ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH CANBERRA

22 November 2026
Christ the King
(This week's service times within)

O shout to the Lord in triumph all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness and come before his face with songs of joy. Psalm 100.1



Last week's young adults camp, near Murrumbateman.

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of power and love,
who raised your Son Jesus from death to life,
resplendent in glory to rule over all creation:
free the world to rejoice in his peace,
to glory in his justice, and to live in his love.
Unite the human race in Jesus Christ your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

CHURCH NEWS (IMPORTANT NOTICES)

Anglican News November 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

Cuppacomalong. All welcome for fellowship and afternoon tea on Monday 23 November. This month's talk, "A Parishioner's Road to St John's", given by Alan Wilson. Come and have a cuppa and a chat, 2pm to 4pm. Contact Ailsa Curtis (6247 9363).

Bible for Blokes. The final session for Bible for Blokes' bible study will be this Tuesday 24 November at 10am in the Hall. We will have a break and resume on Tuesday 2 February 2027. Enquiries, Canon Kevin Stone.

Women's Advent Afternoon Tea. Come to the Robertson Room for a relaxing afternoon of Christmas music, festive treats, sharing Christmas memories and making new ones. Bring something you enjoy crafting/ making and a recipe to share if you are able. You will have the opportunity to make a few simple decorations to take home. You are welcome to bring a plate of afternoon tea to share. See Cath McLennan for further details. Saturday 28 November, 2pm-5pm. RSVP at www.trybooking.com/DRDVZ

Nine Lessons and Carols, followed by refreshments. After this year's service of 'Nine Lessons and Carols' (modelled on the famous service created at King's College, Cambridge), all are invited to gather in the hall for refreshments. There, we will briefly acknowledge those who

have volunteered throughout the year in our community and extend our welcome to newcomers. Please bring a plate of sweet or savory food to share (not requiring heating).

Name Badges. You can order your own nametag for $17.00 (resin with magnetic back) or $15.00 (pin back). It's a great way to help people connect with you at church. Order at stjohnscanberra.org/payments.

Occasional Seminar: Where did the NT come from, and how did it get to us? Join our very own Con Campbell for insights into the 'textual history' of the New Testament. Do the modern versions we hold in our hands reflect what was written back then? How could we know? What's our evidence for the reliability of its transmission? In addition to being an eminent jazz musician, The Rev'd Dr Constantine Campbell is a world-renowned biblical scholar. Con also attends our 9.30am congregation. Thursday 3 December 2026, 7pm-9.30pm, Robertson Room.

Llewellyn Choir presents 'Sing Hope! Carols for Advent'. The Llewellyn Choir warmly invites you to join them in celebrating the season of Advent with an evening of beautiful choral music at the Royal Military College Chapel, Duntroon. Bringing together the rich traditions of sacred choral music and the warmth of the festive season, the concert will feature two major works: Frank Ferko's *Festival of Carols* and Stephen Chatman's *Carols of the Nativity*. On Saturday 28 November, 6pm. Tickets at www.trybooking.com/au/event/1679666

PARISH FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT - OCTOBER 2026 (YEAR-TO-DATE)

- *Income YTD: $847,101, consisting of:*
  - *Donations and giving: $469,668*
  - *Other (e.g. carparking fees, room hire, income from trusts, etc): $377,433*
- *Expenses YTD: $809,911 (consisting of employment, admin, property, mission, insurance, diocesan contribution etc)*
- **Operating deficit: *$37,190***

Comment: The generosity of parishioners and a successful fair have helped reduce the deficit (caused by a collapse in car parking revenue). Still, our budget remains under considerable pressure as we prepare for 2027.

SUMMARY OF UPCOMING EVENTS

(*St John's event)

***Monday 23 November: Cuppacomalong.** "A Parishioner's Road to St John's", (Alan Wilson). Contact Ailsa Curtis (6247 9363).

***Tuesday 24 November: Bible for Blokes (final for 2026).** 10.00am in the Hall. Enquiries, Canon Kevin Stone

***Tuesday 24 November: 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 28 November: Women's Advent Afternoon Tea.** See notice, page 2 Robertson Room, 2pm-5pm. RSVP at www.trybooking.com/DRDVZ

Saturday 28 November: Llewellyn Choir presents Sing Hope! Carols for Advent. At the Royal Military College Chapel, Duntroon. 6pm. See page 3. Tickets at www.trybooking.com/au/event/1679666

***Sunday 29 November: Bellringing, First Sunday of Advent.** The Church bells will be rung throughout the day. (See page 5 for details.)

***Thursday 3 December: Occasional Seminar: Where did the NT come from, and how did it get to us?** 7pm-9.30pm, Robertson Room. See notice page 3.

