



ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH CANBERRA

27 July 2025

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

Ask, and it will be given you;
seek, and you will find; knock,
and the door will be opened for
you. Luke 11.9



The Lord's Prayer, James J. Tissot (French painter and illustrator, 1836—1902)

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

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 there will be a chance for senior youth (years 10-12) to catch up briefly to discuss faith questions. This will happen over dinner/supper, following our 6pm service, commencing today. See Barnabas Walker (barnabaswalks@gmail.com) or William McLennan (willjmcl11@gmail.com) for more information.

Young adults get-together. At 6pm on Friday August 8th, young adults at St John's will meet in the Robertson Room to eat snacks and play some (potentially very competitive) Mario Kart. Please let Will or Barnabas (see above) know if you're coming.

Bootcamp (training in Christian essentials). We recently held the first of our annual 'Bootcamp' sessions. For those who hoped to join but missed the first session, contact Rev'd Dave for an update, including dates for the rest of the year.

('Bootcamp' is our parish's program for new Christians or enquirers, or those seeking baptism or confirmation. Our next session - of 9 - is on the topic 'Who is Jesus, and what is a Christian?')

A new Primate: Congratulations to Bishop Mark. Bishop Mark Short has been elected as the Primate of the Anglican Church of Australia for a term of six years, beginning in November this year. He will continue to serve as our Diocesan Bishop. We congratulate Bishop Mark on this important appointment, and the trust that has been placed in him. Please keep Bishop Mark and Monica in your prayers as they juggle new responsibilities.

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

Anglican News July 2025. 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

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.

SUMMARY OF UPCOMING EVENTS

(*St John's event)

***Sunday 27 July: Youth Check-in.** In the hall, straight after stjohns@6.

***Monday 28 July: Cuppacomalong.** Afternoon tea with fellow parishioners in the Robertson Room 2.00-4.00pm. This month's special guest is Cate Thompson, social worker at Clare Holland House. Contact Ailsa Curtis 6247 9363.

***Thursday 31 July: 'Bootcamp'.** Who is Jesus, and what is a Christian? 7.30pm in Robertson Room. RSVP to Rev'd Dave.

***Saturday 2 August: Working Bee.** From 8.30am -10.00am. Work inside or outside the church, with morning tea at 10am. (BYO equipment if possible.)

***Friday 8 August: Young adults get-together.** Supercompetitive Mario Kart, and snacks, for young adults. 6pm in Roberston Room. RSVP to Will or Barnabas.

Tuesday 12 August: 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. The meeting will focus on teaching and/or prayer. Sessions are on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. Info Fr John Gibson at gibsonjohn385@gmail.com or 0451 681 118.

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT FROM 18 JUNE 2025

Rector's Report: The Rector reported that the Redevelopment Coordination Group met for the first time to discuss the details around the redevelopment project. The 3-2-1 course went well and bootcamp has started. The young women's Bible study is going well, and Pastoral Care is getting stronger. The Rector visited Church by the Bridge in Kirribilli for professional development and had fruitful discussions with people in that Parish. A new history and archives group for the Parish will have its first meeting on 29 June 2025. The Rector presented a Memorial Donations Policy which was approved by Parish Council. The policy is designed to guide individuals or families wishing to make a donation in memory of a loved one to the Parish.

Finance Update: The offertory income is ahead of budget and parking is slightly under budget, year to date. A large portion of the parking fees will come in June. Parking is full now.

Property and Grounds Update: A new volunteer has been found to look after the rose garden and the June working bee went well. The previous week the Projects Team met with the Redevelopment Coordination Group to discuss the redevelopment project. The kitchen, Robertson Room and Offices will be put together in a tender to take advantage of economies of scale for contractors. St John's Care has agreed on final plans and the office design is almost finalised. The redevelopment project will be discussed further at the next Parish Council meeting at which significant decisions will need to be made. The Parish Centre electrical distribution board needs to be upgraded, which will proceed now.

Community Outreach: Parish Council was briefed on how St John's Care is going by the Chair of the St John's Care Management Committee and the Managing Director. St John's Care is an outreach mission of the Parish to help those in need. St John's Care is extremely busy at the moment and one hundred more families visited this month compared to last month. It offers support to clients in a variety of ways including case management, supporting domestic violence victims and referring people to other organisations that can assist when needed. Promoting the work St John's Care does through the media is becoming more important. The St John's Care budget for 2025-2026 was approved.

