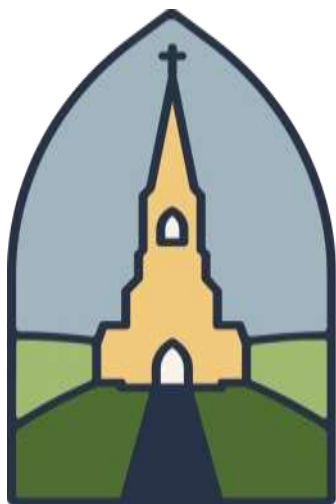




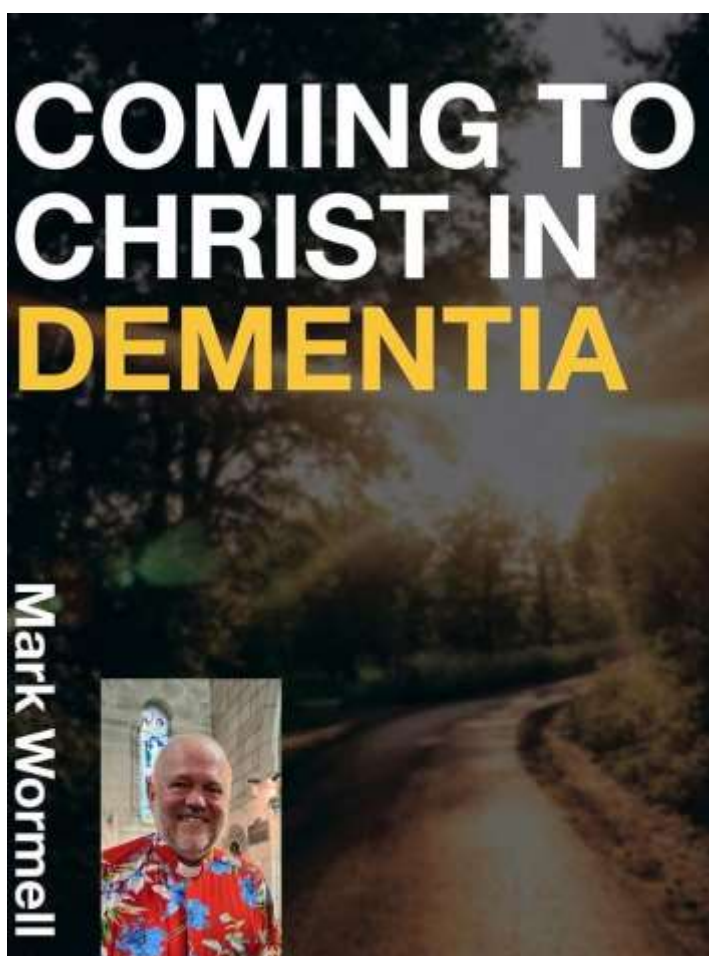
ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH CANBERRA

6 September 2026

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

(This week's service times within)

'Where two or three are gathered in my name,' says the Lord, 'I am there among them.'
Matthew 18.20



Our guest preacher today is the Rev'd Mark Wormell, author of *Coming to Christ in Dementia*. For his recent seminars, go to our podcast *St John's Canberra Talks* (see website >> sermons after 7 September).

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Go before us, O Lord,
with your most gracious favour
and further us with your continual help,
that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you,
we may glorify your holy name,
and finally, by your mercy,
obtain everlasting life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

IMPORTANT NOTICES

St John's @ Floriade 2026. St John's will once again participate in Floriade on Saturday 12 September 2pm - 4pm in an event entitled 'Sounds of a Floriade Spring'. Visitors will be invited to explore the church, schoolhouse and grounds while the sound of the bells echo over Canberra. Donations on the day will go to St John's Care. Please share this important community outreach with family and friends.

Friends of St John's event – “How International Law can help in a world in chaos – a Christian perspective”: Professor Don Rothwell, Professor of International Law at ANU and a member of St John's 8am congregation will speak at the next Friends of St John's event on Sunday afternoon 13 September at 3.30pm in the Robertson Room. This will start the new series of Friends events of an afternoon tea and speaker followed by a traditional Evensong at 5pm.

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. St John's has again booked 2 tables for interested parishioners. If you'd like to claim one (\$75), email the parish office at admin@stjohnscanberra.org as soon as possible to secure your spot. 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.

General Meeting: Notice is hereby given that a (brief) special general meeting of the Parish of St John's will be held in the church, immediately following the 9.30 am service on 20 September 2026.

The purpose of the meeting is to consider only the following motion:

That, pursuant to Schedule 6, clause 8.1 of the Governance of the Diocese Ordinance 2000, this meeting requests Bishop-in-Council, as the Standing Committee of Synod, to amend Schedule 6, clause 3.1 in its application to the Parish of St John's so that the Parish of St John's shall hold its annual general meeting not later than 30 April in each year.

All parishioners are welcome.

