

ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH CANBERRA

7 September 2025 Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

(This week's service times within)

Whoever does not carry the cross and follow Jesus cannot be his disciple. Luke 14.27



In 1969, Lady Katharine Dunrossil donated a silver chalice to the parish in memory of her late husband Governor-General Lord Dunrossil (St John's parishioner). The chalice was made by two students at Bourton Vale School in Gloucestershire. One of those students, David Gegg (pictured with his daughter Amber) visited our midweek Communion service last week. (The full story of the chalice will be in the October edition of the Anglican Historical Society).

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

The following notices draw attention to a range of news and events which, in various ways, seek to 'bear witness to Jesus Christ, the source of life.'

<u>Forthcoming Seminars and Courses.</u> The following events are to help us flourish as members of the body of Christ. Please come along – and invite friends, as appropriate.

Thursday September 18: Unexpected News on Suffering.

When we suffer, it's normal to think it's our fault, or that maybe God hates us. The biblical authors reckon there is a *lot* more to it than that. Rev'd Andrew won't be able to give a reason for all suffering but will look at some themes in Scripture that may surprise you. 7.30pm Robertson Room.

<u>Wednesday October 8: Stepping Up—A Conversation on Christian Learning & Service.</u>

Anyone can grow through the study of the Bible and theology at St Mark's (including part-time! remote! evenings! or in-person!). In the Robertson Room with St Mark's Faculty, we'll look at how that works. Part 1 of the evening starting 6.00pm is specifically for women (men welcome to listen in). The second half (7.00pm) is for everyone. Nibbles at 5.30pm. <u>Bookings essential</u>: https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1442008 or the QR code.

Thursdays November 6, 13, 20: 3-2-1—an introduction to Christianity.

If you feel like you are starting at square one, or need a refresher on the basics, 3-2-1 is for you. We discuss videos by Glen Scrivener (for a taster, see https://321.speaklife.org.uk). 7.30pm Robertson Room. Further info: Jamie Young or Rev'd Andrew.

NOTICES



St John's Floriade Event. We're pleased to announce that St John's has been selected to participate in 'Floriade About Town', an initiative to spread Floriade around Canberra. This will take the form of a bellringing concert on Saturday 13 September, the opening day of Floriade, at 2.00-3.00pm. The Church and Schoolhouse will be open for visitors to explore. Parishioners are most welcome to come and enjoy the music, and help show the community around. For more, visit https://floriadeaustralia.com/about-town/st-johns-anglican-church.

<u>Automating Our Parking System: Seeking Help.</u> St John's has long been blessed by volunteers who keep our ministry flourishing. One key area has been managing our parking tenants, which provides vital income for our church. Parish Council hopes to update and automate this system, and is seeking a volunteer with skills in accounting/IT integration (MYOB, databases, camera recognition) to help design and implement a new system. Please contact the office if you can assist.

<u>Friends of St John's: Afternoon Tea and Evensong.</u> Rev'd Elaine Farmer OAM previously served as clergy at St John's, and is currently part of the team at St Paul's Manuka. On Sunday 14 September she will talk on the theme of *Grace*, reflecting on her journey as one of the first women ordained in this diocese. (Enabling women to serve in ordained ministry remains a key diocesan focus.)

Rev'd Elaine will speak at an afternoon tea event at 3.30pm in the Robertson Room. Afterwards, she will join us for Choral Evensong in the church (5pm). All are welcome.

Parliamentary Prayer Breakfast. This annual event, to be held on 3 November at 7.15am (in the Great Hall of Parliament House) offers us a chance to pray for our members of parliament, in the presence of many political and faith leaders. This year's speaker is historian Dr John Dickson, on the theme 'rejoicing in hope'. This theme finds beautiful expression in *The First Hymn* – the oldest known Christian hymn with musical notation – preserved on a 3rd century papyrus fragment uncovered in Egypt. John Dickson, in collaboration with some top musicians and worship leaders, has now brought this ancient hymn to life.

