



ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH CANBERRA

29 March 2026
Sunday of the Passion (Palm Sunday)
(This week's service times within)

At the name of Jesus, every knee shall bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.
Philippians 2.10–11



Each month our 6pm service is followed by a dinner in the Hall.

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Everlasting God,
in your tender love for the human race
you sent your Son to take our nature,
and to suffer death upon the cross:
in your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will
and in the glorious victory of his resurrection;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

IMPORTANT NOTICES

Holy Week and Easter. Today, Palm (or Passion) Sunday, marks the beginning of Holy Week – the most important week in the Christian year, and the centrepiece of our life as a parish. Our services this week are advertised on p.4. We look forward to celebrating with you on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

AGM Reports. Updated AGM Reports are now available on St John's Website at: <https://www.stjohnscanberra.org/documents>

Easter Window Box Preparation. Anyone bringing greenery for the window boxes, could you please deliver it to the church between 1.00pm - 2.00pm on Thursday 2 April. Also, anyone who can bring flowers from their gardens and wants to contribute to the window box displays please bring them on Saturday morning (4 April) from 8.00am onwards.

Christian Bootcamp. 'Bootcamp' is our parish's program for those (16+) seeking baptism or confirmation. It is also suitable for new Christians or enquirers. To see if this is for you, anyone is welcome to join our first session ('Who - or What - is God?'). 7.00pm, Thursday, 30 April, in the Robertson Room). Register at www.trybooking.com/DJRND

Sabbath Gospel. Our very own Dr Amy Erickson's new book, 'Sabbath Gospel', is now available for purchase! See launch details, page 5. You can purchase a copy here: <https://tinyurl.com/3trc6u6r>

Name Badges. You can order your own St John's 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.

Anglican Historical Society Excursion. This year we head to Bathurst to visit the historic Abercrombie House and to gather for worship next day at All Saints' Cathedral. We will also visit Kelso, and Rockley. On Saturday and Sunday 11 and 12 April. All are welcome. Please see details in the St John's church entrance and outside the hall. For further information contact Canon Kevin Stone on 0450 676 864.

Walk to Emmaus 2026: Have you been reflecting recently on how you'd like to deepen your relationship with God and strengthen your faith? The Walk to Emmaus may be for you. Similar to the former Anglican Cursillo, it is not a physical walk but rather a three day weekend that teaches us to live a life in God's Grace. It encourages spiritual renewal through a series of talks, worship, prayer and meditation. This ecumenical event is held at the Greenhills Conference Centre in Stromlo, with the men's walk running from 30 April to 3 May and the women's walk from 14 to 17 May. For further information, please contact Greg from StJohn's@6 on 0449 287 275 or visit: <https://canberramonaro.emmaus.org.au/>

St Mark's Library Hours. Library services at St Mark's will now only be available within the following times:

- Tuesday 9am-1pm
- Wednesday 2pm-6pm
- Thursday 9am – 10m
- Friday 10am -3pm

Our campus remains open from 9am-4.30pm Tuesday-Friday. The library is available as a study hall during these hours. Please don't hesitate to contact the [library at stmarkslibrary@csu.edu.au](mailto:library@stmarkslibrary@csu.edu.au) if you have any questions or concerns.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

ANZAC Day 'Gunfire Breakfast': Seeking Volunteers. This year St John's hopes to again host a 'Gunfire Breakfast' for the public, immediately following the Anzac Day Dawn Service. This is a witness to Christ through hospitality to the many who will be in our vicinity on that day, while drawing on our historic ministry to the Defence community. We need volunteers to step up if the event is to go ahead. If you are able to assist from 5am please email the Rector ASAP, (see page 8).

Mainly Music Morning Tea Helpers. Mainly Music is held at 10am each Wednesday during school terms. We need some volunteers to prepare and serve morning tea to the children and their parents/carers. If you enjoy hospitality and have 2 hours to spare once or twice a month, please let Mary de Lautour know, (see page 8).

