



ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH CANBERRA

28 May 2023

Day of Pentecost

7.00am, 8.00am, 9.30 am, 6pm

'Let anyone who is thirsty come to me,' says the Lord; 'and let the one who believes in me drink. For out of your heart shall flow rivers of living water.'

John 7.38



On Tuesday 23 May, St John's Care celebrated its 32nd birthday. Last Sunday the youth group hosted a special morning tea for SJC at which \$270.00 was raised. Pictured here cutting the cake are Glenda Richards, Chair of the St John's Care committee and Jason Haines, Executive Officer.

Photo: Jon Hawkins

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

CHURCH NOTICES



UNDER 20s FELLOWSHIP: Beginning **today (28 May)** and running **until 18 June**, 17-19 year olds are invited to a time of study and fellowship over morning tea. We will meet in Wild Honey immediately after the 9.30am service and finish at 11.30am. Please email Kirsten for more details: Kirsten.lamb@stjohnscanberra.org

CHRISTIAN BOOTCAMP: This week we recommence 'Christian Bootcamp' – evening classes held approximately monthly. Ideal for (16+) new Christians, enquirers, people seeking baptism or confirmation, or those simply wanting to brush up on the foundations of Christian belief, prayer and life. For a taster of what follows, all are welcome to join us for our first session 'Who - or What - is God?'. Robertson Room, this **Wednesday 31 May** 7.30pm. Contact Rev'd Dave McLennan to register your interest. (rector@stjohnscanberra.org)

STAFF CHANGE: Due to a change in his status with the diocesan ordination process, Nathanael Thierry finished his position at St John's last week. Please continue to pray for Nathanael and Génovah as they contemplate their next steps for life and ministry.

VICKY CULLEN: Vicky will celebrate Holy Communion for her last time on **Wednesday 31 May**, at 10am – an opportunity for all to come together and express our gratitude to God for Vicky's life of ministry.

ST JOHN'S PATRONAL DINNER: Celebrate our Patronal Festival on **Thursday 22 June**. Join members from all congregations from 6pm to 8.30pm for a three course alternate setting dinner (plus tea and coffee) at the CIT student run restaurant (next door to St John's). The cost per head is \$37. It will be a time to share and have some fun. Book through TryBooking (copy and paste this link <https://www.trybooking.com/CIPZG>) or contact Alison Hosking for payment alternatives in the parish office. Bookings close on 8 June please book early.

SATURDAY 3 JUNE - WORKING BEE: 9.30am-11.30am. Morning Tea will be served at 11.30am in the Robertson Room. Please bring gardening gloves, hat, gardening footwear, any favorite tools. Planned work for the day includes grounds maintenance and clearing of leaves. Enquiries: Bill Sutherland bill.sutherland@bigpond.com

THANK YOU: On **Friday 26th May**, the flowers provided for the funeral of Joan Crook were donated by members of our 8am service and members of our Flower Power team.
May Joan rest in peace and rise in glory.



EQUIP WOMEN'S ONLINE CONFERENCE 2023: Saturday 17

June from 10am-3pm. Theme – God With Us | The Book of Haggai. Please register for the event with TryBooking. The event will be held in a parishioners home. All details for the event are in the link <https://www.trybooking.com/CIFIN>



FAMILY BUSHWALK & BBQ: Monday 12 June Meet at Cotter Road Car Park, Cotter Bend, 10.15am. We will walk the Bullen Track followed by a relaxed BBQ lunch (BYO) RSVP to Mary De Lautour (mary.delautour@stjohnscanberra.org)

2023 HERITAGE FUND APPEAL: Parishioners and friends are invited to donate to this year's Heritage Fund Appeal which aims to further our conservation work on the stained glass windows of the Church. This year's Appeal letter and the Heritage Fund's brochure have been sent to those receiving the weekly newsletter by email. Details also on our website (www.stjohnscanberra.org/giving) 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



NATIONAL TRUST

SOCIAL ENTERPRISE WORKSHIP: The Power to Make a Difference – An open seminar on the theory and practice of innovative social enterprise – **Tuesday 30 May**, 6.00-8.30pm at the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture, Barton.

CROCHET GROUP: Friday 2 June in the Robertson Room between 10am-12pm. All welcome. Contact Jennifer Lawson 0407 286 572.

LIVING IN GOD'S TWO KINGDOMS: Join Prof. David Van Druenen, author of "Politics after Christendom", for a discussion on Christian political and social engagement. **Tuesday 13 June** at 7.30-9.30pm at the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture, Barton. Cost \$10 per person. Spaces are limited, please register by following this link <https://lmi.org.au/event/vandrunen/>

PARISH DIARY



WEDNESDAY 31 MAY: 10am Eucharist, celebrated by Rev'd Vicky Cullen

WEDNESDAY 31 MAY: 'Who—or what—is God?' 7.30pm, Robertson Room.

SATURDAY 3 JUNE: Working Bee, 9.30am

MONDAY 12 JUNE: Family Bushwalk & BBQ: Cotter Bend 10.15am

SATURDAY 17 JUNE: Equip Women's Online Conference 2023.

THURSDAY 22 JUNE: St John's Patronal dinner at the CIT restaurant from 6-8.30pm. Bookings close on 8 June. Don't delay!

