

ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH CANBERRA

17 May 2026
Seventh Sunday of Easter
(This week's service times within)

*This is eternal life, that we may know you, the only true God, and
Jesus Christ whom you have sent. John 17.3*



The Ascension
by Rembrandt, 1636.
*(Bavarian State Painting
Collections, Munich, Germany.)*

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God,
whose Son, Jesus, prayed for his disciples,
and sent them into the world to proclaim the coming of your kingdom:
by your Holy Spirit,
hold the Church in unity,
and keep it faithful to your word,
so that, breaking bread together,
we may be one with Christ in faith and love and service,
now and for ever. **Amen.**

IMPORTANT NOTICES

Patronal Dinner. Parishioners from all congregations are invited to gather for the annual St John's Patronal Dinner. Our guest speaker will be Henry Olonga - former Zimbabwean Test cricket player and a man of inspirational Christian conviction and courage. The spit roast dinner (incl. pre-dinner nibbles, dessert and tea/coffee) will be held on Thursday 18th June, 6pm to 9pm in the church hall. Tickets are \$50 per person, BYO drinks. Bookings can be made through the following link, or through the QR Code:
<https://www.trybooking.com/1582295>



Parish Morning Teas with St John's Schoolhouse Museum.

Today, Sunday 17 May will be our first "Parish meets Schoolhouse" morning tea for 2026, to be held after both the 8am and 9.30 am services. If it is another fine autumn day, we'll meet on the northern and eastern paved areas outside the Schoolhouse. If not, 8am attendees will be inside the Museum, and the larger 9.30 crowd will meet in the Parish Hall.

The Museum will also be open that morning so that parishioners can visit (or re-visit!) our Heritage Festival exhibition, "Marked for Demolition; the Lost and the Saved". This features the Schoolhouse Museum's own story of survival, as well as the sad tale of the loss of "Glebe House", St John's second Rectory.

The Schoolhouse Volunteers look forward to greeting many of you at this twice-yearly event, when we welcome parishioners to our heritage building. Questions? Contact Jenny Garden on 0414 551 821.

For 9.30am and 6pm ‘regulars’. Thank you for trying to leave space near the back of the church, and near the aisles, to make it easier for visitors to find a seat. We continue to look for ushers to assist our sidespersons, (especially at 6pm). Please email jane.rose@stjohnscanberra.org if you can help.

‘Church Center’ and Parish Roll update. 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. Andrew Cameron is on leave for a few weeks, but will be glad to help when he returns. The Directory is not activated in the App yet—coming soon!

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.

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/

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/>)

Have you ever been to St John's (Lake Bathurst)? You are invited to hear the Rev'd Dr Tom Frame tell you its history, Saturday 10.30am 23 May. And stay to learn what has been happening by the Anglican Historical Society. Please let Randall Wilson (0437 621 951 or rgwhmw@outlook.com) or Canon Kevin Stone know that you are coming as St John's will provide Morning Tea and afterwards we meet for lunch at the Loaded Dog (own expense). All are welcome.

Bible for Blokes. All men are welcome to come. We will begin reading and reflecting on how the Christian Church began as told in

the Acts of the Apostles. We begin on Tuesday 26th May at 10.30am in the Upper Room. Enquiries, Canon Kevin Stone.

Jam Stall. Jo Lloyd, our wonderful convenor, requests gifts of lemons, sugar and dried apricots which will be turned into jam in her 'spare time'. Please encourage her. Jam making continues throughout the year as the fruits ripen. My supply of jars is getting very low, having 'jammed up' my strawberries and figs, so I would appreciate being gifted with your surplus clean jars and lids. Plus, if any of you have access to Feijoas they also would be welcome – they make a very interesting and tasty jam. Joan Nichols.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

All Saints' Eve: Assistance needed. Are you creative or enjoy story telling? Are you passionate about sharing the history and site of St John's with the community? Maybe you have lots of great ideas? Or you just have a great sense of fun?

If any of this sounds like you, then please consider joining the team preparing for All Saints' Eve. I need people to help develop the mystery trail theme, story and presentation, and ideas for other activities. We had 75 children (plus their parents) last year celebrating All Saints' instead of Halloween. This is a Christ centred alternative for Christian families, and an outreach to others. As the event grows I need help with preparation for it to be sustainable. You can be any age and do not need to attend on the day. Please let me know if you are interested and I can share more detail – mary.delautour@stjohnscanberra.org

SUMMARY OF UPCOMING EVENTS

(*St John's event)

***Sunday 17 May: Parish Morning Teas with St John's Schoolhouse Museum.** See page 2 for full details.

***Saturday 23 May: Operation Christmas Child—Working Group.** From 1pm-4pm in the Robertson Room. Contact Jennifer Lawson on 0407 286 572.

