

ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH CANBERRA

7 June 2026

Second Sunday after Pentecost

(This week's service times within)

*Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.
Matthew 9.12–13*



"The Healing Touch" by Yongsung Kim, 2005, oil on canvas.

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God,
you have assured the human family of eternal life
through Jesus Christ our Saviour:
deliver us from the death of sin
and raise us to new life in him,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

IMPORTANT NOTICES

IMPORTANT: Most services cancelled on 21 June. Please note that, due to our patronal celebration, there will be only one service on this day, at 9.30am in the Hall. (See notice below on ‘patronal celebrations.’)

Patronal Celebrations. Each year our patronal celebrations celebrate God's faithfulness to our parish. (The term *patronal* refers to the person after whom a church is named. In our case, that is John the Baptist, whose life and witness continue to point us to Christ.)

Thursday 18 June: Patronal Dinner. Parishioners from all congregations are invited to share a meal (6pm - 9pm in the Hall). Our guest speaker will be Henry Olunga, a singer and former international cricketer of colour, who risked everything to bravely protest Zimbabwe's human rights violations during the 2003 Cricket World Cup. A man of Christian conviction now living in South Australia, Henry continues to stand in solidarity with the marginalised and oppressed through his charitable work. Tickets are \$50 per person (incl. pre-dinner nibbles, spit roast, dessert and tea/coffee), BYO drinks. RSVP and payment by noon 12 June. Bookings can be made through the following link <https://www.trybooking.com/1582295> or the QR Code:



Sunday 21 June: Patronal Service. The whole parish will gather for worship together in the Hall at 9.30am, followed by morning tea. If you can assist with this morning tea, please contact the parish office. All other services are cancelled, however at 6pm

there will be a Singalong and 'hymn fest' in the church, followed by mulled wine and nibbles (in Hall).

Children and Families Worker. We are hoping to fill the position of Children and Families Worker, primarily working with our 9.30am service. Please share the advertisement with suitable people known to you. <https://tinyurl.com/stjohnsfamilies>

Kids' Church: 9.30am service. As we are anticipating a period during Term 3 where we may not have a Children and Families worker, we will likely need to call on volunteers. Parents of relevant aged kids are generally already assisting (or have reasons why they can't). Can others help? Please contact Mary DeLautour if you might be able to offer occasional assistance to this ministry.

'Church Center' and Parish Roll update. If you have already updated your details using the 'Church Center' app, well done and thanks—there's no need for further action at this time. If all this is new to you, and you'd like St John's staff to know contact details for you and any family member(s), take a flier from the church foyer and try out 'Church Center', as described in the flier. Andrew Cameron is on leave, but will be glad to help when he returns. The Directory is not activated in the App yet—coming soon!

Bellringing. A reminder that St John's holds an 'Open Tower' on the first Sunday of every month from 5pm to 6pm. Drop by today to ring the bells. There might be a little wait if there is a queue. We're looking to grow the bellringing team this year, so if you enjoy your session, talk to a bellringer about further opportunities to practice! (See page 4.)

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.

Jam Stall. Many thanks to all those who brought in 'squeaky clean' jars and lids. I now have more than enough. If you intend saving your surplus jars for the next request, please store when they are thoroughly dry. Thank you also to Tony who brought in the Feijoas – 2 batches of jam were made. More could be processed for our jam stall, as could dried apricots, sugar and lemons. Blessings
Joan Nichols

SPARK - a Christian conference for young adults (18-30ish).

This conference aims to help people fix their eyes on Jesus in a world that's constantly distracting and confusing. This year's theme is 'Chasing Meaning'. 28-30 August 2026. Tickets: \$159 (Accommodation \$47-\$171). Volunteer tickets are also available for \$88; meals and accommodation included. For more information visit <https://sparkconference.com.au> or speak to Annemieke (@6pm service).

In Pursuit of Paul. Follow in Paul's footsteps on a 14-day tour through Türkiye, Greece, Malta, and Rome, visiting key sites from his missionary journeys in roughly chronological order. Highlights include Pisidian Antioch, Ephesus, Philippi, Athens, Corinth, Malta, and Rome—places where Paul preached, suffered, and helped shape the early church. Along the way, we'll gain deeper insight into Paul's life, ministry, and letters within their historical setting. Dates: November 3–16, 2026. See https://selah.au/trip/pursuit_paul-2026/

The tour is hosted by Professor Constantine Campbell, New Testament scholar, author of several books on Paul, musician – and St John's parishioner (<https://www.constantinecampbell.info/>)

UPCOMING EVENTS

(*St John's event)

***Sunday 7 June: Bellringing.** The monthly bellringing practice is on again today, from 5 to 6 pm. Everyone is welcome to come along and join in the ringing. (You could then stay on for the stjohs@6 service.)

