



# ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH CANBERRA

**31 August 2025**  
**Martyrs of New Guinea**  
(This week's service times within)

Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

Romans 8.35, 37



Sister May Hayman, a parishioner of St John's, was one of the 12 Anglican New Guinea Martyrs (d.1942), whom we remember today.

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

*The following notices draw attention to a range of news and events which, in various ways, seek to 'bear witness to Jesus Christ, the source of life.'*

## FORTHCOMING SEMINARS & COURSES

**Thursday September 18: Unexpected News on Suffering.** When we suffer, it's normal to think it's our fault, or that maybe God hates us. The biblical authors reckon there is a *lot* more to it than that. Rev'd Andrew won't be able to give a reason for all suffering but will look at some themes in Scripture that may surprise you. 7.30pm Robertson Room.

**Wednesday October 8: Stepping Up—A Conversation on Christian Learning & Service.** *Anyone* can grow through the study of the Bible and theology at St Mark's (including part-time! remote! evenings! or in-person!). In the Robertson Room with St Mark's Faculty, we'll look at how that works. Part 1 of the evening starting 6.00pm is specifically for women (men welcome to listen in). The second half (7.00pm) is for everyone. Nibbles at 5.30pm. Bookings essential: <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1442008> or the QR code.



**Thursdays November 6, 13, 20: 3-2-1—an introduction to Christianity.** If you feel like you are starting at square one, or need a refresher on the basics, 3-2-1 is for you. We discuss videos by Glen Scrivener (for a taster, see <https://321.speaklife.org.uk>). 7.30pm Robertson Room. Further info: Jamie Young or Rev'd Andrew.

## NOTICES



**Automating Our Parking System: Seeking Help.** St John's has long been blessed by volunteers who keep our ministry flourishing. One key area has been managing our parking tenants, which provides vital income for our church. Parish Council hopes to update and automate this system, and is seeking a volunteer with skills in accounting/IT integration (MYOB, databases, camera recognition) to help design and implement a new system. Please contact the office if you can assist.

**Friends of St John's: Afternoon Tea and Evensong:** Rev'd Elaine Farmer OAM previously served as clergy at St John's, and is currently part of the team at St Paul's Manuka. On Sunday 14 September she will talk on the theme of *Grace*, reflecting on her journey as one of the first women ordained in this diocese. (Enabling women to serve in ordained ministry remains a key diocesan focus.)

Rev'd Elaine will speak at an afternoon tea event at 3.30pm in the Robertson Room. Afterwards, she will join us for Choral Evensong in the church (5pm). All are welcome.

**Parliamentary Prayer Breakfast: 'Rejoicing in Hope'**. This annual event, to be held on 3 November at 3.15pm (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. This year's speaker is historian Dr John Dickson, on the theme 'rejoicing in hope'. This theme finds beautiful expression in *The First Hymn* – the oldest known Christian hymn with musical notation – preserved on a 3<sup>rd</sup> century papyrus fragment uncovered in Egypt. John Dickson, in collaboration with some top musicians and worship leaders, has now brought this ancient hymn to life.

St John's has booked 16 seats for interested parishioners. If you'd like to claim one (\$62), email Jane at the parish office at [admin@stjohnscanberra.org](mailto:admin@stjohnscanberra.org) as soon as possible.

**'Predestination and Election': Book launch and signing.** After Mark Warren's (parishioner and lay preacher) presentation on Predestination at St John's in 2023, several parishioners said that he should write a book. Well, here it is! Based on his Master of Theology dissertation at St Mark's, the book explores historical influences on various Bible texts, which suggest that St Paul's teaching on predestination and election may have been simpler and more comforting than we have often thought. Join us in the Robertson Room (Monday 15 September, 7pm) to find out more and get a signed copy for \$25 (or order at <https://wipfandstock.com/9798385251933/rediscovering-the-joy-of-predestination-and-the-comfort-of-election/>)

**Youth 'check in'.** On Sunday, senior youth (years 10-12) catch up briefly to discuss faith questions. This happens in the Robertson Room towards the end of the 6pm service (immediately after the notices). See Barnabas ([barnabaswalks@gmail.com](mailto:barnabaswalks@gmail.com)), William ([willjmcl11@gmail.com](mailto:willjmcl11@gmail.com)) or Jess ([jess.evans31169@gmail.com](mailto:jess.evans31169@gmail.com)) for more information.