St John's has booked 16 seats for interested parishioners. If you'd like to claim one (\$62), email Jane at the parish office at admin@stjohnscanberra.org as soon as possible.

'Predestination and Election': Book launch and signing. After Mark Warren's (parishioner and lay preacher) presentation on Predestination at St John's in 2023, several parishioners said that he should write a book. Well, here it is! Based on his Master of Theology dissertation at St Mark's, the book explores historical influences on various Bible texts, which suggest that St Paul's teaching on predestination and election may have been simpler and more comforting than we have often thought. Join us in the

Robertson Room (Monday 15 September, 7pm) to find out more and get a signed copy for \$25 (or order at https://wipfandstock.com/9798385251933/rediscovering-the-joy-of-predestination-and-the-comfort-of-election/)

<u>Youth 'check in'.</u> On Sunday, senior youth (years 10-12) catch up briefly to discuss faith questions. This happens in the Robertson Room towards the end of the 6pm service (immediately after the notices). See Barnabas (barnabaswalks@gmail.com), William (willjmcl11@gmail.com) or Jess (jess.evans31169@gmail.com) for more information.

Making Marriage Work. We are offering a short (2 sessions) marriage course to those who have booked a wedding at St John's. Occasionally we have spare spots, which we offer to interested parishioners. Whether you are recently married or have been for many years, this material – 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

<u>Jam Stall</u>. Thank you to those of you who have provided glass jars for the Jam Stall for the upcoming Fair. We now have plenty and appreciate the donations. If anyone is able to provide sugar, lemons, or rhubarb to our jam makers please contact Jo Lloyd at cjlloyd@me.com

Kategoria Conference. In Greek, *kategoria* means 'accusation' – the opposite of *apologia* (defence). This is a conference about going on the front foot with a compelling, gospel-shaped vision for human flourishing. Over four days in beautiful Murrumbateman, Kategoria brings together Christians for deep teaching, serious thinking, and rich community. You'll hear from theologians, policy experts, pastors, academics and culture-makers, all engaging the big questions of our time.

Kategoria is designed to foster a residential learning community where participants not only receive robust input but also engage in rigorous dialogue and build long-term relationships with like-minded peers. 26-29 September, in Murrumbateman. Learn more and register: www.kategoria.org.au

Concerts presented by Llewellyn Choir in October. Maurice Duruflé's Requiem and Arvo Pärt's The Beatitudes. The first concert will be held at St Andrew's Anglican Church, 47 Elrington St, Braidwood on Saturday, 11 October at 3pm. Tickets: \$40/\$35/ under-18s free, book via www.llewellynchoir.org.au or Humanitix: https://events.humanitix.com/llewellyn-choir-and-sinfonia-perform-durufle-s-requiem

The second performance will take place at Duntroon Anglican Chapel, Canberra on Sunday, 12 October at 2pm. Book via www.llewellynchoir.org.au

<u>Student seeking short-term accommodation</u>. A Christian student from Adelaide has been awarded a short-term internship in Canberra in October and November, and is looking for both accommodation and a local church to attend during these times

away. Her budget is around \$300-350 a week. Contact the parish office if you can help

SUMMARY OF UPCOMING EVENTS

(*St John's event)

<u>Sunday 7 September: Silo Sounds Concert, Alexander Yau Recital.</u> Operatic arias and virtuosic piano solos. 2pm at Ross Memorial Church, Murrumburrah. High tea to follow concert. Bookings essential.

https://events.humanitix.com/concert-4-alexander-yau-in-concert

<u>Tuesday 9 September: Order of St Luke Healing Meeting.</u> Healing Meeting at St David's Anglican Church Red Hill at 2.00pm followed by afternoon tea. Info Fr John Gibson at gibsonjohn385@gmail.com or 0451 681 118.