***Saturday 5 December: Working Bee.** From 8.30am—10.00am. Please bring equipment (e.g. gardening gloves, hat, suitable footwear, mowers, blowers) and join us for morning tea afterwards at 10am.

***Sunday 6 December: Open Tower, Second Sunday of Advent.** 5pm-6pm. (See page 5 for details.)

***Saturday 5 December: Gingerbread House Decorating Evening**. 6-9pm in the Hall.

***Sunday 13 December: Nine Lessons and Carols.** 7.30pm in the Church. Afterwards, everyone is invited to the hall for refreshments. BYO a plate or drink to share. All welcome.

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Advent Bells 2026

Ringing in Christmas across Canberra

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Sunday 29th November – First Sunday of Advent

The first day Christmas carols will be heard on the bells to mark the start of the season of Advent at Canberra's oldest church. Listen out from as far away as Commonwealth Park and Anzac Parade.

Sunday 6th December – Open Tower – 5pm-6pm

St John's monthly open tower. Everyone is welcome to climb the sandstone tower and play Christmas carols on the bells. Explore the historic church – dating back to 1845! – and lush grounds while you wait.

Sunday 13th December – Open Tower – 2pm-4pm

A special afternoon edition of our monthly Open Tower. Come and ring some carols for the city to enjoy. Join us later for the popular *7.30pm Nine Lessons and Carols service*, supported by the St John's choir.

Sunday 20th December – Open Tower – 2pm-4pm

Another afternoon edition of our monthly Open Tower.

Thursday 24th December – Christmas Eve – 5pm-6pm concert

Enjoy a festive programme of bell music interspersed with traditional English change-ringing leading up to the *6pm Carols on the Lawn*.

Afterwards, join us for *9pm and 11pm Christmas services*, accompanied by the magnificent organ, a sibling of the Sydney Opera House organ.

Friday 25th December – Christmas Day – All Day

The bells will chime joyfully across the city at our *8am, 9.30am and 11.15am Christmas services* and at the *free lunch at 12pm*, open to everyone in search of a meal and some company on Christmas Day.

Learn more at stjohnscanberra.org
Church is open daily at 45 Constitution Avenue, Reid

NOT SAFE, NOT EVEN IN MY CAR

Last week, I sat down with a man I'll call V to protect his privacy.

V had fled domestic violence and moved interstate, hoping to find safety somewhere no one would know where he lived. Without a home to go to, he has been sleeping in his car and moving to a different location each day.

He uses public barbecues to prepare his meals. But finding somewhere he feels safe enough to sleep has been much harder.

People have tried to steal parts from his car and break into it, including while he was inside sleeping. He now parks near busier roads, where having people around helps him feel safer.

As we talked, V also told me he needed a haircut and some different clothes. He said he was starting to feel as though he no longer recognised himself. Some clothing - new or second hand - could help him feel more like himself and give him a greater sense of confidence to move forward.

We sat together, listened to what mattered to him and explored ways we could help. We referred V to the Domestic Violence Crisis Service and Straight to Home. We also shared information about food services, including breakfast at the Early Morning Centre and where to find Night Patrol.

These are initial steps. V is still facing difficult circumstances, but he has connections to services that can offer further support.

His story reminds us that support is about listening to the whole person: their need for safety, food and shelter, and their hopes for feeling like themselves again.

Your generosity helps us take the time to listen and connect people like V with practical support as they work towards a safer, more stable future.

Thank you for making this care possible.

With gratitude,

Jason Haines, Managing Director

Items required: Dried peas, Instant mashed potato, Rice cups
Christmas Items: Fruit mince pies, Shortbread biscuits

Upcoming Services

Sunday 22 November 2026

Christ the King

Readings: Ezekiel 34.11-16, 20-24; Psalm 100; Ephesians 1.15-23; Matthew 25.31-46

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

8.00am: **Sung Eucharist**

9.30am: **Family Eucharist** (Kid's Church & Youth Group)

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

Wednesday 25 November 2026

Readings: Ezekiel 34.11-16, 20-24, OR, Ephesians 1.15-23; Matthew 25.31-46

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

Sunday 29 November 2026

First Sunday of Advent

Readings: Isaiah 64.1-9; Psalm 80.1-7, 17-19; 1 Corinthians 1.1-9; Mark 13.24-37

8.00am: **Sung Eucharist**

9.30am: **Family Eucharist** (Kid's Church & Youth Group)

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

Wednesday 2 December 2026

Readings: Isaiah 64.1-9; OR, 1 Corinthians 1.1-9; Mark 13.24-37

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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