

ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH CANBERRA

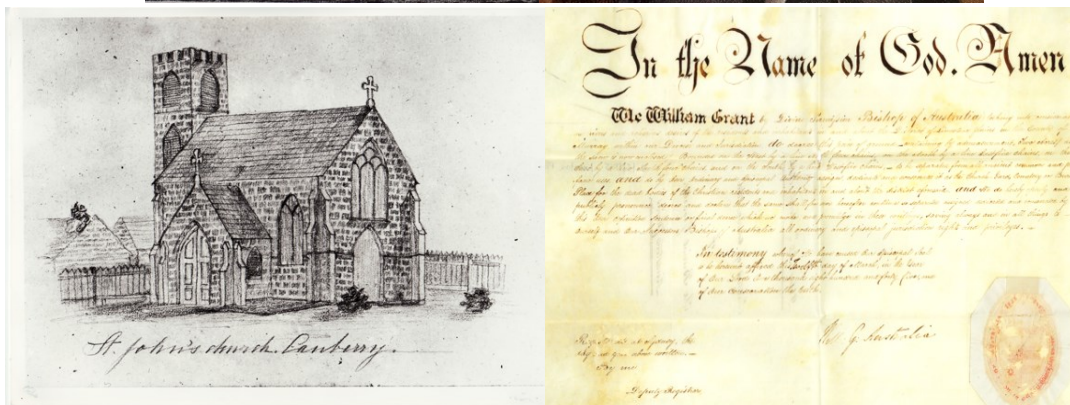
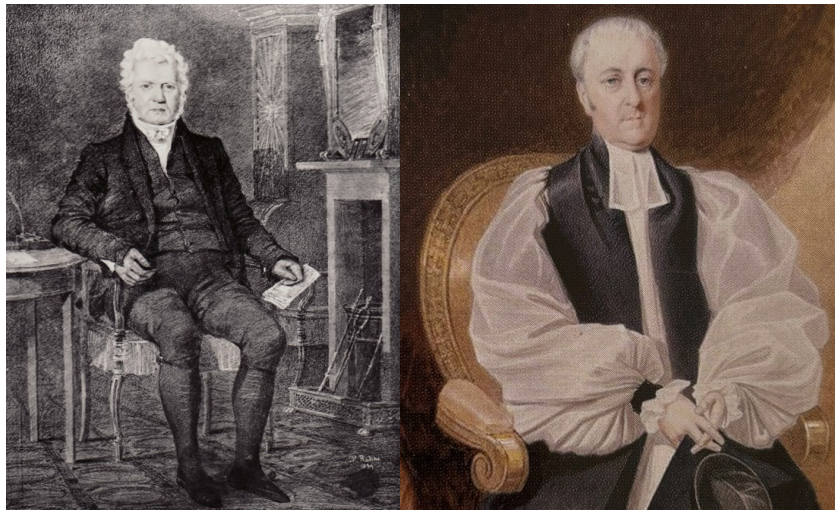
180th Anniversary

9 March 2025

First Sunday in Lent

(This week's service times within)

Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him. Luke 4.8



The Church of St John the Baptist was consecrated on Wednesday 12 March 1845 by Bishop of Australia the Right Reverend William Grant Broughton (1788-1853) (top right) upon the generous donation from Robert Campbell (1769-1846) (top left) for the welfare of the early settlers in the Limestone Plains. A sketch by Anna Maria Bunn (bottom left) is of St John's soon after it's consecration. The Sentence of Consecration dated 12 March 1845 (bottom right).

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

NOTICES



Volunteers to Clean Church. We are seeking the help of some volunteers to vacuum and tidy the church on the 2nd Monday of each month. Please contact Jane at admin@stjohnscanberra.org if you are able to offer us some assistance.

Parish AGM and Electoral Meeting. Notice is hereby given that our parish AGM and electoral meeting will be held at 2pm on Sunday 30 March in the Hall. Reports and nomination forms for prospective Wardens and Parish Councillors will be uploaded to the website (stjohnscanberra.org/documents), the latter also being available in hard copy form from the Parish Office from Wednesday 12 March. Nominations close COB on Friday 21 March.

Lenten Study: The Crucifixion. Rev'd Dave is leading a study through a selection of readings from Rev'd Dr Fleming Rutledge's book 'The Crucifixion' – a thoughtful (and sometimes demanding) series of reflections on the meaning of Christ's death. Attendance involves coming prepared each week to discuss the readings. Thursdays, 7.30pm, finishing 10 April, in the Robertson Room. If you are interested in joining us, email rector@stjohnscanberra.org.

Young Blokes' Bible Study. We are moving to a new time – now **6.30pm** Mondays in Campbell. Basically for blokes 18-25 but we can negotiate on age! For more info talk to Rev'd Andrew or Matt Rogerson. (No meeting on public holiday March 10th.)

Meals for the William Family. Meals would be appreciated for the William family as Richa continues to face further complex surgery (and recovery). Frozen meals can be left in the church freezer, clearly labelled 'Williams'. Non-spicy chicken, fish or vegetarian meals only, please. Thanks for your prayers and care for this family.