EASTER SERVICE TIMES

MAUNDY THURSDAY 7PM	EUCCHARIST OF THE LAST SUPPER (FOOT WASHING)
GOOD FRIDAY 8AM	LITURGY OF THE CROSS
GOOD FRIDAY 10AM	LITURGY OF THE CROSS
EASTER DAY 6AM	LIGHTING OF THE NEW FIRE & EUCCHARIST
EASTER DAY 8AM	SUNG EUCCHARIST
EASTER DAY 9:30AM	FAMILY EUCCHARIST & EASTER EGG HUNT
EASTER DAY 11:15AM	CHORAL EUCCHARIST (1662 BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER)
EASTER DAY 6PM	STJOHNS@6 (HOLY COMMUNION)

SUMMARY OF UPCOMING EVENTS

(*St John's event)

***Thursday 2 April: Easter Window Box Preparation.** Between 1.00pm and 2.00pm, bring greenery to the church for the window boxes.

***Thursday 2 April: Maundy Thursday.** (See page 4.)

***Friday 3 April: Good Friday.** (See page 4.)

Friday 3 April: Ecumenical Way of the Cross on Good Friday. A service marking the stations of the cross will be held at 11am on Good Friday, 3 April, at the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture, 15 Blackall Street, Barton. All are welcome to attend. Hosted by the ACT Churches Council, contact 0407 866 777.

***Saturday 4 April: Working Bee.** From 8.30am—10.00am. Two options: (a) help give the inside of the church a thorough clean, or (b) work outside helping to beautify the gardens and grounds. Please bring equipment (e.g. gardening gloves, dusters, rags, hat, suitable footwear, mowers, blowers) and join us for morning tea afterwards at 10am.

***Saturday 4 April: Easter Window Box Preparation.** From 8am onwards bring flowers to the church from your gardens to contribute to the window box displays.

***Sunday 5 April: Easter Day.** (See page 4.)

***Saturday 11 April: Operation Christmas Child Working Group.** From 1pm-4pm in the Robertson Room. Contact Jennifer Lawson on 0407 286 572.

***Sunday 12 April: Choral Evensong.** Join us at 5pm for this brief, reflective service, including hymns and choral music.

Thursday, 16 April: Book Launch of 'Sabbath Gospel'. Book by Dr Amy Erickson (6pm service) to be launched at St Mark's by Rev'd Dr Andrew Cameron. Details and registration here: <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1558028>

Save Me

*why do you,
keep reaching for my hand
do you see something I can't
why do you try to save me*

Thus goes the chorus of the song “save me” by American singer-songwriter, Noah Kahan.

Why do you, keep reaching for my hand

Do you see something I can't

Why do we keep ‘reaching for people’s hands’ here at St John’s Care?

I dare to believe, that not far below the surface, and sometimes bubbling right up, in the lives and hearts of our volunteers and staff, is the conviction that *people are worth reaching out to*. Sometimes the ‘reach’ is relatively easy, sometimes it’s a strain. There are people who turn up at our door who need a little support, others who are struggling with a sense of worthlessness and despair, and are in desperate need of an outstretched, helping hand.

Our volunteers and staff keep turning up for them all. St John’s Care, both metaphorically, and literally, offers an outstretched hand to those in need. And this should hardly be surprising, because at the heart and foundation of St John’s Care, are the outstretched hands of a man on a cross. A man who first dared to believe that all of us were worth straining for, and who could see something in us that we often struggle to see.

And whether you share this conviction or not, please know, that St John’s Care will continue to reach out to all people; and that sometimes, perhaps more often than we realise, this can literally save their lives.

Thank you for your continued partnership.

Grace and Peace,

Nathan

Community Chaplain

Items required: Baby wipes, Shaving cream & razors, Tinned fruit, Deodorant, Conditioner

Easter Items: Easter eggs, Easter bunnies

Upcoming services

Sunday 29 March 2026

Sunday of the Passion – Palm Sunday

Readings: Matthew 21.1-11; Philippians 2.5-11; Matthew 27.11-54

8.00am: Sung Eucharist

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

6.00pm: stjohs@6 (Holy Communion)

Wednesday 1 April 2026

Readings: Philippians 2.5-11; Matthew 27.11-54

10.00am: Eucharist (1662 Book of Common Prayer)

Holy Week and Easter Services (see page 4)

Sunday 12 April 2026

Second Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 2.14a, 22-32; Psalm 16; 1 Peter 1.1–12; John 20.19-31

7.00am: Eucharist (1662 Book of Common Prayer)

8.00am: Sung Eucharist

9.30am: Family Eucharist (Kids Church in recess)

5.00pm: Choral Evensong (1662 Book of Common Prayer)

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

Wednesday 15 April 2026

Readings: Acts 2.14a, 22-32; OR, 1 Peter 1.1–12; John 20.19-31

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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