



# ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH CANBERRA

**22 March 2026**

**Fifth Sunday in Lent**

(This week's service times within)

*'I am the resurrection and the life,' says the Lord; 'whoever lives and believes in me shall never die.' John 11.25-26*



*Local journalist and history raconteur 'Tim the Yowie Man' has commenced evening tours of the St John's Churchyard. These culminate with a delicious supper provided by the Schoolhouse team.*

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

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Life-giving God,  
your Son came into the world  
to free us all from sin and death:  
breathe upon us with the power of your Spirit,  
that we may be raised to new life in Christ,  
and serve you in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## IMPORTANT NOTICES

**AGM.** Our parish AGM and Electoral Meeting will be held today (Sunday 22 March) in the Hall. From 11.00am, Alan Wilson (parish archivist) will give a presentation on the archives. From 11.30am the AGM will formally begin. We encourage all parishioners to attend so they can engage with the significant and exciting matters facing the parish in the year ahead.

**Youth Camp.** Thank you to those who made contributions last week to the youth camp scheduled for November. Last Sunday's morning tea raised \$1,213.95!

**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](http://www.trybooking.com/DJRND)

**Tour of St John's Care.** After today's 6pm service, interested parishioners are invited to enjoy a tour of St John's Care. Your guide will be Jason Haines (Managing Director) who will meet you at supper.

**Toward a new Parish Directory.** As St John's grows, it becomes more important to find secure and efficient ways to connect with each other. We have introduced a computer- and app-based system that puts you in charge of what details we have, so that you can change or delete them at any time. To use it, see the handout available in the church foyer

(or email [admin@stjohnscanberra.org](mailto:admin@stjohnscanberra.org) for a PDF version). The system has many useful features, but it starts with you logging in and updating us. (Later in the year, we'll offer some help after church if you're finding it too hard.)

**Sabbath Gospel.** Our very own Dr Amy Erickson's new book, 'Sabbath Gospel', is now available for purchase! This book doesn't simply reduce Sabbath to a practice, but explores Sabbath as the destination of all of history, and in a way that hopes to reorient the church to renewed faithful living, working, and rest-giving in the present. You can purchase a copy here: <https://tinyurl.com/3trcbu6r>

**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](http://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/>

## SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

**Palms Needed.** Anybody who grows or has access to “palm like” greenery, for Palm Sunday, please contact Barbara Griffiths ASAP at [griffiths.barbara@gmail.com](mailto:griffiths.barbara@gmail.com). Greenery is required at church by Thursday 26 March 2026.

**Palm Cross Working Bee.** Please join us for fun and fellowship to make our Palm Crosses on Tuesday 24 March, from 2 - 4 pm in the Robertson Room. If you could bring a pair of scissors that would be great. We will have afternoon tea following our endeavours.

**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.

**Easter Letterbox Drop.** If you are willing to do a letterbox drop of our Easter services flyer around Campbell, please take one of the prepared packs in the church entrance. (Please only take them if you can do the area as marked on the map). Other flyers to share with friends and colleagues can also be taken from the entrance.



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)

**\*Sunday 22 March: Parish AGM and Electoral Meeting.** In the Hall. At 11am, Alan Wilson (parish archivist) will give a presentation on the archives. From 11.30 the meeting formally begins, and will include elections for parish councillors, peoples' wardens, and representatives for our Clergy Appointments Board and Synod.

**\*Monday 23 March: Cuppacomalong.** All welcome for fellowship and afternoon tea. Our guest speaker will be Lisa Sithole, Case Manager at St. John's Care. 2pm to 4pm. Contact Ailsa Curtis (6247 9363)

**\*Tuesday 24 March: St John's Painting/Sketching Group.** 10am, Robertson Room. Contact Fiona (0404 066 021).

**\*Tuesday 24 March: Palm Cross Working Bee.** Please join us from 2 - 4 pm in the Robertson Room. Including afternoon tea.

**\*Saturday 28 March: Operation Christmas Child Working Group.** From 1pm-4pm in the Robertson Room. Contact Jennifer Lawson on 0407 286 572.

**Saturday 28 March: Evil Tamed – Four Christian Perspectives.** An exploration of psychological, Biblical and social perspectives on evil, At Wesley Uniting Church. To register, visit [www.trybooking.com/DJDZE](http://www.trybooking.com/DJDZE)

**Saturday 28 March: Canberra Mission Focus.** A day of worship, Bible teaching, and info sessions led by visiting missionaries. A children's program is included. For registration details and costs visit <https://www.cms.org.au/cms-canberra-mission-focus-2026>

**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.

## **A Community Coming Together**

A few weeks ago, St John's Care was contacted about a woman named Y who had recently experienced a devastating house fire. The fire had destroyed most of her belongings and made her home uninhabitable. With very little time to prepare, she was forced to move into a new place and start again with almost nothing.

When she arrived at St John's Care, she was understandably overwhelmed. In the space of a few days, she had lost the comfort and familiarity of her home, along with many of the everyday items that most of us take for granted. She needed support with the essentials to help her settle into her new accommodation.

Our team immediately stepped in to help. We were able to provide her with a range of necessities including food, toiletries, kitchen items, bedding, and other household essentials so that she could begin working towards some sense of normalcy.

We referred Y to an agency who was able to provide her with furniture for her new home. With a bed, table, and other important items delivered, her empty space slowly began to feel like a home again.

When she returned to see us a few days later, Y shared how grateful she was. Y told us that after the fire she felt lost and uncertain about how she would manage. Knowing that there were people willing to help, gave Y a sense of relief and hope during an incredibly difficult time.

Stories like Y's remind us how quickly life can change. In a single moment, someone can lose everything they have built. Thanks to the generosity of our donors, the dedication of our volunteers, and the ongoing support of the many organisations who work alongside us, St John's Care can respond quickly when people need support the most.

We would especially like to thank the other community organisations who we work with and whose collaboration helps ensure that people receive the practical support they need to rebuild their lives.

Your kindness and commitment make this work possible. To our donors, volunteers, and the agencies we work alongside, you not only allow us to provide essential items, but also comfort, dignity, and hope to people during some of the most challenging moments of their lives.

Kind regards

Karen Medrano  
Case Manager

**Items required:** Tomato sauce, tinned fruit, tissue box, baby wipes

**Easter items:** Easter eggs, easter bunnies

## Upcoming services

### Sunday 22 March 2026

Fifth Sunday in Lent

*Readings: Ezekiel 37.1-14; Psalm 130; Romans 8.6-11; John 11.1-45*

- 7.00am: Eucharist** (1662 Book of Common Prayer)
- 8.00am: Sung Eucharist**
- 9.30am: Family Eucharist** (Kids Church & Youth Group)
- 6.00pm: stjohns@6** (Praise, Prayer and Proclamation)

### Wednesday 25 March 2026

*Readings: Ezekiel 37.1-14; OR, Romans 8.6-11; John 11.1-45*

- 10.00am: Eucharist** (1662 Book of Common Prayer)

### 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: stjohns@6** (Holy Communion)

### Wednesday 1 April 2026

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

- 10.00am: Eucharist** (1662 Book of Common Prayer)

For more information: [www.stjohnscanberra.org](http://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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