PARISH COUNCIL

Report from the Meeting of Parish Council of 19 April

- The newly formed Parish Council for 2022-2023 met for the first time on the evening of Wednesday 19 April. Members received the *2023 Parish Council Handbook* which is a useful reference for Council business and were encouraged to read the *Governance of the Diocese Ordinance* which governs Council.
- The Rector reported that the Easter services were well attended (21% increase from last year) but that the overflowing 9.30am service reinforced the need to move ahead with modifications on using the Robertson Room as an overflow space. It was agreed that at future meetings the implementation of the Strategic Plan will be discussed including the development of a Parish site concept.
- Russell Tunks reported that the proposed reconfiguration in St John's Care is due to large increases in clients and the lack of privacy in the current space. He outlined the proposed internal changes which will address several needs identified by clients, volunteers and staff. They are short term fixes until a longer-term large redevelopment can be done. Parish Council gave approval for St John's Care to engage PJML Constructions to carry out the required internal re-configuration.
- The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Tree event held on the 14 April was very successful, made possible by the contributions of many in the Parish. It was agreed that letters of thanks would be sent to the key people involved and that a letter be written to His Majesty King Charles III in view of his mother's special relationship with our Parish.
- Several property and maintenance issues have been identified and solutions to these are being worked on. The roof of the Parish Centre has been leaking for some time, causing deterioration and damp in the walls. There is also at least one leak in the St John's Care wing. Various options are being considered including replacing the whole roof or repairing any leaks.

Upcoming services

Sunday 4 June

Trinity Sunday

Readings: Exodus 34.1-8; Song of the Three 29-34; 2 Corinthians 13.11-13
Matthew 28.16-20

- 8am **Sung Eucharist**
9.30am **Family Eucharist** (with kid's church and youth group)
11.15am **Choral Eucharist** (1662 Book of Common Prayer)
6.00pm **stjohns@6**

Sunday 11 June

Second Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: 1 Samuel 8.4-11 (12-15), 16-20; Psalm 138; 2 Corinthians 4.13-5.1
Mark 3.20-35

- 7am **Eucharist** (1662 Book of Common Prayer)
8am **Sung Eucharist**
9.30am **Family Eucharist** (with kid's church and youth group)
5.00pm **Choral Evensong**
6.00pm **stjohns@6**

Sunday 18 June

Third Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: Genesis 18.1-15; Psalm 116.1-2, 11-18; Romans 5.1-11
Matthew 9.35-10.8 (9-23)

- 8am **Sung Eucharist**
9.30am **Family Eucharist** (kid's church and youth group assisting)
11.15am **Choral Eucharist** (1662 Book of Common Prayer)
6.00pm **stjohns@6 Holy Communion**

Each Wednesday

- 10am **Eucharist** (1662 Book of Common Prayer)
Parish Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday 9.30 am - 2.30 pm

Ph: 6248 8399 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 the following details:

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Opening Hours: 9.30am to 2.30pm Tuesday to Friday

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My home is my car, and my pets are my family

A month ago St John's Care (SJC) received a new client who we will call N. He has been living in his car for a couple of years. He came on a Friday morning looking for someone to talk to about his needs and his day-to-day life.

N began by telling me about his past experiences and how he decided to make his car his home. He'd had a very bad relationship with his family, and told me that living with them was not good for him. It was affecting him emotionally.

Three years ago he decided to live in his car with his dog - his faithful friend as he calls him. N explained that he had previously been able to cope with the living situation. He could work part time while a friend took care of his dog. However his situation changed a few months ago.

He now has three dogs with him including a 3-month-old puppy. Everything he receives from Centrelink is spent on pet food and petrol. After this he has very little money left to buy food for himself.

While we were talking I asked N if he had tried to apply for government housing so that he could be more comfortable and might see an improvement in his quality of life. He told me that he had tried once but was told that the first thing he had to do was to get rid of his pets.

N told me that this is something he is not willing to do. He needs his pets with him. He explained that they are the only family he has and he does not want to lose them. This is why he was here, because he needs help from St John's Care.

After talking with N we came to an agreement that he can visit SJC twice a week. He only needs small amounts of food because he has no space to keep or store it. We also spoke about contacting Rainbow Paws (*The Rainbow Paws Program provides free pet food and products in addition to subsidised boarding, desexing and vet care*) to see if they could assist with food, check-ups or anything his pets need.

I also offered him information about CIT Dog Day Care. This program is more affordable than other programs offered in the community.

I gave him information about the Early Morning Centre - who provide food, essential services, support and community activities with a focus on individual needs.

We also discussed Pets in the Park - who provide free vet services for pets belonging to people who are experiencing homelessness. The team of volunteers hold a monthly vet clinic at the Early Morning Centre.

N couldn't believe all the help and information he received and it made him feel relieved that he could count on someone.

Since that first visit N comes on Mondays and Fridays. On Fridays he comes to make use of the Orange Sky laundry service (*Orange Sky Australia positively connects people experiencing homelessness through free laundry*).

I would like to thank the donors, supporters and volunteers who have played a part in supporting people like N and his pets.

Kind regards;
Karen Medrano, SJC Case Manager

Items Required: 1 litre full cream UHT milk
Up and Go, shampoo and conditioner, Thick 'n'
Chunky soup

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)

Choose the word that best matches the definition.

Answers can be found in Acts 2:1-21 (NIV)



- ___ 1. Make something to be full
A. fill B. sound C. fire D. spirit
- ___ 2. To say words, to use the voice
A. amazed B. speak C. sound D. language
- ___ 3. A destructive burning
A. flood B. sound C. wind D. fire
- ___ 4. A building which people live in
A. house B. temple C. spirit D. holy
- ___ 5. Blowing air, especially that which would move the leaves on a tree
A. wind B. fire C. fill D. speak
- ___ 6. Something that is pure and good, such as God's Word
A. fire B. holy C. wind D. amazed
- ___ 7. Means of communication used by the people of a particular country
A. language B. speak C. sound D. fill
- ___ 8. To be totally surprised
A. spirit B. fire C. amazed D. holy
- ___ 9. A being that cannot be seen, like a ghost
A. spirit B. person C. holy D. amazed
- ___ 10. Something that can be heard
A. spirit B. speak C. sound D. amazed