Name Badges. You can order your own name badge at stjohnscanberra.org/payments. It's a great way to help people connect with you at church.

Diocesan Young Adults' Dinner and Games Night. Young Adults from across the Anglican Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn are invited to gather for a free night of dinner and some games on Friday 25 September, 6.30pm – 10pm, at St Mark's Theological Centre, Barton (Durie room). All Anglicans from 18–30 are welcome. It would be great if you can bring some dinner or snacks to share, and a favourite board or card game. But if you can't, we'd still like to see you. Book at trybooking.com/DOIJL or use the QR code.



Our Parish Fair 17 October: Several stalls will need extra volunteers, including: white elephant, treasures & trinkets, cake, craft, gardening stall and the BBQ. Also, anyone interested in helping with the sound system on the day, we'd love to hear from you. See page 8 for “*What When and Where to leave your donations*”.

For the garden stall. Please start thinking about planting/potting so that we have good items for sale at our gardening stall, plus any garden equipment or pots should be quality, and we don't want the disposable seedling containers – best spot for them is the Bunnings recycle bin!

Anglican News August 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

Access to St Mark's Library for parishioners. Parishioners can access the St Mark's collection of theological material via the St John's membership. See here for opening times and other information: <https://stmarks.edu.au/library/>

UPCOMING EVENTS

(*St John's event)

***Sunday 6 September: 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. (Then stay for the 6pm service!)

***Tuesday 8 September: Bible for Blokes (then weekly).** 10.00am in the Upper Room. Enquiries, Canon Kevin Stone.

Tuesday 8 September: Order of St Luke Healing Meeting. All are invited to the Healing Meeting at St David's Anglican Church, Red Hill at 2.00pm followed by afternoon tea. There will be teaching and prayer. More information from Father John Gibson (0451 681 118) at gibsonjohn385@gmail.com.

***Tuesday 8 September: St John's Sketching/Painting Group.** 9.30am to lunchtime, in the Robertson Room. All welcome to come along with sketch pad, pencils or paints. Contact Fiona (0404 066 021) or Jennifer (0407 286 572).

***Saturday 12 September: Floriade event.** Explore St John's church, schoolhouse and grounds to the music of the bells from 2pm - 4pm. See also page 2.

***Sunday 13 September: Friends of St John's.** Guest speaker Professor Don Rothwell on “How International Law can help in a world in chaos – a Christian perspective”. At 3.30pm in the Robertson Room with an afternoon tea followed by a traditional Evensong at 5pm.

***Sunday 20 September: General Meeting:** A (brief) special general meeting of the Parish will be held in the church, immediately following the 9.30 am service to consider the question of the timing of the annual general meeting. See also page 3.

Saturday 19 September: St Saviour's Cathedral Inaugural Lecture. Rev'd Dr Michael Jensen on 'What does it mean to be human?' Bookings via the Cathedral Office (02 4821 2206).



***Friday 25 September: Diocesan young adults' dinner and games night.** 6.30pm – 10pm, in the Durie Room at St Mark's Theological Centre, Barton. (See page 3 for details.)

***Saturday 17 October: St John's Parish Fair.** 9am-2pm. Save the date!

***Friday 13 – Saturday 15 November: Youth Camp.** A weekend supported by Scripture Union, offering teaching and encouragement for our youth and young adults. Contact jess.evans31169@gmail.com. See also page 8.

st John's Care

TRIVIA Night

St John's Care



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



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



ST JOHN'S HALL
45 CONSTITUTION AVE REID, ACT



Parish Council Report

Report from the August 2026 Meeting of Parish Council

The most recent Parish Council meeting was held in the evening on Wednesday 19 August 2026 at which Councillors heard about General Synod and discussed several issues, including the Parish's finances, property matters and Works Approvals for the extensions to the Robertson Room and Offices and St John's Care. A summary is provided below.

Rector's Report: The Rector reported that he and others from the Parish recently attended General Synod held in Melbourne. It is a gathering of the national body, and all Dioceses are a part of it. It is held every 4 years. He noted that one significant item of business was the mismatch between city archdioceses, and remote rural dioceses – the latter having large areas to cover, small and dispersed populations, and significant financial difficulties. Synod agreed to establish and fund a First Nations Bishop and a Torres Strait Islander Bishop in the future.

The Rector encouraged Council members to join the Church Centre App; he noted plans to temporarily relocate staff and volunteers in anticipation of the upcoming redevelopment, and he reported that training is occurring for readers, sidespersons and welcomers.

Finance Update: The Treasurer reported that the offertories are strong but the income from carparking remains poor. As a result, cash flow is being managed and monitored carefully and only essential expenditure will be approved. The Resources and Investment Committee met in July to discuss revenue strains, including car parking, and what this implies for the budget next year. At the end of the year, we may be below budget in which case the Parish may need to draw down funds from the trusts to meet the budget shortfall.

