

ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH CANBERRA

21 June 2026

Birth of John the Baptist

(This week's service times within)

You will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, to give knowledge of salvation to his people by the forgiveness of their sins. Luke 1.76–77



*Our guest speaker Henry Olonga at the annual Patronal dinner.
(Photo by Randall Wilson)*

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God,
by whose providence your servant John the Baptist was
wonderfully born,
and sent to prepare the way for your Son our Saviour
by preaching a baptism of repentance:
make us so to follow his teaching and holy life,
that we may truly repent, and, following his example,
may constantly speak the truth, boldly rebuke vice,
and patiently suffer for the truth's sake;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

IMPORTANT NOTICES

Patronal Celebrations—One Service only (9.30am). Each year our patronal celebrations celebrate God's faithfulness to our parish. (The term *patronal* refers to the person after whom a church is named. In our case, that is John the Baptist, whose life and witness continue to point us to Christ.)

Today, the whole parish gathers for worship together in the Hall at 9.30am, followed by morning tea. All other services are cancelled. However, at 6pm there will be a Singalong and 'hymn fest' in the church, followed by mulled wine and nibbles (in Hall). Please bring something to share.

Youth and Young Adults Pickleball—27 June. Come and connect with other St John's young people. See 'Upcoming Events'.

Prayer Service for Healing. Here at St John's in the Church on Sunday 28 June at 2.00pm. There will be books on healing available for sale and others that will be free. See 'Upcoming Events'.

Bereavement: an afternoon of conversation and learning. Saturday 4 July 2026. 3–5pm, in the Robertson Room. This seminar is for anyone interested in caring for others in grief, and for those who have experienced grief. Grief is both a universal experience, and unique to each of us. It changes us, our relationships, and our faith. We will gather to learn about bereavement (the grief arising from death): to listen; to

question; to reflect; and to enable St John's to become a community skilled at bereavement literacy and support. Do come prepared to reflect on any grief you've experienced. (However, if your own grief is very new or raw, this might not be the right time for you.) Entry is free, but numbers are capped, so book a place at <https://www.trybooking.com/DNBCB> or via the QR code.



Cate Thompson attends the 9.30am service. She is a social worker, bereavement counsellor and educator, and a Bereavement Practitioner accredited with Grief Australia.

Grace Rogerson attends the 6.00pm service. After a recent bereavement, Grace has relied on her curiosity, sincerity, growing faith and enthusiasm for God's community in order to learn and heal. Her work in antiques, art, and estates sees her encountering others' grief every day.

Children and Families Worker. We are hoping to fill the position of Children and Families Worker, primarily working with our 9.30am service. Please share the advertisement with suitable people known to you. <https://tinyurl.com/stjohnsfamilies>

Kids' Church: 9.30am service. As we are anticipating a period during Term 3 where we may not have a Children and Families worker, we will likely need to call on volunteers. Parents of relevant aged kids are generally already assisting (or have reasons why they can't). Can others help? Please contact Mary DeLautour if you might be able to offer occasional assistance to this ministry. There will be a meeting on Sunday 28 June (after the 9.30am service) discussing the shape of this Ministry—all welcome.

'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 will be glad to help. The Directory is not activated in the App yet—coming soon!

SPARK - a Christian conference for young adults (18-30ish).

This conference aims to help people fix their eyes on Jesus in a world that's constantly distracting and confusing. This year's theme is 'Chasing Meaning'. 28-30 August 2026. Tickets: \$159 (Accommodation \$47-\$171). Volunteer tickets are also available for \$88; meals and

accommodation included. For more information visit <https://sparkconference.com.au> or speak to Annemieke (@6pm service).

Our Parish Fair 17 October. Please mark the date in your diaries! We have already started planning for this key community event with all the convenor positions filled, but if you wish to assist in other ways, please let us know as soon as possible by emailing the office at admin@stjohnscanberra.org. Several stalls will need extra volunteers, and they are the: white elephant, treasures and trinkets, cake, craft, and the BBQ. Also, if anyone is interested in helping with the sound system on the day, we'd love to hear from you.

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/>)

St Saviour's Cathedral Heritage Appeal. The Anglican Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn invites you to support the St Saviour's Cathedral Heritage Appeal. St Saviour's Cathedral has served the Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn since its consecration in 1884, is one of the most significant examples of Victorian Neo Gothic Revival architecture in Australia and is the Mother Church of our Diocese. Heritage conservation works are ongoing as part of the state heritage legislation and are essential to the long-term preservation of the site and the Heritage Appeal supports this work directly. Donations of \$2.00 or more are tax deductible. To donate to National Trust—St. Saviour's Cathedral Heritage Appeal Fund.

