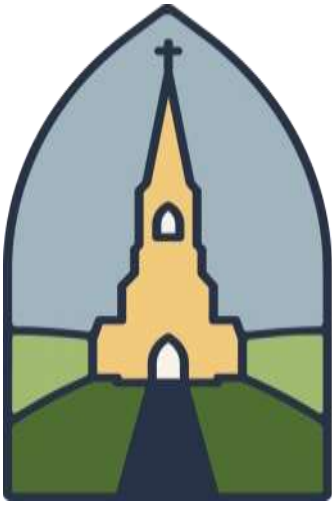




ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH CANBERRA

27 September 2026

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

(This week's service times within)

Come, let us return to the Lord, that we may live before him.

Hosea 6.1a, 2b



The delights of Spring at Floriade.

(photo by Kim Gibson)

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Grant, O merciful God,
that your people may have that mind that was in Christ Jesus,
who emptied himself, and took the form of a servant,
and in humility became obedient even to death.

For you have highly exalted him
and bestowed on him the name that is above every name,
Jesus Christ, the Lord;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, in everlasting glory. **Amen.**

IMPORTANT NOTICES

Welcome to Rev'd Peter Malone. We are delighted to have Rev'd Peter Malone as a new honorary member of our clergy team. Peter recently finished as Priest-in-Charge of Hope Ginninderra Parish, and has held various pastoral and chaplaincy roles across the diocese. He will be assisting in our work of pastoral care. He looks forward to getting to know many of you.

Stepping Up: A Conversation on Christian Learning and Service. Are you interested in exploring how studying theology might equip you in your service of God and others? Have you considered the skills, gifts, and opportunities God has before you for you to serve in ministry?

In partnership with St John's, St Mark's National Theological Centre invites you to an evening to learn about the benefits of theological study and opportunities to go deeper at St Mark's, and to explore what learning and ministry might look like in your life. (4 November 2026, 7.15–9.30pm, St John's (Robertson Room)). See

stmarks.edu.au/events/stepping-up-a-conversation-on-christian-learning-and-service/

Praying the Daily Office. Create habits of daily prayer. E-Pray Daily is a free online resource providing daily prayers and Bible readings from *A Prayer Book for Australia* and *An Australian Lectionary*. It can be viewed at daily.epray.com.au

PARISH FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT (August YTD)

- Income: \$554 537, consisting of:
 - Donations and giving: \$367,934
 - Other (e.g. carparking fees, etc): \$164 534
- Expenses: \$600 813 (consisting of employment, property, admin, insurance, diocesan contribution etc)
- **Operating deficit: \$46,267k**

Comment: While the year has seen continued generosity and commitment to the church's mission, unexpected disruptions to parking revenue have badly damaged our cash position and paused unnecessary expenditure. Without improvements, present ministry offerings are not sustainable. (See back page for giving details.)

Our Parish Fair 17 October. Volunteers can sign up for the Fair at volunteersignup.org/43DKT. So, please click on the link and sign up – it's simple and you can choose your ideal time slot. We need help with sound system setup. See page 8 for "What When and Where to leave your donations". Any queries regarding the Fair, contact Jon (jon.hawkins@bigpond.com).

Garden stall: Please start thinking about planting/potting so we have good items to sell. Also, any garden equipment or pots should be quality, and no disposable seedling containers, thanks – best spot for them is the Bunnings recycle bin!

Books: 11 October is closing date for book donations. If you still have books you'd like to donate, now's the time to get sorting! We would like to have all book donations with us in the hall by Sunday 11 October.

Parliamentary Prayer Breakfast. This annual event, to be held on 26 October at 7.15am – 8.15am (in the Great Hall of Parliament House) offers us a chance to pray for our members of parliament, in the presence of many political and faith leaders. The two St John's tables are now fully booked, but you can put yourself down on the waitlist by emailing admin@stjohnscanberra.org or you can purchase a ticket directly at <https://nationalprayerbreakfast.org>.