*Saturday 13 September: Floriade at St John's. An hour of bellringing to herald the opening of Floriade 2025 at 2.00pm. The Church and Schoolhouse will be open. For more, visit https://floriadeaustralia.com/about-town/st-johns-anglican-church.

<u>Saturday 13 September: Heartbeat of Hope.</u> Mosaic Baptist Church (Page), 7.30pm-9.30pm. RSVP and payment: https://mosaic.ucareapp.com/events/1390/register

*Sunday 14 September: Friends of St John's –Address and Evensong. Speaker: Rev Elaine Farmer OAM. Afternoon tea in the Robertson Room at 3.30pm, followed by Choral Evensong at 5pm, (see 'Notices').

*Monday 15 September: Book Launch and Signing. Mark Warren will launch and sign his new book, *Rediscovering the Joy of Predestination and the Comfort of Election* (Wipf & Stock, 2025). 7.00—8.00pm Robertson Room

*Thursday 18 September: Unexpected News on Suffering. Rev'd Andrew on some info from Scripture about it. 7.30pm Robertson Room.

<u>Sunday 21 September: 40th anniversary of Bishop George's consecration as a Bishop.</u> St Saviour's Cathedral, Goulburn. Bishop George will preach at both morning services (8.00am and 10.00am) and preside at the 10.00am service which will be followed by a morning tea in the cathedral hall.

*Wednesday 8 October: Stepping Up—A Conversation on Christian Learning & Service. With St Mark's Faculty in the Robertson Room. Bookings essential, (see page 2).

<u>Thursday 9 October: What the Bible says about Anxiety.</u> Dr Paul Grimmond, speaking as part of the 'Christianity Applied' series. Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture (6pm). Sign up at https://christianityapplie2.wixsite.com/christianityapplied/event-details/what-the-bible-says-about-anxiety

<u>Saturday 11 October: Concert presented by the Llewellyn Choir.</u> Maurice Duruflé's *Requiem* at St Andrew's Anglican Church in Braidwood on Sunday, at 3pm.

<u>Sunday 12 October: Concert presented by the Llewellyn Choir.</u> Arvo Pärt's *The Beatitudes* at Duntroon Chapel in Canberra on Sunday, at 2pm.

*Saturday 18 October: St John's Parish Fair. 9am-2pm, (see pages 8 & 9). Contact John Richards on gjrich@bigpond.net.au

<u>Saturday 1 November: Safe Ministry training at Arawang, Kambah</u>. Face to face training, Modules 1-3 of Safe Ministry. To book, or any Safe Ministry questions email alison.hosking@stjohnscanberra.org.

Monday 3 November: Australian Parliamentary Prayer Breakfast. In The Great Hall of Parliament House. Visit www.nationalprayerbreakfast.org or, to join the St John's tables, email Jane at admin@stjohnscanberra.org

* Thursdays 6, 13, 20 November: 3-2-1—an introduction to Christianity. A basic introduction to Christianity. Further details from Jamie Young or Rev'd Andrew. 7.30pm Robertson Room.

MEET THREE OF YOUR PARISH COUNCILLORS

Stephanie Rogerson joined Parish Council in April, having worshipped at St John's since 2023. As part of a military family, she has made a home in several places around Australia and overseas together with her husband Matthew and children Grace and James. Stephanie has a teaching background in secondary school English and in Enrichment and Learning Support. In recent years she has taken up a voluntary role with Palliative Care ACT at Clare Holland House which she regards as an immense privilege. Stephanie is honoured to serve on Parish Council, having been blessed by the worship, pastoral care and people of the Parish.



My name is **Edward Jackson** and I've been a parishioner at St John's since leaving the army to join DFAT and moving to Canberra in 2007. I've had the gift of being a teacher in the Kids at Church programme since 2017 and relish the opportunity to help the beginning of the faith journey of some of the littlest members of the church family. My boys all had their foundational years at St John's and now my youngest, Lily, aged 10 is my companion on Sundays. On Parish Council, I look for opportunities to contribute to life of the parish, and at the moment also participate as a member of the Missions Sub-Committee.



