

ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH CANBERRA

10 August 2025

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
(This week's service times within)

Watch and be ready, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. Matthew 24.42



The Night Watch, Rembrandt van Rijn, 1642, Rijksmuseum, Amsterdam, The Netherlands

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

FORTHCOMING SEMINARS & COURSES

Thursday August 21st: Clues on Friendship. We often focus on relationships of various kinds—except friendships. Rev'd Andrew will offer a few clues from the Bible and elsewhere on how they tick, and on how to be a friend. **7.30pm** Robertson Room.

Thursday September 18th: 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.

Wednesday October 8th: Stepping Up—A Conversation on Christian Learning & Service. *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 (blokes welcome to listen in). The second half (**7.00pm**) is for everyone. Nibbles at **5.30pm**. Bookings essential: <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1442008> or the QR code.



Thursdays November 6th, 13th, 20th: 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 a bloke called Glen Scrivener (for a taster, see <https://321.speaklife.org.uk>). **7.30pm** Robertson Room. Further info: Jamie Young or Rev'd Andrew.

NOTICES



'Fighting Fair' recording. Video and audio of Rev'd Andrew's recent seminar on conflict can be found via <https://tinyurl.com/SJconflict> or the QR code. (*If you have trouble viewing in your browser, select the files by clicking to the left; then 'Download' to your desktop; then click each file.*)



Youth 'check in'. On Sunday nights senior youth (years 10-12) can catch up briefly to discuss faith questions following the 6pm service. Immediately after church, grab some supper and head to the Robertson Room. Contact Barnabas (barnabaswalks@gmail.com), William (willjmcl11@gmail.com) or Jess (jess.evans31169@gmail.com) for 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

Kneelers. Please be aware that many of the kneelers in the Church are bending in half which brings them too close to the heaters. Over the next few weeks a rod will be inserted along the top of the kneelers to prevent this. You will still be able to use them for the use for which they were intended and we will be able to see their lovely designs more easily.

St Mark's Film Night. All are invited to the screening and discussion of Martin Scorsese's 2016 film 'Silence', about a pair of Jesuit missionaries sent to Japan to find their mentor (rating MA 15+). Saturday 16th August at 5.30pm at St Mark's, 15 Blackall Street Barton, in the Durie Room. Discussion to follow, Pizza provided. Cost \$10. Bookings necessary. <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1443645>

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. 26-29th September, in Murrumbateman. Learn more and register: www.kategoria.org.au

St John's Painting/Sketching Group Inaugural Meeting. In the Robertson Room. At 10am, Tuesday, 26th August. Are you an art lover or artist? This group will get together on the last Tuesday of each month to paint or draw around the buildings and grounds of St John's church, sharing practical tips and tricks as we go. All levels welcome. Come along with sketch pad, pencils or paints. If you'd like to know more, please contact Fiona (0404066021, fcotton@fionacottonpaintings.com) or Jennifer (0407286572 jennifer.lawson@stjohnscanberra.org).

SUMMARY OF UPCOMING EVENTS

(*St John's event)

***Sunday 10th August: Choral Evensong.** At 5pm, bring your Sunday to a close with prayers, hymns and thanksgiving, aided by the 1662 Book of Common Prayer and the St John's choir.

Tuesday 12th August: Order of St Luke Healing Meeting. 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.

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***Saturday 18 October: 2025 St John's Parish Fair.** Save the date! Contact John Richards on gjrich@bigpond.net.au

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A testament to the resilience of the human spirit.

A few months ago, I shared the story of my client, T, for whom I was advocating a transfer to a new property due to the uninhabitable condition of his current home. In response to the concerns raised, the Minister for Homes and New Suburbs acknowledged the situation and referred the matter to the relevant departments within Housing for further investigation.

T also engaged with additional support services to strengthen his case. Following this, an assessment of his property was conducted. As a result, professional cleaning was arranged, and some renovation work was suggested to improve the living conditions. While these efforts addressed some of the immediate concerns, they did not resolve the long-term issues - particularly T's inability to access parts of the home due to ongoing mould problems.

Recently, T contacted me with the outcome of the housing assessment. Unfortunately, it was not the result we had hoped for. He was informed that a property transfer was not approved, as the current grounds were deemed insufficient, despite the health risks posed by the state of the property.

T was visibly distressed upon receiving this news. In that moment, we sat in silence until he was ready to speak. When he did, T expressed his gratitude for simply having a roof over his head, even though the conditions are far from ideal and continue to impact his health.