Keynote speaker Amy Brown will draw on her experience of leadership and personal challenge in public service, to explore the theme "The Way Down is the Way Up" – the counterintuitive Christian hope that God meets us in the valley, where we may be formed deeply and encounter Him most clearly.

Celebrate Spring at the Peter Crisp Gallery with Carl Rafferty.

On the October long weekend, Carl Rafferty will play his favourite tunes at the Peter Crisp Gallery, Hume Highway, Bowning. You'll enjoy an easy trip down the Hume Highway and arrive to coffee and bubbles in the garden. Explore the gallery, and then Carl will provide piano entertainment in the gallery rooms.

- Saturday October 3 – gates open 2.30pm. Concert 3pm
- Sunday October 4 – gates open 2.30pm. Concert 3pm

Tickets are \$90, but if you book now you'll enjoy a big saving and pay only \$69. Bubbly and a nibble included!

For Saturday 3 October, book at: <https://tinyurl.com/2fsck4j3>

For Sunday 4 October book at: <https://tinyurl.com/nhzjwjuu>

Canberra Bach Ensemble – Bach's Trauerode. Canberra Bach Ensemble presents Bach's *Trauerode* BWV 198, together with cantatas BWV 125 and BWV 55, at St Christopher's Cathedral, Manuka: Saturday 3 October at 7.30pm and Sunday 4 October at 2.00pm. Tickets and further details: www.canberrabachensemble.com

Anglican News September 2026. Here is the link to the latest edition of Anglican News: <https://anglicancg.org.au/news-and-events/anglican-news/> You can email any contributions for future issues of the Anglican News, by the first day of the month of the issue, to: anglicannews@anglicancg.org.au

UPCOMING EVENTS

(*St John's event)

***Monday 28 September: Cuppacomalong.** All welcome for fellowship and afternoon tea. The topic is "Advertising Standards". Come and have a cuppa and a chat, 2pm to 4pm. Contact Ailsa Curtis (6247 9363).

***Saturday 3 October: Working Bee.** From 8.30am–10.00am. Working outside helping to beautify the gardens and grounds. Please bring equipment (e.g. gardening gloves, hat, suitable footwear, mowers, blowers) and join us for morning tea afterwards at 10am.

Saturday 3 October: Celebrate Spring at the Peter Crisp Gallery with Carl Rafferty. Peter Crisp Gallery, Hume Highway, Bowning. Gates open at 2.30pm. Concert at 3pm.

Saturday 3 October: Canberra Bach Ensemble – Bach's Trauerode. St Christopher's Cathedral, Manuka: Saturday 3 October at 7.30pm and Sunday 4 October at 2.00pm. Tickets and further details: www.canberrabachensemble.com

***Sunday 4 October: Bellringing.** The monthly bellringing practice is

on again today, from 5pm to 6 pm. Everyone is welcome to come along and join in the ringing. (You could then stay on for the St John's@6 service).

Sunday 4 October: Celebrate Spring at the Peter Crisp Gallery with Carl Rafferty. Peter Crisp Gallery, Hume Highway, Bowning. Gates open at 2.30pm. Concert at 3pm.

***Sunday 11 October: Choral Evensong.** Join us at 5pm for this brief, reflective service, including hymns and choral music.

Sunday 11 October: Exploring Ordination Information Session.

For anyone who is wondering whether God might be calling them to ordained ministry. At St Mark's National Theological Centre, 15 Blackall St, Barton ACT, 2.00-3.30pm, no charge. Register here:

<https://tinyurl.com/ty8tej4d>

Thursday 15 October: St Mark's Online Information Session.

For anyone who is considering theological study in 2027. At St Mark's National Theological Centre, 15 Blackall St, Barton ACT, 2.00-3.30pm, no charge. Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/ty8tej4d>

Friday 16 October: National Day of Recognition. For further information or enquiries, please contact the organising committee at: honouringthehiddenservice@gmail.com

***Saturday 17 October: St John's Parish Fair.** 9am-2pm for a wonderful time of food, festivities and bargains.

Monday 26 October: Parliamentary Prayer Breakfast. 7.15am–8.15am (in the Great Hall of Parliament House). For waitlist email admin@stjohnscanberra.org or to purchase ticket directly visit <https://nationalprayerbreakfast.org>.