**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](mailto:weddings@stjohnscanberra.org)

**Kneelers.** You will notice that all our lovely kneelers are sitting flat so that we can see their beautiful designs. This is thanks to Kim Gibson who has sacrificed all her old wire hangers and convinced her neighbours and friends as to the worthiness of the cause. Thank you Kim!

**Jam Stall:** Thank you to those of you who have provided glass jars for the Jam Stall for the upcoming Fair. We now have plenty and appreciate the donations. If anyone is able to provide sugar, lemons, or rhubarb to our jam makers please contact Jo Lloyd at [cjlloyd@me.com](mailto:cjlloyd@me.com)

**Kategoria Conference.** In Greek, *kategoria* means ‘accusation’ – the opposite of *apologia* (defence). This is a conference about going on the front foot with a compelling, gospel-shaped vision for human flourishing. Over four days in beautiful Murrumbateman, Kategoria brings together Christians for deep teaching, serious thinking, and rich community. You’ll hear from theologians, policy experts, pastors, academics and culture-makers, all engaging the big questions of our time.

Kategoria is designed to foster a residential learning community where participants not only receive robust input but also engage in rigorous dialogue and build long-term relationships with like-minded peers. 26-29 September, in Murrumbateman. Learn more and register: [www.kategoria.org.au](http://www.kategoria.org.au)

**Women’s Peace-Building in the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict.** Riman Barakat (Palestinian) and Peta Jones-Pellach (Israeli) are two women representing a grassroots movement for non-violent resolution and dialogue. They will be sharing their personal stories and the nature of their work, highly relevant to issues of current concern in the Middle East. Wesley Uniting Church (Forrest), 3 September, 7pm.

**Student seeking short-term accommodation:** A Christian student from Adelaide has been awarded a short-term internship in Canberra in October and November, and is looking for both accommodation and a local church to attend during these times away. Her budget is around \$300-350 a week. Contact the parish office if you can help.

**Anglican News August 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](mailto:anglicannews@anglicancg.org.au)



## SUMMARY OF UPCOMING EVENTS

(\*St John's event)

### **Tuesday 3 September: Women's Peace-Building in the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict.**

7pm, Wesley Uniting Church, Forrest.

**\*Saturday 6 September: Working Bee.** From 8.30am -10.00am. Two options: (a) help give the inside of the church a thorough clean, or (b) work outside helping to beautify the gardens and grounds. Please bring equipment (e.g. gardening gloves, dusters, rags, hat, suitable footwear, mowers, blowers) and join us for morning tea afterwards, at 10am.

**Sunday 7 September: Silo Sounds Concert, Alexander Yau Recital.** Arias and piano solos including works by Debussy, Ravel, Liszt, Faure, Strauss and Tchaikovsky. 2pm at Ross Memorial Church, Murrumburrah. Bookings essential at Silo Sounds <https://events.humanitix.com/concert-4-alexander-yau-in-concert>

**Tuesday 9 September: Order of St Luke Healing Meeting.** Healing Meeting at St David's Anglican Church Red Hill at 2.00pm followed by afternoon tea. Info Fr John Gibson at [gibsonjohn385@gmail.com](mailto:gibsonjohn385@gmail.com) or 0451 681 118.

**\*Sunday 14 September: Friends of St John's –Address and Evensong.** Speaker: Rev Elaine Farmer OAM. Afternoon tea in the Robertson Room at 3.30pm, followed by Choral Evensong at 5pm (see 'Notices').

**\*Monday 15 September: Book Launch and Signing.** Mark Warren will launch and sign his new book, *Rediscovering the Joy of Predestination and the Comfort of Election* (Wipf & Stock, 2025). 7.00—8.00pm Robertson Room

**\*Thursday 18 September: Unexpected News on Suffering.** Rev'd Andrew on some info from Scripture about it. 7.30pm Robertson Room.

**\*Wednesday 8 October: Stepping Up—A Conversation on Christian Learning & Service.** With St Mark's Faculty in the Robertson Room. Bookings essential, (see 'Notices').

