



ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH CANBERRA

11 June 2023

Barnabas, Apostle & Martyr

7.00am, 8.00am, 9.30 am, 5pm, 6pm

Barnabas was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were brought to the Lord.

Acts 11.24



St Barnabas is remembered in the New Testament as a great encourager to people in their ministries. Who can you encourage this week?

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

CHURCH NOTICES



ST JOHN'S PATRONAL DINNER: A dinner to celebrate our Patronal Festival will be held 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). We will be joined by Associate Professor Andrew Cameron, Director of St Mark's National Theological Centre, who will share some of his reflections. The cost per head is \$37. Book through TryBooking (copy and paste this link to your browser <https://www.trybooking.com/CIPZG>) or contact Alison Hosking for payment alternatives in the parish office. **Bookings have been extended to 15 June**, so please book now.

PATRONAL SERVICES - 25 JUNE: Besides our Patronal Dinner (above), our Patronal Festival will continue on **Sunday 25 June**, when the whole parish is invited to gather for worship together in the Hall at 9.30am. Other services are cancelled that day. It will be followed by a simple BBQ sausage sizzle. During the evening at 6pm, all are invited to gather for a night of worship, including favourite hymns, newer worship songs, and mulled wine. Email your hymn requests to rector@stjohnscanberra.org

FAMILY BUSHWALK & BBQ: Tomorrow (Monday 12 June). We will meet at Pine Island and walk to Point Hut Crossing and back (about 7km return), followed by a relaxed BBQ lunch (BYO). Make sure you RSVP to Mary De Lautour in case of last-minute changes, and/or to request car pooling. All welcome! (mary.delautour@stjohnscanberra.org)

FRIENDS OF ST JOHN'S SERVICE: Next **Sunday (18 June)**, the Friends of St John's are hosting a Matins service at 11.15am. The address will be given by Professor Con Campbell, a parishioner who worships at our 9.30 service. Con is a New Testament scholar who has taught theology extensively in Australia and the USA. He will be speaking on some themes from his recent book 'Jesus v Evangelicals'. The service will be followed by some refreshments in the Robertson Room. We hope you can join us for what promises to be a stimulating event.

2023 HERITAGE FUND APPEAL: You are invited to donate to this year's Heritage Fund Appeal. Details on our website www.stjohnscanberra.org/giving. Donations of \$2 or more to the Heritage Fund are tax deductible. Your support for this year's project would be greatly appreciated.



MOTHER'S UNION SERVICE AT ST JOHN'S: We are hosting a local gathering of Mother's Union at our 10am service on **Wednesday 28 June**. Donations will be accepted towards MU's 2023 Project, 'Disaster & Climate Change Management in the Pacific'.

The service will be followed by refreshments in the hall, including a presentation from St John's Care on local mission. All are welcome.

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 <https://www.trybooking.com/CIFIN> contact Cath McLennan with any questions.



YOUR FAITH AT WORK: Are you willing and able to reflect on your experience as a Christian in the workplace? Kirsten Lamb (youth worker) is hoping to arrange occasional guests to share their experiences at occasional youth group events (held during the 9.30 service). Please let her know if you can help.

BELLRINGING: Please be advised that Monday evening Bellringing Practice will be on hold during the Winter months i.e. June, July, August. For those who would like to practice, Jennifer Lawson will be in the parish office on Fridays during business hours and is willing to help.

FACULTY NOTICE: The parish intends to seek the Bishop's permission for two small adjustments to the interior of the church: a new donations box against the rear north-side pew, which will also host the donation 'tap machine'; and a new, closable bookcase on the cabinet in the entrance porch. Details are attached to the notice board in the porch.

LIVING IN GOD'S TWO KINGDOMS: Join Prof. David Van Drunen, 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/>

BOOK LAUNCH – 'THE MEANING OF SINGLENESSE': Rev Dr Danielle Treweek's new book is about an Eschatological Vision for the Contemporary Church that makes space for singleness. **Thursday 29 June** 7pm for 7.30pm, at St Mark's National Theological Centre, Barton.

PARISH DIARY



Wednesday 7 June: Christian Bootcamp, 7.30pm

Monday 12 June: Family Bushwalk & BBQ

Friday 16 June: Crochet Group 10am - 12 pm in the Robertson Room

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.