***Saturday 31 October: All Saints Eve event.** St John's alternative to Halloween. 4:30pm – 7:30pm. Includes lantern making, mystery trail, lolly hunt and more. Tickets on sale at <https://www.trybooking.com/DPMD>. For families with children up to 15 yrs old. Offers to help or enquiries to Mary de Lautour (see page 12).

***Sunday 1 November: Bellringing.** The monthly bellringing practice is on from 5pm to 6 pm. Everyone is welcome to come along and join in the ringing. (You could then stay on for the St John's@6 service).

***Wednesday 4 November: Stepping Up: A Conversation on Christian Learning and Service.** 7.15–9.30pm, St John's (Robertson Room). See stmarks.edu.au/events/stepping-up-a-conversation-on-christian-learning-and-service/

***Saturday 7 November: Working Bee.** From 8.30am–10.00am, working outside helping to beautify the gardens and grounds. Please

bring equipment (e.g. gardening gloves, hat, suitable footwear, mowers, blowers) and join us for morning tea afterwards at 10am.

***Friday 13 – Sunday 15 November: Youth and Young Adults camp.** Registrations are now open for our Youth and Young Adults weekend away at tinyurl.com/SJCampRego.

***Saturday 14 November: St John's Care Trivia Night.** In the Hall from 6pm. See more details below.



The poster is for a Trivia Night event at St John's Care. It features a dark blue background with string lights and stars. The title 'TRIVIA Night' is prominently displayed in white and yellow. Below the title, a pink banner reads 'St John's Care'. The event is scheduled for Saturday, 14 November 2026, at 6 PM. Ticket prices are listed as \$25 for adults and \$10 for kids under 15. A call to action asks attendees to bring an unwrapped present for the children's Christmas gift room. The poster also mentions that doors open at 6 PM, trivia starts at 6.30 PM, and that food and drinks are BYO. There will be a raffle and other fun games, and tables will be set for 8-10 people. A QR code is provided for more information. The location is St John's Hall, 45 Constitution Ave Reid, ACT. Decorative elements include a teddy bear, a soccer ball, a toy car, and a gift box with a tag that says 'GIVE JOY THIS CHRISTMAS'.

st John's Care

TRIVIA Night

St John's Care

SAVED SATURDAY
14 NOVEMBER 2026

\$ ADULTS \$25
KIDS U 15 \$10

PLEASE BRING AN UNWRAPPED PRESENT FOR OUR CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS GIFT ROOM

DOORS OPEN AT 6PM

TRIVIA STARTS AT 6.30PM

BYO FOOD AND DRINKS

RAFFLE AND OTHER FUN GAMES

TABLES OF 8-10 PEOPLE

ST JOHN'S HALL
45 CONSTITUTION AVE REID, ACT

Gather your friends, test your knowledge & have a great night!

GIVE JOY THIS CHRISTMAS

~~HALLOWEEN~~ ALL SAINTS EVE

October

Saturday

31

4:30 – 7:30pm

2026

Lantern Making - Mystery Trail

Lolly Hunt

Games - BBQ

Try to escape the **CRYPT!**



Tickets

\$6 per child

Adults free

All activities & food included.

Bookings are essential as tickets are limited!

<https://www.trybooking.com/DPMDI>

No ghosts! No ghouls! Just light, laughs and life!