*** Tuesday 9 June: Bible for Blokes.** 10.00am in the Upper Room. Enquiries, Canon Kevin Stone.

Tuesday 9 June: Order of St Luke Healing Meeting and AGM. St David's Anglican Church Red Hill at 2.00pm. Info Fr John Gibson at gibsonjohn385@gmail.com or 0451 681 118.

***Thursday 11 June: Bootcamp—Reading the Old Testament.** 7pm in the Robertson Room.

***Saturday 13 June: Operation Christmas Child Working Group.** From 1pm-4pm in the Robertson Room. Contact Jennifer Lawson on 0407 286 572.

***Sunday 14 June: Choral Evensong.** Join us at 5pm for this brief, reflective service, including hymns and choral music.

*** Tuesday 16 June: Bible for Blokes.** 10.00am in the Upper Room. Enquiries, Canon Kevin Stone.

***Thursday 18 June: Patronal dinner.** Guest speaker, Henry Olonga - former Zimbabwean Test cricket player. Spit roast dinner, including pre-dinner nibbles, dessert and tea/coffee. 6pm to 9pm in the church hall. BYO drinks. Bookings: <https://www.trybooking.com/1582295>

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

***Friday 13 – Saturday 15 November: Youth Camp.** This weekend is being supported by Scripture Union, and is designed to offer teaching and encouragement for our youth and young adults. For more information, contact jess.evans31169@gmail.com

ST JOHN'S CARE WINTER APPEAL

As Canberra's temperatures continue to drop, more people in our community are being pushed to breaking point. Families who have never needed support before are now struggling to afford food, fuel, heating, and other every-day essentials.

This winter, St John's Care is expecting one of our busiest seasons yet, and we need your help. The good news is that every donation made to our Winter Appeal will be matched dollar-for-dollar up to \$30,000 thanks to the incredible generosity of one of our long-time supporters.

St John's Care
Partnering with Anglicare
Compassion | Advocacy | Respect | Encouragement

One unexpected cost can tip everything.

This winter, help us be the support that restores balance.

Rising costs. Tight budgets. No room to adjust.
For many in our community, it only takes one unexpected cost to change everything.

RENT | FOOD | PETROL | BILLS | UNEXPECTED CAR REPAIR

St John's CARE

- We provide food and essential items
- We offer dignity, care and compassion
- We stand with our community in times of need

You can help

Your donation can turn a moment of crisis into hope and help ensure no one in our community has to face winter alone.
Donate today.

Because no one should have to choose between getting to work and putting food on the table.
Thank you for standing with us, and with those in our community who need it most.

That means your kindness can have twice the impact for local people doing it tough this winter. Together, we can help provide emergency relief, practical support, and hope to people across our community when they need it most.

Donate to our Winter Appeal - <https://www.stjohnscare.org.au/donate>

A Warm Coat and a Fresh Start

At St John's Care, no two days are ever the same. While our community lunches are special, it is often the quieter, everyday moments that leave a lasting impact.

One chilly morning, S visited us for the first time. He had recently secured a casual job after months of unemployment and was due to start the following week. While he was excited, he was also anxious. Canberra's mornings the past few days have been unforgiving, and S did not own a warm coat suitable for early starts at the warehouse where he would be working.

As we sat together, S shared how difficult the past year had been. Rising rent, increasing utility bills, and the cost of simply getting by had slowly eroded his savings. Like many people, he had found himself choosing between paying bills and buying essentials.

Thanks to generous community donations, we were able to provide S with a warm coat, sturdy boots, and a food hamper to help him get through until his first pay. We also connected him with financial guidance through Care Financial to ensure he felt confident managing expenses as he transitioned back into work.

The following fortnight, S returned - this time with a big smile. He had completed his first week, felt welcomed by his new colleagues, and was proud to be earning again. The simple act of having appropriate clothing had given him confidence on that important first day.

"I felt ready," he told us. "It might not seem like much, but that coat changed everything."

At St John's Care, we see time and again how practical support, offered with dignity and kindness, can help someone take the next step forward. A warm coat is never just a coat. It is comfort, confidence, and sometimes, the beginning of a fresh start.

We are deeply grateful to our donors and community partners who make these moments possible every single day.

Kind regards,

Case Managers

Items required: School snacks, Stock, Tissues, Tinned spaghetti, Tinned baked beans

Upcoming services

Sunday 7 June 2026

Second Sunday after Pentecost

*Readings: Genesis 12.1-9; Psalm 33.1-12; Romans 4.13-25;
Matthew 9.9-13, 18-26*

- 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 and Proclamation)

Wednesday 10 June 2026

Readings: Genesis 12.1-9; Matthew 9.9-13, 18-26

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

Sunday 14 June 2026

Third Sunday after Pentecost

*Readings: Genesis 18.1-15; Psalm 116.1-2, 11-18; Romans 5.1-11;
Matthew 9.35-10.8 (9-23)*

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

Wednesday 17 June 2026

Readings: Genesis 18.1-15; or, Romans 5.1-11; Matthew 9.35-10.8 (9-23)

- 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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