**Thursday 9 October: What the Bible says about Anxiety.** Dr Paul Grimmond, speaking as part of the 'Christianity Applied' series. Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture (6pm). Sign up at <https://christianityapplied2.wixsite.com/christianityapplied/event-details/what-the-bible-says-about-anxiety>

**\*Saturday 18 October: St John's Parish Fair.** 9am-2pm, (see pages 8 & 9). Contact John Richards on [gjrich@bigpond.net.au](mailto:gjrich@bigpond.net.au)

**\*Monday 3 November: Australian Parliamentary Prayer Breakfast.** In The Great Hall of Parliament House. Visit [www.nationalprayerbreakfast.org](http://www.nationalprayerbreakfast.org) or, to join the St John's tables, email Jane at [admin@stjohnscanberra.org](mailto:admin@stjohnscanberra.org)

**\* Thursdays 6, 13, 20 November: 3-2-1—an introduction to Christianity.** A basic introduction to Christianity. Further details from Jamie Young or Rev'd Andrew. 7.30pm Robertson Room.



The May Hayman window, south wall of the Sanctuary at St John's.

## The Children's Voices

I sat with a family this week and these are their voices.

We just want our family back together.

Right now, Mum (R) is living in one refuge and Dad is in another. My little brother and I go between them, but it never feels the same. We don't get to sit at the dinner table all together. We don't get to say goodnight to both Mum and Dad at the same time. We miss that more than anything.

Mum cries sometimes when she thinks we don't see. Dad tries to be strong, but we know he is hurting too. They love us so much, but everything that's happened to our family has left us all apart, and it makes the days feel so long.

We don't wish for toys or holidays. We wish for hugs, for laughter in the same room, for the chance to feel safe with both Mum and Dad close by.

St John's Care has been helping us with food, clothes, and a place to talk when things feel too heavy. They make us feel like maybe - just maybe - things can get better. But we know Mum and Dad need more help to be strong again, so we can all be together.

That's why your kindness matters so much. When you give, you don't just give food or clothes. You give us a chance to have our family back. You give Mum and Dad hope that healing is possible. You give kids like us the dream of a safe home where we can all belong.

Please, will you help families like ours find their way back to each other?

With hope  
[The Children's Voices]  
on behalf of R and family

Kind Regards,

Jason Haines  
Managing Director

**Items required:** Weetbix small 375g, Weetbix medium 575g, Honey, Porridge sachets



**ST JOHN'S**  
ANGLICAN CHURCH  
**CANBERRA**

## Community Fair

**We need  
your help!**

### **We need many more volunteers to make the Fair a success!**

Please contact the respective convenors overleaf, use the web-based registration system at [https://stj.ivolunteer.com/volunteer\\_event](https://stj.ivolunteer.com/volunteer_event) or scan the QR code to volunteer your services on or before the day of the Fair.



Remember that you do not have to volunteer for the full day. You can sign up in blocks of time that might suit you.

### **Book donations needed now**

We encourage donations of all good quality books, DVDs and CDs, jigsaws and games. Please donate books across September to help us get the stall well organised for the Fair. We would especially like to receive good quality fiction, crime and thriller, sci fi and fantasy, biography, children's and young adult books, craft and DIY, histories and military fiction and nonfiction and any vintage collectables.

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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 31 August 2025

Martyrs of New Guinea (d.1942)

*Readings: Zephaniah 3.14-20; Psalm 130; Romans 8.33-39; John 12.20-32*

**8.00am:** Sung Eucharist

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

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

## Wednesday 3 September 2025

*Readings: Romans 8.33-39; John 12.20-32*

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

## Sunday 7 September 2025

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

*Readings: Jeremiah 18.1-11; Psalm 139.1-5, 12-18; Philemon 1-25; Luke 14.25-35*

**8.00am:** Sung Eucharist

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

**11.15am:** Choral Eucharist (1662 Book of Common Prayer)

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

## Wednesday 10 September 2025

*Readings: Philemon 1-25; Luke 14.25-35*

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

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

## FOR YOUR ENJOYMENT

### Power Of His Love Jumble

The Power of His Love

John 12:28-33



"But I, when I am lifted up from the earth,  
will \_\_\_\_\_ all men to myself."  
John 12:32 (NIV)

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He said this to show the kind of death he was going to die.

John 12:33(NIV)