



ST JOHN'S

ANGLICAN CHURCH

CANBERRA



Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb.

(John 20:1)

Easter Day, 2024

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| 6 am | Lighting of the New Fire and Eucharist |
| 8 am | Sung Eucharist |
| 9.30 am | Church Family Eucharist & Egg Hunt |
| 11.15 am | Choral Eucharist (1662 Book of Common Prayer) |
| 6 pm | stjohns@6 Eucharist (Holy Communion) |



FROM THE RECTOR

Easter 2024



Our lives are often complicated—and sometimes painful. Our world is beset by conflict in the Middle East and Europe, and great power tensions in the Asia Pacific. Many are living under considerable financial strain and uncertainty. These are hard days for optimists.

But it changes things greatly when we live our lives in the wake of the events of Good Friday and Easter. In Jesus' sufferings, we see the full horror of our sin and the pain it inflicts. We see the love of God enduring the worst for us. And then we see the empty tomb of Easter dawn, and the certainty of God's victory over all that stood against us.

On behalf of the St John's clergy team, I'd like to wish you all a happy and joyful Easter. In the darkness of Good Friday and the relief of Easter Day, may we see the extent of God's love for us, and his defeat of the darkness.

Christ is risen!

Rev'd Dave



A Villanelle for Easter Day

by Malcolm Guite (2017)

*As though some heavy stone were rolled away,
You find an open door where all was closed,
Wide as an empty tomb on Easter Day.*

*Lost in your own dark wood, alone, astray,
You pause, as though some secret were disclosed,
As though some heavy stone were rolled away.*

*You glimpse the sky above you, wan and grey,
Wide through those shadowed branches interposed,
Wide as an empty tomb on Easter Day.*

*Perhaps there's light enough to find your way,
For now the tangled wood feels less enclosed,
As though some heavy stone were rolled away.*

*You lift your feet out of the miry clay
And seek the light in which you once reposed,
Wide as an empty tomb on Easter Day.*

And then Love calls your name, you hear Him say:

*The way is open, death has been deposed,
As though some heavy stone were rolled away,
And you are free at last on Easter Day.*

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

EASTER: WHAT NEXT?

CHRISTIAN BOOTCAMP: This year, we are again running 'Christian Bootcamp' – evening classes, held approximately monthly. Ideal for those (16+) seeking baptism or confirmation, new Christians, enquirers, or those simply wanting to brush up on the foundations of Christian belief, prayer and life. Flyers with more detail are available as you leave the church. Our first session ('Who - or What - is God?') might help you decide if this is for you. Robertson Room, **Wednesday 29 May** 7.30pm. Contact Rev'd Dave McLennan (rector@stjohnscanberra.org) to register your interest.

NEXT SUNDAY - VISITING CHOIR: The 25-person St Paul's College Chapel Choir (University of Sydney) will be visiting us for a special Choral Eucharist at 11.15am next **Sunday 7 April**. The service will feature the *Darke Communion Setting in F* and a communion motet from Fauré's *Cantique de Jean Racine*. It is supported by the Friends of St John's, who will provide refreshments after the service.

The choir's presence precedes a tour to the UK, where they will be singing at Westminster Abbey, St Paul's Cathedral, Canterbury Cathedral and York Minster, as well as several locations in Paris. All are welcome.



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

Donations/giving can also be offered using your credit/debit card at our tap donation point located near the baptism font.

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Upcoming Services—Sunday 7 April 2024

8.00am, 9.30am, 11.15am, 6 pm

Second Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 4.32-37; Psalm 133; 1 John 1.1-2.2

John 20.19-31

Parish Office Hours: Tues - Fri 9.30 am - 2.30 pm

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