- Name: National Trust of Australia (NSW) Cathedral Restoration Fund
- BSB: 032 721 Account No: 680946
- Reference: your name and "Donation". If you would like a receipt please email: office@goulburncathedral.org.au

UPCOMING EVENTS

(*St John's event)

***Monday 22 June: Cuppacomalong.** All welcome for fellowship and afternoon tea. Come and have a cuppa with a Parish Councillor or two. 2pm to 4pm. Contact Ailsa Curtis (6247 9363).

***Tuesday 23 June: St John's Sketching/Painting Group.** The fourth Tuesday each month 9.30am to lunchtime, starting in the Hall. Come along with sketch pad, pencils or paints. Please contact Fiona (fcotton@fionacottonpaintings.com; 0404 066 021) or Jennifer (jennifer.lawson@stjohnscanberra.org; 0407 286 572).

*** Tuesday 23 June: Bible for Blokes.** 10.00am in the Upper Room. Enquiries, Canon Kevin Stone 0450 676 864.

***Thursday 25 June: Bootcamp—How do Christians pray?** 7pm in the Robertson Room.

***Saturday 27 June: Youth and Young Adults Pickleball.** 9:45am at the Canberra Racquet Club for a 10am start. Raquet/ball hire is \$10 per person, and spectators are also very welcome! Contact Jess (0404 703 847) with any questions.

***Saturday 27 June: Operation Christmas Child Working Group.** From 1pm-4pm in the Robertson Room. Contact Jennifer Lawson on 0407 286 572.

***Sunday 28 June: Prayer Service for Healing.** Here at St John's in the Church at 2.00pm. There will be a retiring offertory for the work of the Order of St Luke. More information from Father John Gibson at gibsonjohn385@gmail.com or 0451 681 118 or Canon Kevin Stone 0450 676 864.

***Saturday 4 July: Bereavement: An afternoon of conversation and learning.** 3–5pm, Robertson Room. Hosted by Cate Thompson and Grace Rogerson.

***Saturday 17 October: St John's Parish Fair.** 9am-2pm. Save the date!

***Friday 13 – Saturday 15 November: Youth Camp.** This weekend is being supported by Scripture Union, and is designed to offer teaching and encouragement for our youth and young adults. For more information contact jess.evans31169@gmail.com



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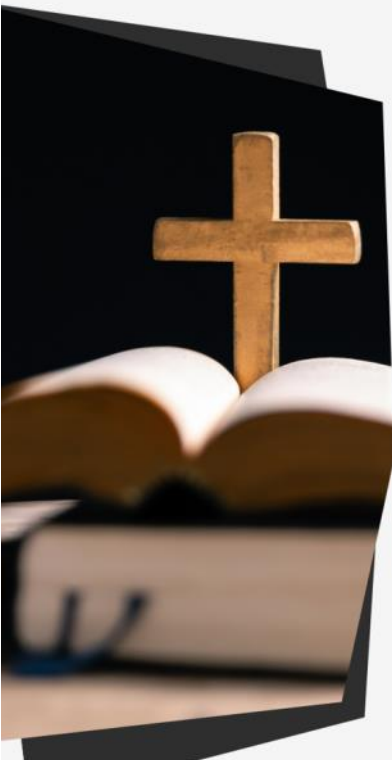
MISSION, EVANGELISM AND APOLOGETICS

If you have a heart for sharing the gospel in a broken world, this unit will help you make sense of how mission, evangelism, and apologetics fit together—and why that matters now more than ever.

Learn with guest lecturer, Dr Teresa Parish.

Dates: 24–27 August. Enrol by 26 June.

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INTENSIVE: BEING THE CHURCH

What does it mean to be the church today — and how did we get here? Rooted in Scripture and theology, this subject explores the identity and mission of the church from the New Testament to the present day — including its sacramental life, its calling to mission, and its relationship to Israel and the story of Jesus.

Dates: 1–3 September. Enrol by 26 June.

Use the QR code to complete the expression of interest →



2026 HERITAGE FUND APPEAL: one week to go

With just one week to go, parishioners and friends are invited to donate to this year's Heritage Fund Appeal.

The aim of the Appeal is to continue the conservation of the stonework on the church, with the focus being on the sandstone extensions made to the church building in the 1870s. Lower sections of the sandstone have been eroded by rising damp and embedded salts and moisture. Work is now underway to deal with this problem.