***Monday 25 May: Cuppacomalong.** All welcome for fellowship and afternoon tea. Our guest speaker will be Ailsa White on "Living in France" 2pm to 4pm. Contact Ailsa Curtis (6247 9363).

*** Tuesday 26 May: Bible for Blokes.** At 10.30am in the Upper Room. Enquiries, Canon Kevin Stone.

***Thursday 28 May: Bootcamp—Incarnation and Atonement.**
7pm in the Robertson Room.

ST JOHN'S CARE WINTER APPEAL

As Canberra's temperatures continue to drop, more people in our community are being pushed to breaking point. Families who have never needed support before are now struggling to afford food, fuel, heating, and other everyday essentials.

This winter, St John's Care is expecting one of our busiest seasons yet, and we need your help. The good news is that every donation made to our Winter Appeal will be matched dollar-for-dollar up to \$30,000 thanks to the incredible generosity of one of our long-time supporters.

That means your kindness can have twice the impact for local people doing it tough this winter. Together, we can help provide emergency relief, practical support, and hope to people across our community when they need it most.

Donate to our Winter Appeal - <https://www.stjohnscare.org.au/donate>

St John's Care
Partnering with Anglicare
Compassion | Advocacy | Respect | Encouragement

One unexpected cost can tip everything.

This winter, help us be the support that restores balance.

Rising costs. Tight budgets. No room to adjust.
For many in our community, it only takes one unexpected cost to change everything.

RENT **FOOD** **BILLS** **PETROL**

UNEXPECTED CAR REPAIR

St John's CARE

- We provide food and essential items
- We offer dignity, care and compassion
- We stand with our community in times of need

You can help

Your donation can turn a moment of crisis into hope and help ensure no one in our community has to face winter alone.
Donate today.

Because no one should have to choose between getting to work and putting food on the table.
Thank you for standing with us, and with those in our community who need it most.

From Crisis to Hope

A woman visited our service today seeking urgent support after experiencing a series of difficult circumstances. She had been living and working in Canberra, where she was employed in a checkout role. Following an injury affecting her hand and arm, she was no longer able to continue working due to ongoing pain and physical limitations.

The client reported that other people experiencing homelessness recommended that she come to our service for support. Without income, she gradually exhausted all of her savings and recently became homeless, sleeping on the streets while trying to navigate her situation alone. Due to her current circumstances and lack of income, the client is also unable to access housing options or receive any type of Centrelink financial support, leaving her with very limited pathways to stability and recovery.

The client also shared that, due to financial hardship and having no remaining savings, she had stopped taking her prescribed medication because she could no longer afford her PBS prescription costs. St John's Care was able to assist by covering the cost of her PBS prescriptions to ensure she could continue accessing her medication and support her health and wellbeing. Through collaboration between St John's Care and other support services, emergency accommodation was secured for four nights to provide immediate safety and stability. St John's Care is also continuing to assist the client through food relief support and advocacy with external agencies to explore options for financial assistance with flight tickets so she can return home and reconnect with her support network. After discussing her circumstances and future plans, the client provided consent for support workers to contact other organisations on her behalf to seek assistance with travel costs. She believes that returning home will allow her to access stronger supports and services that may better support her recovery and long-term wellbeing.

Despite the challenges she is facing, the client remains hopeful and motivated to rebuild stability in her life. Support from donors makes it possible for services like St John's Care to respond quickly to people experiencing crisis, providing practical assistance, advocacy, and hope during some of the most vulnerable moments in their lives.

Kind regards

Karen Medrano, Case Manager

Items Required: School snacks, Milo, Oil, Rolled oats

Upcoming services

Sunday 17 May 2026

Seventh Sunday of Easter (Sunday after Ascension)

*Readings: Acts 1.6-14; Psalm 68.1-10, 32-35; 1 Peter 5;
John 17.1-11*

8.00am: Sung Eucharist

9.30am: Family Eucharist (Kids Church & Youth Group)

6.00pm: stjohns@6 (Holy Communion)

Wednesday 20 May 2026

Readings: Acts 1.6-14; OR 1 Peter 5; John 17.1-11

Sunday 24 May 2026

Pentecost

Readings: Acts 2.1-21 OR Numbers 11.24-30; Psalm 104.26-36; 1 Corinthians 12.1-13 OR Acts 2.1-21; John 20.19-23 OR John 7.37-52

7.00am: Eucharist (1662 Book of Common Prayer)

8.00am: Sung Eucharist

9.30am: Family Eucharist (Kids Church & Youth Group)

6.00pm: stjohns@6 (Praise, Prayer and Proclamation)

Wednesday 27 May 2026

*Readings: Acts 2.1-21 OR Numbers 11.24-30; 1 Corinthians 12.1-13 OR
Acts 2.1-21; John 20.19-23 OR John 7.37-52*

10.00am: 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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