Property and Grounds Update: The Chair of the Property Committee highlighted several matters. In terms of maintenance the pew heaters in the Church were checked by an electrician and are working fine. Cracks have appeared in the render in the Church between the side chapels and the sanctuary. A renderer will come to have a look at patching them.

The Works Approval for the Robertson Room and Offices extension has been submitted to the National Capital Authority which has sent it to ACT Heritage for consideration. A meeting with the Managing Director of St John's Care will be held to discuss the paperwork required for the submission of a Works Approval for the St John's Care redevelopment. The St John's Care Management Committee has decided to go ahead with extensions at the back of St John's Care which will mostly be used for food storage. Business will be able to go ahead as usual while these extensions are built.

For any questions, please contact John Richards who was the Acting Presiding Member at the meeting.

Our Youth and Young Adults weekend Youth Camp is in November. To bring costs down, and to help some people attend, we're asking for donations.

(Talk to Andrew Cameron or Jess Priest if you'd prefer to donate some other way than described here.)

Go to tinyurl.com/SJCcamp

Or use this QR code →



Or go to www.stjohnscanberra.org/payments
scroll down, and choose **one-off donation**

A screenshot of a web form titled "ST JOHN'S CANBERRA" and "Donation". It has a field "ENTER DONATION AMOUNT" with a grey box containing "AUD\$0.00". Below this is a line of text: "Donation to support the regular ministry of the parish. (Thank you so much for your support!)". At the bottom is a blue button labeled "Checkout".

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← Click on the grey box,
type how many dollars
then **Checkout:**

IMPORTANT: At the next screen, in 'Add a note for the seller'
enter '**DONATION FOR CAMP**'
then complete your payment details below that.

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DONATION FOR CAMP

Thanks for your support!

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	

CLIENT JOURNEY – CELEBRATING STRENGTH, HOPE AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT

The client first came more than six months ago seeking food relief. During our initial conversations, she shared she was about to begin chemotherapy. At a very difficult and uncertain time in her life, she was facing the treatment journey with very limited support. Since then, I have had the privilege of supporting her on a weekly basis throughout her chemotherapy journey. Our support was not only about providing practical assistance, but also about offering encouragement, connection and a safe space where she could feel supported during such a challenging period.

St John's Care was able to provide weekly food relief throughout her treatment. Access to fresh fruit and vegetables was particularly important to her during chemotherapy, and we were able to make sure these were regularly available alongside other essential food items.

This week marks a very special milestone: **the client is receiving her final chemotherapy treatment.**

At St John's Care, we want to celebrate her strength, resilience and determination. We also want to recognise and celebrate our donors and supporters. Their generosity made it possible for us to provide consistent practical support when this client needed it most.

As her Case Manager, I was able to be the connection between that generosity and a person going through one of the most difficult periods of her life. Week after week, the support provided by our donors became fresh food, essential groceries, encouragement and reassurance that she did not have to face every challenge alone. Her final chemotherapy treatment is not only an important milestone for her; it is also a meaningful reminder of what community support can achieve. ***Behind every donation is the opportunity to make a real difference in someone's life.*** Today, we celebrate this client, her incredible strength, and everyone who helped support her throughout this journey.

We are incredibly grateful to all our donors whose generosity made this ongoing support possible. Your contributions are much more than food on a shelf; they allow us to stand beside people during some of the most difficult moments of their lives. In this client's journey, your support meant that each week she could access nutritious food, including fresh fruit and vegetables, while undergoing chemotherapy. It also meant that she knew there was a community behind her, caring and supporting her along the way. As we celebrate her final chemotherapy treatment, we celebrate you too. Thank you for making it possible for St John's Care to be there, week after week, when it mattered most.

Kind regards

Karen Medrano
Case Manager

Items required: Small packets of sultanas (for school lunches), honey, oat milk, rice milk

Upcoming services

Sunday 6 September 2026

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: Exodus 12.1-14; Psalm 149; Romans 13.1-10; Matthew 18.10-20

- 8.00am:** **Sung Eucharist**
9.30am: **Family Eucharist** (Kid's Church & Youth Group)
11.15am: **Choral Eucharist** (1662 Book of Common Prayer)
6.00pm: **stjohns@6** (Praise, Prayer and Proclamation)

Wednesday 9 September 2026

Readings: Romans 13.1-10; Matthew 18.10-20

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

Sunday 13 September 2026

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: Exodus 14.19-31; Psalm 114; Romans 14.1-14; Matthew 18.21-35

- 7.00am** **Eucharist** (1662 Book of Common Prayer)
8.00am: **Sung Eucharist**
9.30am: **Family Eucharist** (Kid's Church & Youth Group)
5.00pm **Choral Evensong** (1662 Book of Common Prayer)
6.00pm: **stjohns@6** (Praise, Prayer and Proclamation)

Wednesday 16 September 2026

Readings: Romans 14.1-14; Matthew 18.21-35

- 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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Parish Office: 6248 8399

Opening Hours: 10.00am to 3.00pm Tuesday to Friday

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