We then discussed ways to make his current living situation more manageable. Weekly professional cleaning services were arranged to support him, as he is unable to manage this himself. Though the journey has not led to a relocation at this stage, T remains hopeful that, in time, a more suitable housing opportunity will become available.

This experience, though challenging, is a testament to the resilience of the human spirit. T has shifted his mindset from focusing solely on the problem to embracing gratitude - for life, for shelter, for food, and for a listening ear. This is the ethos of St John's Care: non-judgemental, strength-based, and client-focused.

To our incredible volunteers, donors, and partner services - thank you. Your compassion and continued support allow us to make a meaningful difference in the lives of people like T every single day.

Kind regards

Lisa Masamha
Case Manager

Items required: 1kg flour, Shaving cream, Conditioner, Shower gel, School lunch snacks



ST JOHN'S
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Community Fair

**We need
your help!**

Last year we estimated that close to 100 volunteers contributed to making the Fair successful. Without such willing helpers the Fair simply couldn't be run. At just ten weeks out from the Fair we need to sign up as many volunteers as we can, and as soon as possible, so that our planning runs smoothly. Please consider if you can help.

There are two ways you can volunteer your services. One is to contact the respective convenors/managers overleaf. The other is to use a web-based registration system set up for us by Mary de Lautour. You can access that system at https://stj.ivolunteer.com/volunteer_event or by scanning the QR code:



So far, we have been unsuccessful in finding someone to take responsibility for the sausage sizzle/BBQ. For the first time in many years, we may have to cancel that stall.

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





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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 10 August 2025

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: Isaiah 1.1, 10-20; Psalm 33.13-21; Hebrews 11.1-3, 8-16; Luke 12.32-40

- 7:00am: Eucharist (BCP)**
8.00am: Sung Eucharist
9.30am: Family Eucharist (Kids Church & Youth Group)
5.00pm: Choral Evensong (1662 Book of Common Prayer)
6.00pm: stjohns@6 (Praise, Prayer & Proclamation & Baptism)

Wednesday 13 August 2025

Readings: Hebrews 11.1-3, 8-16; Luke 12.32-40

- 10am: Eucharist** (1662 Book of Common Prayer)

Sunday 17 August 2025

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: Isaiah 5.1-7; Psalm 80.1-2, 8-19; Hebrews 11.29-12.2; Luke 12.49-59

- 8.00am: Sung Eucharist**
9.30am: Family Eucharist (Kids Church & Youth Group)
11.15am: Choral Matins (1662 Book of Common Prayer)
6.00pm: stjohns@6 (Holy Communion)

Wednesday 20 August 2025

Readings: Psalm 80.1-2, 8-19; Luke 12.49-59

- 10am: Eucharist** (1662 Book of Common Prayer)

For more information: www.stjohnscanberra.org

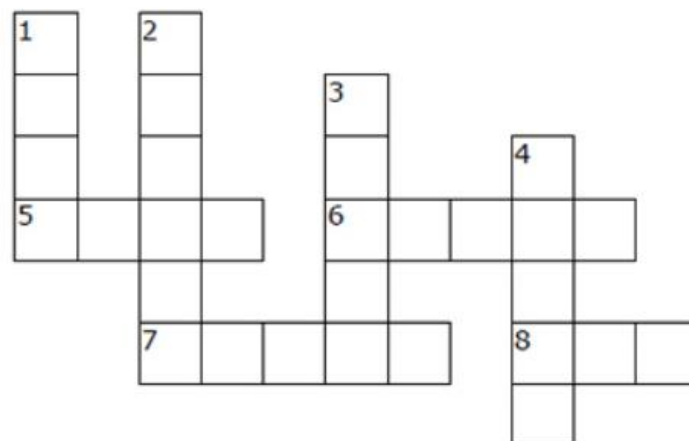
FOR YOUR ENJOYMENT

Ready for His Return Crossword

Ready for His Return

"No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him." Matthew 24:36,44 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 24:36-44



ACROSS

5. A period of time sixty minutes long
6. One who steals something
7. The time period from sunset until sunrise
8. The period from sunrise until sunset

DOWN

1. Man in the Bible who built an ark
2. To come back
3. To look or observe attentively or carefully
4. To be prepared or available for service or action

HOUR	NIGHT	WATCH	READY
DAY	NOAH	RETURN	THIEF