE	HOLY
WIND	PENTECOST	LANGUAGE	SPEAK
SOUND	FILL	HOUSE	AMAZED