I'm Rosemary Shepherd. I started worshipping at St John's with my parents and brother in 1981 after returning from living in Fiji. Over the years I have taken on roles such as acolyte, crucifer, server and verger. As a member of Church Choir, I sing at the 11.15am services and Evensong. I attend the 9.30am service and sometimes play flute at the 9.30am, 11.15am or Evensong services and on special occasions. I am Secretary for Parish Council and a member of the team organising the Fair. Currently I am an administrator in the Dean's Office of the College of Arts and Social Sciences at the ANU. Previously I was an Executive Assistant for the Director of the Research School of Humanities and the Arts providing secretariat support to various Committees.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Jesus gave the great commission to all of us and next week you will have the opportunity to be part of taking the gospel to children and their families.

Our team has collected a number of beautiful items to send to the children. There are six categories, 2-4 year-old girls, 5-9 year-old girls, 10-14 year-old girls, 2-4 year-old boys, 5-9 year-old girls, 10-14 year-old boys. The lovingly collected gifts are put into "shoeboxes" and sent away with our prayers and when they are distributed the children have the chance to meet the gospel and make a decision for Christ. As in the parable of the mustard seed this is only the start. As the children grow in their faith we know that it spreads to others in their community.

Next Sunday 14 September come and choose a box to sponsor or make a donation towards its onward journey.





A Moment That Changed Everything

One afternoon, just after our doors had closed for the day, a car pulled up outside St John's Care. A family stepped out, clearly distressed. I went out to meet them and spent time listening to their story.

They shared with me the challenges they were facing—social isolation, severe financial hardship, underemployment, and housing insecurity. Despite their struggles, they spoke with quiet hope. I explained the services offered at St John's Care and outlined how we could support them—both immediately and over the longer term. Over the next few days, we stayed in touch via email to ensure continuous, practical support.

The family had recently relocated to Canberra on a skilled visa after completing their studies in another Australian city. They were required to settle here as part of their visa conditions. They spoke of the excitement of starting a new life, leaving behind a country in turmoil, and the hope they carried for their children to grow up safe and educated. But settling into life in Australia proved harder than they'd expected. Despite their qualifications and motivation, they faced barriers at every turn—employment challenges, housing difficulties, and the heavy emotional toll of being far from family, culture, and tradition.

Since that first meeting, St John's Care has continued to walk alongside this family as they adjust to life in Canberra. We've been able to provide emergency food relief, baby and children's items through Roundabout, new clothing from Thread Together, employment support, tailored referrals, ongoing advocacy, and—just as importantly—compassionate conversation and encouragement.

A small but meaningful moment came when Mum received a stroller as part of her Roundabout package. She spoke with genuine joy about the difference it made. Before, she had been stuck at home with her energetic toddler, unable to get out easily. Now, thanks to the stroller, she's able to go on daily hour-long walks and attend a local toddler group. She's beginning to connect with other parents and slowly breaking through the walls of social isolation. We continue to talk with her about life in Australia, finding opportunities to support the whole family—socially, emotionally, and practically.

What began as a chance encounter after closing time became the beginning of a new chapter for this family—one where hope was reignited, and possibilities began to grow. A simple gift like a stroller became a gateway to freedom and connection.

Your ongoing support—whether through prayer, financial donations, food, or your time—is vital. There are so many in our community doing it tough. Your generosity allows us to respond with compassion, dignity, and real help.

Kind regards

Lisa Masamha

Case Manager

Items required: Fruit packs for school lunches, Honey, Tissues



Community Fair

We need your help!

We need many more volunteers to make the Fair a success!

Please contact the respective convenors overleaf, use the web-based registration system at https://stj.ivolunteer.com/volunteer_event or scan the QR code to volunteer your services on or before the day of the Fair.



Remember that you do not have to volunteer for the full day. You can sign up in blocks of time that might suit you.