Supporting Ministry at St John's. As a new year begins, please take a moment to consider the appropriate level of your regular financial contribution to our parish. We are highly dependent upon regular (preferably automatic) deposits to sustain our ministry and care for our site. 'Giving' info can be found on page 7 of this newsletter, or at www.stjohnscanberra.org/giving.

Operation Christmas Child boxes update. We've received encouraging news that the Operation Christmas Child boxes which many of you helped to prepare last year were most likely sent to Ukraine. Thank you again to all of you who made this possible, bringing joy to children in need.

In Pursuit of Paul. Come with Professor Constantine Campbell (St John's parishioner) and follow in the Apostle Paul's footsteps as we travel to major sites on Paul's journeys in Türkiye, Greece, Malta, and Rome. From the site of Paul's first recorded sermon in Psidian Antioch, to the Ephesian theatre where he sparked a city riot, to the spot where Lydia was baptised, to where Paul preached to the Athenians, to where he pleaded with the Corinthians. We'll visit the site of Paul's infamous shipwreck where he is still

honoured, his Roman prison and his burial place. Along the way we'll gain deeper insights into Paul the man and missionary, as well as a greater appreciation of the backdrop for his letters that have shaped the church (and the world) for two millennia. November 6–19, 2025. Information session: April 7, 2025, via Zoom. For further info: https://selah.au/trip/pursuit_paul/

UPCOMING EVENTS (*St John's event)

***Sunday 9 March: 180th Anniversary Afternoon Tea and Choral Evensong.** It is 180 years since the consecration of St John's (1845). Join us for this special service of Choral Evensong. With Bishop Mark in attendance, we will give thanks to God for the privilege of bearing witness to Christ in the heart of our nation's capital. Afternoon tea at 3.30pm in the Hall, followed by 5pm Evensong in the Church.

Sunday 9 March: OSL Healing Service. All are invited to a Healing Service at the Anglican Church, St Mary In The Valley, 17 Webber Crescent, Calwell at 2.00pm followed by afternoon tea. There will be a retiring collection to support OSL and St Mary's In The Valley. Info Fr John Gibson at gibsonjohn385@gmail.com or 0451 681 118.

Monday 10 March: Hope 25 Prayer Meeting. All are invited join with us to pray for gospel impact as part of the Hope 25 initiative. 10am -11am at the Gungahlin Anglican Church Ministry Centre, Cnr Sarre St & Donnelly Lane in Gungahlin. Contact Jenny Borrie Ph. 0401 854 626 Mon-Thurs: 9.30am to 12.30pm.

12 March: Scripture Union 'Discovering Life' Dinner. Each year, individuals and churches take part in a fun and encouraging night as we celebrate what God has been doing in the ACT & Southern NSW through Scripture Union Australia. This year we are joined by special guest speaker, Alan Tongue (former Canberra Raiders footballer and NRL Community Program Deliverer). As always, the meal will be free, but please come prepared to make a donation and support Scripture Union Australia in what we do. 6pm for 6:30 start – 9pm. RSVP at <https://su.org.au/events/su-act-discovering-life-dinner-2025/>

***Thursday 13 March: Lenten Study.** The second of our Lenten studies continues in the Robertson Room at 7.30pm. Those intending to come should email rector@stjohnscanberra.org as soon as possible to receive a link to the required readings.

***Sunday 16 March: Friends' Service and AGM.** This 11.15am service of Matins will be followed by refreshments in the Robertson Room hosted by the Friends of St John's. Our speakers will be Rev'd David McLennan and Christine Hawkins (Warden, Chair of Property Committee), who will be foreshadowing some of the exciting developments the

parish is seeking to pursue, and what this may mean for groups like the Friends of St John's. All are welcome. Friends' AGM to follow.

***Tuesday 25 March: Making Palm Crosses.** Come and enjoy some reflective and creative time making Palm Crosses for Palm Sunday. In the Robinson Room with Jennifer Lawson from 10am -12 noon.

Saturday 29 March: Canberra Mission Focus. Come and be challenged and refreshed by a day of worship, Bible teaching (from Simon Gillham, former missionary and current head of missions at Moore Theological College), and sessions led by visiting missionaries. A children's program is included. For registration details and costs visit cms.org.au/event/cms-canberra-mission-focus-2025/. Radford College, 9am – 4pm.

Saturday 29 March: St Saviour's Youth Retreat. 'Hope in Prayer' is the theme. Join other youth in the diocese at the cathedral in Goulburn.

For more information, contact st.savioursretreat@gmail.com

Sunday 30 March: Parish AGM.

Our parish AGM and electoral meeting will be held at 2pm on Sunday 30 March in the Hall.

Sunday 13 April: Invictus: A Passion. The Llewellyn Choir Performs *Invictus: A Passion*, on Palm Sunday at 5.00pm at the Wesley Uniting Church, National Circuit Forrest.

ST SAVIOUR'S RETREAT

29 MARCH 2025

FOR ALL AGED 18-35



SPEND A DAY AT THE GOULBURN CATHEDRAL EXPLORING:

HOPE IN PRAYER

MORE DETAILS TO COME SOON

BOOKINGS OPEN MID JANUARY

PLEASE CONTACT:

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FOLLOW US!