St John's Anglican Church

45 Constitution Ave, REID



ST JOHN'S COMMUNITY FAIR 2026 DONATIONS

The following lists *What, When & Where you can leave your Donations* for the Community Fair:
Please do not leave donations before the times below

WHAT	WHEN	WHERE	NOTES
Books, Games, Puzzles, DVDs and CDs	Now	Bench outside Church Hall	<i>If the Hall is open, please leave your donations on the stage.</i> Good quality fiction and non-fiction, including large print books and books for young adults and children. <i>Please no textbooks, manuals, Readers Digest, encyclopedias, videotapes or audio cassette tapes.</i>
Oranges, lemons, limes, apples, dried dates, or dried apricots	Now	Parish Office	Tuesday – Thursday 10am-3pm
Clothes	From 1 September	Hall	<i>If the Hall is open, please leave your donations in the marked area, immediately to the left inside the Hall.</i>
Craft, Trinkets, Treasure, White Elephant	From 28 September	Bench outside Church Hall	<i>If the Hall is open, please leave your donations in the marked area, immediately to the left inside the Hall.</i>
Raffles	From 28 September to 11 October	Bench outside Church Hall	
Plants & Gardening	From 12 October	Bench outside Church Hall	
Jam & Cake	From 15 October	Central bench in Kitchen	

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: Southside Bible Study

When & Where: Wednesdays, 2pm, Fadden, Tuggeranong

Who: Adults, any age.

Focus: Bible study and discussion

Contact: John Richards—0407 790 767

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.

Heartbreaking Loss

For many years, St John's Care has had the privilege of supporting a young family who have faced significant challenges together. A single father had been raising his young son with the support of the boy's grandmother, doing his best to provide a safe and loving home while also living with longstanding mental health challenges.

Over the years, I worked closely with the family, and they became well known to us at SJC. They would turn to us during difficult periods for food, practical assistance and, importantly, a familiar place where they could talk openly and be treated with compassion and dignity.

Recently, the family experienced a devastating loss when the father died by suicide following many years of struggling with his mental health. His death has left a young boy without his father and a grandmother grieving the loss of her son while also taking on the responsibility of caring for her grandson. In the weeks following his death, St John's Care has remained closely involved with the family. We have supported the grandmother and her grandson with food and essential items, practical assistance, referrals and ongoing case management as they begin to navigate an incredibly difficult new chapter in their lives. At times like this, emergency relief is about much more than what we can put into a food bag. It is about being a consistent and familiar source of support when a family's world has suddenly changed. For this grandmother and young boy, our focus has been on easing some of the immediate pressures they face and ensuring they know they do not have to navigate everything alone. Having supported this family for many years, and having recently become a father myself, this loss has also had a profound impact on me personally. Watching a grandmother try to come to terms with the loss of her son, while simultaneously helping her grandson understand and grieve the loss of his father, has been heartbreaking.

There are moments in this work that stay with you, and walking alongside this family through such an unimaginable period of grief is something I know I will carry with me for a long time. We will continue to stand beside this grandmother and her grandson as they grieve, adjust to their new circumstances and, slowly, begin to get back on their feet.

Kind regards

Robbie Speldewinde, Operations Manager

Items required: Honey, Peanut butter 400g, Conditioner, Large weetbix 1.25kg

Upcoming services

Sunday 27 September 2026

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: Exodus 17.1-7; Psalm 78.1-4, 11-16; Philippians 2.1-15; Matthew 21.23-32

- 7.00am:** Eucharist (1662 Book of Common Prayer)
8.00am: Sung Eucharist
9.30am: Family Eucharist (Kid's Church in recess School Holidays)
6.00pm: stjohs@6 (Praise, Prayer and Proclamation)

Wednesday 30 September 2026

Readings: Philippians 2 .1-15; Matthew 21.23-32

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

Sunday 4 October 2026

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: Exodus 20.1-4, 7-9, 12-20; Psalm 19; Philippians 3; Matthew 21.33-46

- 8.00am:** Sung Eucharist
9.30am: Family Eucharist (Kid's Church in recess School Holidays)
11.15am: Choral Eucharist (1662 Book of Common Prayer)
6.00pm: stjohs@6 (Praise, Prayer and Proclamation)

Wednesday 7 October 2026

Readings: Exodus 20.1-4, 7-9, 12-20; OR, Philippians 3; Matthew 21.33-46

- 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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Operations Manager	Alison Hosking	alison.hosking@stjohnscanberra.org	5140 0101
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Parish Office: 6248 8399

Opening Hours: 10.00am to 3.00pm Tuesday to Friday

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