Book donations needed now

We encourage donations of all good quality books, DVDs and CDs, jigsaws and games. Please donate books across September to help us get the stall well organised for the Fair. We would especially like to receive good quality fiction, crime and thriller, sci fi and fantasy, biography, children's and young adult books, craft and DIY, histories and military fiction and nonfiction and any vintage collectables.

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Saturday, 18 October 2025 9:00am - 2:00pm





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St John's Fair Saturday, 18 October 2025 9:00am - 2:00pm



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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Upcoming services

Sunday 7 September 2025

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: Jeremiah 18.1-11; Psalm 139.1-5, 12-18; Philemon 1-25; Luke 14.25-35

8.00am: Sung Eucharist

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

11.15am: Choral Eucharist (1662 Book of Common Prayer)

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

Wednesday 10 September 2025

Readings: Philemon 1-25: Luke 14.25-35

10am: Eucharist (1662 Book of Common Prayer)

Sunday 14 September 2025

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: Jeremiah 4.11-12, 22-28; Psalm 14; 1 Timothy 1.1-2, 12-19a; Luke 15.1-10

7.00am Eucharist (1662 Book of Common Prayer)

8.00am: Sung Eucharist

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

5.00pm: Choral Evensong, Friends of St John's Service

(1662 Book of Common Prayer)

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

Wednesday 17 September 2025

Readings: 1 Timothy 1.1-2, 12-19a; Luke 15.1-10

10am: Eucharist (1662 Book of Common Prayer)

For more information: www.stjohnscanberra.org

ST JOHN'S STUDY GROUPS

Monday: 'Young Blokes' Bible Study

When & Where: Mondays, 6.30pm, Campbell

Who: Young men (ages approx. 18-25)

Focus: Bible study and discussion

Contact: Rev'd Andrew Andrew. Cameron@stjohnscanberra.org

Tuesday: Young Women's Bible Study

When & Where: Tuesdays, 7:00–8:30 pm, at a home in Reid (school terms)

Who: Women aged 15-30; new Christians and those exploring faith welcome

Focus: 30 min fellowship + 1 hour study; social events in school holidays

Contact: Jess – jess.evans31169@gmail.com

Wednesday: Ladies' Bible Reading Group

When & Where: Thursdays, 9:30 am (after school drop-off), Robertson Room (school terms)

Who: Women, especially with pre-school children

Focus: Bible reading and discussion (currently Matthew)

Contact: Mary de Latour — Mary. Delautour@stjohnscanberra.org

Thursday: Adults Bible Study

When & Where: Wednesdays, 7:00–8:00 pm, Rectory (school terms)

Who: Adults, any age. Mostly connected with stjohns@6

Focus: Bible study; group communicates via Signal

Contact: Russ Tunks — russtunks@yahoo.com.au

Note: there may be scope for a new Bible study to commence. Contact clergy if you'd like to be kept informed.

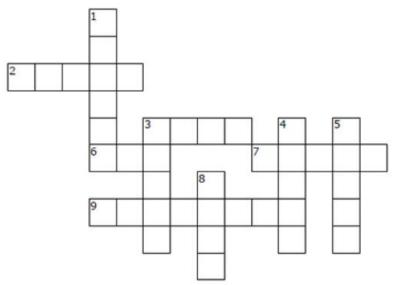
FOR YOUR ENJOYMENT

The Cost of Discipleship

And anyone who does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. Luke 14:27 (NIV)

This puzzle is based on Luke 14:25-33 (NIV)





ACROSS

- To form something by combining materials or parts; to construct
- The amount paid for a something; the price
- Fighting between two or more countries
- Coins or currency used to buy things
- 9. A follower of Jesus

DOWN

- To take someone as a model; to imitate
- A wooden structure consisting of an upright with a horizontal beam
- A very tall, narrow building, or part of a building
- The opposite of war
- 8. A male ruler in some countries

cost	king	tower	cross	money
follow	war	peace	disciple	build