HOWARD GOODALL'S

INVICTUS: A PASSION



And
GEORG PHILIPP TELEMANN'S
HOSANNAH TO THE SON OF DAVID

Conductor
Benjamin Hursey-Martin

Soloists
Sarah Hayes, Adanna McKeon (soprano)
Charles Hudson (tenor), Michael Wilson (bass)

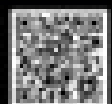
Repertoire
Dr Anthony Smith

WITH THE LLEWELLYN SINFONIA

5.00 PM Sunday 13 April 2025

Wesley Uniting Church | National Circuit Forrest

Tickets Adults \$40 | Concessions \$20 | Students \$30 | Children under 12 free
Book through www.llewellynsinfonia.org.au or TryBooking



Collaborative Support

Last month S reached out to SJC for utility support, medical, food and school costs for her children. SJC works in partnership with ActewAGL to support our community through the Utility Hardship Fund. I called ActewAGL with S's consent and asked if they could be of further assistance. S was then put on a payment plan to pay off the remaining amount.

I called the Campbell pharmacy that SJC works in conjunction with, to support S's child who has a severe medical condition that requires several regular medications. The medication that S's child uses is expensive and places an additional financial strain on the family. S discussed struggling to afford basic food and pantry items for her family and asked for some more regular assistance to receive fresh and non-perishable food items. I suggested S visit SJC weekly. In the meantime, I offered to support S in her pursuit to find stable employment.

Together with S, we went on the ACT Government website, which provided information about accessing the 2025 school year Equity fund payment. S was happy to receive such information as she wasn't aware of it. S was also given some school stationery for her children, that had been generously donated by community members.

Our amazing volunteers put together some food for the family including some fresh fruit and vegetables, cleaning, laundry products, and school snacks to take home.

S was overwhelmed with the support she received from SJC on her first visit and expressed her heartfelt gratitude towards the staff, volunteers and our donors. S said that she was looking forward to coming to SJC again and was thankful for the support.

To our donors, thank you for your ongoing generosity, love, and compassion towards the Canberra community. We also extend our heartfelt thanks to the community organisations we work with in partnership, whose collaboration is vital to providing the support that makes a real difference in people's lives.

Kind regards,

Lisa Masamha

Case Manager

Items required: School snacks, Shampoo and Conditioner, Tinned spaghetti, Easter treats.

Upcoming services

Sunday 9 March 2025

First Sunday in Lent

Readings: Deuteronomy 26.1-11; Psalm 91.1-2, 9-16; Romans 10.4-13; Luke 4.1-15

7.00am: **Eucharist** (1662 Book of Common Prayer)

8.00am: **Sung Eucharist**

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

5.00pm: **180th Anniversary Choral Evensong**
(1662 Book of Common Prayer)

6.00pm: **stjohns@6** (Praise, Prayer & Proclamation)

Sunday 16 March 2025

Second Sunday in Lent

Readings: Genesis 15.1-12, 17-18; Psalm 27; Philippians 3.17-4.1; Luke 13.31-35

8.00am: **Sung Eucharist**

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

11.15am **Friends of St John's Choral Eucharist Service**
(1662 Book of Common Prayer)

6.00pm: **stjohns@6** (Holy Communion)

Sunday 23 March 2025

Third Sunday in Lent

Readings: Isaiah 55.1-9; Psalm 63.1-9; 1 Corinthians 10.1-13; Luke 13.1-9

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 & Proclamation)

Each Wednesday

10am **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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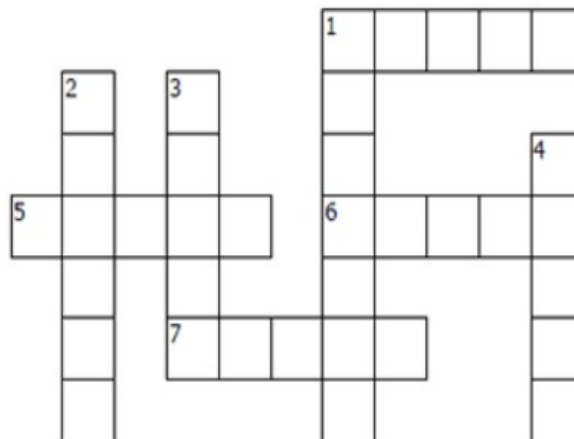
FOR YOUR ENJOYMENT

The Temptation of Jesus Crossword

The Temptation of Jesus

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the desert, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. Luke 4:1-2 (NIV)

This puzzle is based on Luke 4:1-13 (NIV)



ACROSS

1. The entire Earth and all the places and things on it
5. A heavenly being, often shown as a human figure with a halo and wings
6. A small rock
7. The evil ruler of Hell, and enemy of God

DOWN

1. To show a strong feeling of love and respect for God
2. To feel a need or desire for food
3. A food made of flour and water, shaped into loaves, and baked
4. To try to get someone to do wrong

HUNGRY
STONE

BREAD
TEMPT

WORSHIP
ANGEL

DEVIL
WORLD