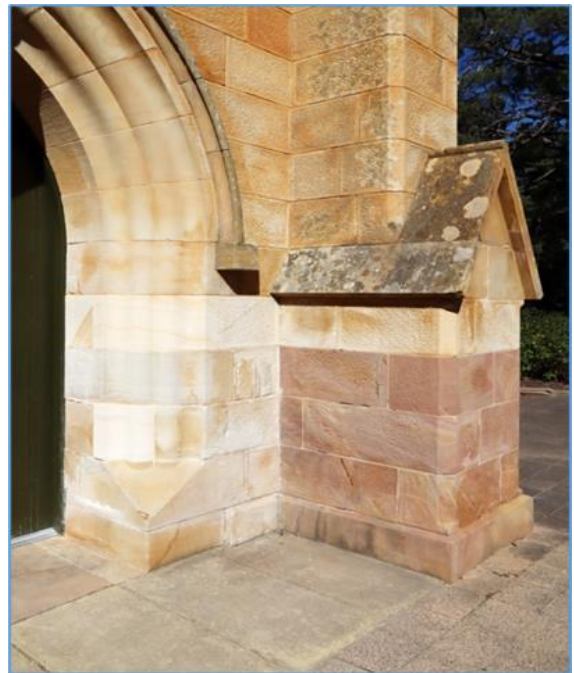
As in previous years, you can donate to this year's Appeal in various ways, and these are described in the Appeal letter. The letter and the Appeal brochure have been distributed using the weekly Newsletter email list. If you do not use or have access to the internet, the Appeal letter will be mailed to you together with the Heritage Fund's Appeal brochure. 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



Eroded sandstone on the north face of the chancel, showing damage caused by the past use of non-porous cement mortar.



The finished job at the entry arch: after use of a poultice, new slip stones were inserted accompanied by the use of softer, lime mortar.



The poultice applied to sandstone on the northern side of the church.

Where Does Your Donation Go?

One of the questions we are often asked is, "Where does my donation actually go?"

At St John's Care, every dollar entrusted to us helps provide practical support and hope to people experiencing hardship in our community.

Your generosity helps us provide:

- ◆ Fresh food, pantry items, fruit, vegetables and meat for families struggling to put meals on the table.
- ◆ Assistance with essential medications when people must choose between their health and paying the rent.
- ◆ Support with utility bills to help keep the lights on and prevent families from falling further into crisis.
- ◆ Emergency relief and practical assistance for people facing homelessness, domestic violence, job loss, illness, or unexpected financial hardship.
- ◆ Case management and referrals that connect people with housing, mental health support, financial counselling, legal services and other specialist assistance.
- ◆ A welcoming and compassionate space where people are listened to, treated with dignity, and reminded that they are not alone.

Last year, St John's Care supported 5,151 households across Canberra and the surrounding region. Behind every number is a person, a family, a story, and a community that cares. Unlike many organisations, St John's Care receives no ongoing government funding. Our work is only possible because of the generosity of donors, the dedication of volunteers, and the commitment of our staff. When you donate to St John's Care, you are not simply giving food or paying a bill. You are helping a parent feed their children, supporting someone through a difficult chapter of life, and providing hope when it is needed most. Thank you for standing alongside us and making this work possible. Together, we are transforming lives through practical support, compassion, and care.

Kind regards,
Jason Haines
Managing Director

Items required: Conditioner, Ladies deodorant, Boxes of tissues, Size 5 & 6 nappies

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.

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: Bible for Blokes

When & Where: Tuesdays, 10.am, Upper Room

Who: Men of any age

Focus: Bible study and discussion

Contact: Rev'd Kevin – Kevin.Stone@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 or 0404 703 847

Wednesday: 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 – rustunks@yahoo.com.au

Thursday: 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 Lautour – mary.delautour@stjohnscanberra.org

There may be scope for a new Bible study to commence. Contact clergy if you'd like to be involved.

Upcoming services

Sunday 21 June 2026

Birth of St John the Baptist

*Readings: Isaiah 49.1-6; Psalm 139.1-11; Acts 13.16-26;
Luke 1.57-66, 80*

9.30am: Combined Patronal Eucharist (in the Hall)

6.00pm: Singalong/Hymnfest (in the Church)

Wednesday 24 June 2026

Readings: Isaiah 49.1-6; OR, Acts 13.16-26; Luke 1.57-66, 80

10.00am: Eucharist (1662 Book of Common Prayer)

Sunday 28 June 2026

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

*Readings: Genesis 22.1-14; Psalm 13; Romans 6.12-23;
Matthew 10.40-42*

7.00am: Eucharist (1662 Book of Common Prayer)

8.00am: Sung Eucharist

9.30am: Family Eucharist (Kid's Church and Junior Youth)

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

Wednesday 1 July 2026

Readings: Genesis 22.1-14; OR, Romans 6.12-23; Matthew 10.40-42

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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Opening Hours: 10.00am to 3.00pm Tuesday to Friday

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