For any questions, please contact the Presiding Member John Richards on gjrich@bigpond.net.au

Gracious Connections

It remains a privilege to serve marginalised people in my Chaplaincy and Case Management work with St John's Care. Continuous client care's value is remembered when I re-connect with people I have previously supported. Recently a client, whom for privacy purposes I will call M, came into St John's Care for emergency food relief. As I listened to this grandfather's story with empathy and compassion, I learned that this household would also benefit from bill support and clothes for the growing children in his care.

As I began to note the children's names on the clothing referral form, I realised that I had provided Chaplaincy support for them in a previous role. Yet, this was the first time I had the opportunity to speak with their kinship Guardian. As it had been a while since I had connected with his grandchildren, I shared my positive remembrance of them with their grandfather because my time working with them was a gift. He was grateful for this gracious connection. As the conversation continued, this kind-hearted and softly spoken gentleman spoke about finding hope in the healing and freedom he has found in relationship with God, despite the family's past experiences of domestic violence. Thankfully, they are safe now from harm. However, the financial challenges that result from courageously leaving such a situation are ongoing and complex for M's family.

I was positively struck by the forgiveness M showed towards people who had hurt his loved ones and encouraged to see the peace he experienced from releasing the pain and debt of wrongdoing. This is not something that is easy to do. I admire M's resilience and strength amidst it all. Like many families, M's need for support is ongoing at times. Thanks to the support of generous donors, St John's Care has been able to provide food and other practical supplies for this family as needs arise. Our charity has also been able to apply for energy bill credits successfully on the family's behalf.

I am grateful for this unexpected reconnection with M's family and trust that his grandfatherly love and personal sacrifice will continue to overcome life's challenges in safety with grace and mercy.

Thank you,

Tecia Thompson
Community Chaplain

Items Required: Up & Go's, School snacks, Vegemite, Toilet paper, Nappies size 5 & 6



ST JOHN'S
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Community Fair

**We need
your help!**

Now is the time to donate goods for the Fair. We are seeking good quality clothing, books, puzzles, jigsaws, CDs and DVDs, trinkets and treasures (preferably in a labelled bag or container), craft goods and items for the White Elephant Stall. Please leave your donations on the seat in the hall foyer.

We will call for jams, preserves, cakes and biscuits at a later time.

Volunteers, volunteers, volunteers! The success of our Fair depends on having a veritable army of helpers! Please consider volunteering to help, either by way of making jams and preserves, and cooking cakes and other edible goods for sale, or as helpers on the various stalls on the day of the Fair. If you volunteer to help on a stall you don't need to sign up for the whole day, but for whatever time you can spare. Please see the list of convenors for the stalls and those managing other operations that together make the Fair work; if you can help, please email the appropriate person directly, or contact me.

A convenor for the Sausage Sizzle is still needed! Can you help?

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





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St John's Fair
Saturday, 18 October 2025
9:00am - 2:00pm



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 27 July 2025

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: Hosea 1.2-10; Psalm 85; Colossians 2.6-15; Luke 11.1-13

- 7:00am:** Eucharist (BCP)
8.00am: Sung Eucharist
9.30am: Family Eucharist (Kids Church & Youth Group)
6.00pm: stjohns@6 (Praise, Prayer & Proclamation)

Wednesday 30 July 2025

Readings: Colossians 2.6-15; Luke 11.1-13

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

Sunday 3 August 2025

Stephen, Deacon and First Martyr

Readings: 2 Chronicles 24.17-22; Psalm 31.1-8; Acts 6.8-10; 7.54-60; Matthew 10.17-22

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

Wednesday 6 August 2025

Readings: Acts 6.8-10; 7.54-60; Matthew 10.17-22

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

For more information: www.stjohnscanberra.org

FOR YOUR ENJOYMENT

Word Search

Jesus Teaches About Prayer

For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened. Luke 11:10 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Luke 11:1-9 (NIV).



Ask

Seek

Knock

P R A Y Y B S L E F X E B P H
U K I N G D O M L T S P D Q A
A Y Z A U B Q Q S E E E R X L
U Q B S B U R W F Z A A E G L
O R R K P U J I U R Z D C K O
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TEMPATION
KNOCK
LEAD
FORGIVE

FRIEND
RECEIVE
BREAD
ASK