Sunday 25 June: Combined worship - 9.30am (Hall)

Music and Mulled Wine at 6pm (Church)

Upcoming services

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 Mattins**
(Friends' of St John's Service. Speaker: Prof. Con Campbell)
6.00pm **stjohns@6 Holy Communion**

Sunday 25 June

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: Genesis 21.8-21; Psalm 86.1-10, 16-17; Romans 6.1-11
Matthew 10.24-39

- 9.30am** **St John's Patronal Eucharist** (in the Hall)
6.00pm **Patronal singing event: Music and Mulled Wine** (with songs & hymns, ancient & modern, in the Church)

Sunday 2 July

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

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

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

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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PARISH COUNCIL

Rector's Report

The Rector reported on the attendance figures so far for each of the services during 2023. The average weekly total for 2023 is 226 and for the month of April it was 266. (The average weekly total during 2022 was 178). He also stated that there has been an increase in wedding inquiries.

Strategic Planning – Implementation

As part of the 2023-2028 Strategic Plan (which commenced in March) there is a project schedule which includes within the first six months the development of a Parish site concept and a modest upgrade to the kitchen. Parish Council considered draft guidelines for the management of the St John's precinct which will be finessed further. These guidelines will be a strategic document that will inform the development of a Parish site concept. The replacement of the old dishwasher is now underway as part of the modest upgrade to the kitchen.

Finance Update

The two main sources of income for the Parish are the offertory and paid parking. Currently the offertory income is above-budget and the paid parking income is ahead of budget. The paid parking carpark is now 100% full and so the paid parking sign that was near the entrance to the driveway of the Church has been removed.

Property and Grounds Update

The roof of the Parish Centre has been leaking for some time causing deterioration and damp in the walls. After a review of the images from the inside of the roof provided by the licensed roofer, the Council was advised that it is recommended the roof be replaced in the office wing of the Parish Centre, up to and including the Robertson Room. A quote has been received for replacing the cement roof tiles. A quote to replace the roof with colorbond will also be organised.

Upcoming Parish Events

The Patronal Dinner will be held on **Thursday 22 June from 6pm to 8.30pm** at CIT. On the day of our Patronal Festival (25 June 2023) a single service of worship will be held in the hall at 9.30am, followed by a BBQ. (That evening there will be a 'music & mulled wine event in the church.

Community Outreach

Parish Council was briefed on what is proposed for the St John's Community Fair which will be held on **Saturday 14 October 2023 from 9am to 2pm**. It will be similar to last year.

Family violence and intersectionality

I have been working with NJ for approximately two weeks. Along with her three young children, she escaped a violent home situation several years ago. Unfortunately, her ex-partner and his family members found NJ's location and began harassing her.

NJ emigrated to Australia around five years ago and English is her second language. She does not have any family of her own in Australia and reports not having any friends. She also experiences trouble communicating in English.

As a result, when her ex-partner tracked her down, she did not know who to turn to for support or what organisations were available to assist her. As she has been coming to St John's Care for food relief for several years due to financial stress, she reached out to us again for assistance.

As well as providing emotional support, we were able to assist NJ in a number of other ways. These included referring her to police to report the violence and to the Domestic Violence Crisis Service for counselling support. The service can also help her with emergency relocation to safety, and attendance at Court to apply for a Family Violence Order.

NJ's situation got me thinking about intersectionality, as a person's identity and lived experience is complex and multi-layered. Intersectionality Theory is a framework that considers how overlapping social identities can

lead to marginalisation, victimisation and discrimination. For example, social identities might include race, class, ethnicity, culture, religion, disability, socio-economic status and gender. When a client experiences family violence, it is therefore very important that workers also consider how other factors impact the person and how these can increase their vulnerability and risk of experiencing violence.

As an immigrant who has difficulty speaking English, and a woman who is in a lower socio-economic category, NJ is at heightened risk of experiencing violence. For example, her limited English makes her less likely to be able to seek the help that she needs to locate support services or engage with a community. By considering these different intersecting social identities, workers can assist NJ by designing support that addresses these risk factors.

For example, we also referred NJ to an organisation that provides free English language courses and could link her to a women's cultural community group to decrease her social isolation. We also helped NJ to secure an appointment with a Centrelink Worker to review her income support, as we suspected that she was not receiving all benefits that she was entitled to.

Our thanks to our wonderful community who continue to support the work of St John's Care. Without you, we wouldn't be able to provide support to vulnerable Canberrans and help them to make real and lasting change in their lives.

Belinda Ding
Senior Case Manager

Items needed: small packets of sultanas, cooking oil, 1 litre full cream UHT milk, school snacks

FOR YOUR ENJOYMENT



Barnabas Welcomes Saul