

ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH CANBERRA

12 April 2026
Second Sunday of Easter
(This week's service times within)

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. 1 Peter 1.3



Over 700 people gathered at St John's last Sunday to celebrate Christ's victory over death. At our New Fire service (6am), two people, Arthur and Byron, were baptised in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Christ is risen!
Alleluia!

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life
of all who put their trust in him:
raise us, we pray, from the death of sin
to the life of righteousness;
that we may ever seek the things which are above,
where he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

IMPORTANT NOTICES

Christian Bootcamp. ‘Bootcamp’ is our parish’s program for those (16+) seeking baptism or confirmation. It is also suitable for new Christians or enquirers. To see if this is for you, anyone is welcome to join our first session (‘Who - or What - is God?’). 7.00pm, Thursday, 30 April, in the Robertson Room). Register at www.trybooking.com/DJRND

Young Adults and Youth Event: Namadji. We will meet at the Square Rock carpark at 10am on 18 April. All youth and young adults (ages approx. 15-30 – flexible) are welcome to join us. The walk takes about 2 hours and is relatively easy – suitable for all fitness levels. Bring hat/sunscreen/water/snacks. Contact Jess (0404 703 847).

AGM and Parish Council update. Completed reports, now including the Rector’s Report, can still be accessed at <https://www.stjohnscanberra.org/documents>.

Following elections and appointments, the new Parish Council is: Rev’d David McLennan (Rector), John Richards (Rector’s Warden), Christine Hawkins (People’s Warden), Jo Lloyd (People’s Warden), Rosemary Shepherd (Secretary), Wayne Leach (Treasurer), Emma Body, James Fry, Edward Jackson, Matthew Neuhaus, Rebecca Randall-Kriening, Stephanie Rogerson, Karena Toner, Russell Tunks and Natalie Willson.

***Saturday 2 May: Flower Workshop by Lorraine Kwong.** From 2pm in the Hall join us in a workshop to discuss how we best work together, and what is involved. Lorraine Kwong is demonstrating

how wire can be used instead of Oasis. You may like to bring a vase of your own and some greenery to have a go! Afternoon tea will be served. If you would like to join us there will be a charge of \$10 to cover our expenses (wire). RSVP Flower Team Coordinator, Barbara Griffiths 0412 164 470.

Making Marriage Work. Whether you are recently married or have been for many years, this material – drawn from the Gottman Institute’s extensive research, and presented to St John’s wedding couples – could benefit any couple. Courses for 2026 can be booked at <https://www.stjohnscanberra.org/special-services>

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.

Sermon audio available. If you want to get a sense of what we teach at St John’s, or if you’ve just missed a week, our Sunday sermons are available on our website <https://www.stjohnscanberra.org/sermons>) and also via podcast: search for *St John’s Canberra Talks* on Spotify, Apple, or PocketCasts (also via QR code on the web page).

Walk to Emmaus 2026. Have you been reflecting recently on how you’d like to deepen your relationship with God and strengthen your faith? The Walk to Emmaus may be for you. Similar to the former Anglican Cursillo, it is not a physical walk but rather a three day weekend that teaches us to live a life in God's Grace. It encourages spiritual renewal through a series of talks, worship, prayer and meditation. This ecumenical event is held at the Greenhills Conference Centre in Stromlo, with the men's walk running from 30 April to 3 May and the women’s walk from 14 to 17 May. For further information, please contact Greg from StJohn's@6 on 0449 287 275 or visit: <https://canberramonaro.emmaus.org.au/>

Sabbath Gospel. Our very own Dr Amy Erickson’s new book, ‘Sabbath Gospel’, is now available for purchase! See launch details, page 4. You can purchase a copy here: <https://tinyurl.com/3trcbu6r>

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

ANZAC Day ‘Gunfire Breakfast’: Seeking Volunteers. This year St John’s hopes to again host a ‘Gunfire Breakfast’ for the public, immediately following the Anzac Day Dawn Service. This is a witness to Christ through hospitality to the many who will be in our vicinity on that day, while drawing on our historic ministry to the Defence community. We need volunteers to step up if the event is to go ahead. If you are able to assist from 5am please email the Rector ASAP, (see page 8).

Mainly Music Morning Tea Helpers. Mainly Music is held at 10am each Wednesday during school terms. We need some volunteers to prepare and serve morning tea to the children and their parents/carers. If you enjoy hospitality and have 2 hours to spare once or twice a month, please let Mary de Lautour know, (see page 8).

SUMMARY OF UPCOMING EVENTS

(*St John’s event)

***Sunday 12 April: Choral Evensong.** Join us at 5pm for this brief, reflective service, including hymns and choral music.

Tuesday 14 April: Order of St Luke Healing Meeting. From 2pm at St David’s Anglican Church Red Hill followed by afternoon tea. Info Fr John Gibson 0451 681 118 or gibsonjohn385@gmail.com.

Thursday, 16 April: Book Launch of ‘Sabbath Gospel’. Book by Dr Amy Erickson (6pm service) to be launched at St Mark’s by Rev’d Dr Andrew Cameron. Details and registration here: <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1558028>

***Saturday 18 April: Youth and Young Adults Namadji Hike.** Meet at the Square Rock carpark at 10am. All youth and young adults (approx. 15-30 – flexible) welcome. For more info contact Jess (0404 703 847).

***Saturday 25 April: Operation Christmas Child Working Group.** From 1pm-4pm in the Robertson Room. Contact Jennifer Lawson on 0407 286 572.

***Saturday 25 April: Anzac Day ‘Gunfire Breakfast’.** Immediately after the Anzac Day Dawn Service. Breakfast and tours of the site by the Duntroon Guides.

***Friday 1 May: SJC Community Lunch.** Parishioners are encouraged to join us for the monthly St John’s Care Community Lunch. In the hall, from 12pm. No RSVP necessary – just a willingness to share conversation with others and make them feel welcome.

***Saturday 2 May: 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.

Saturday 2 May: Llewellyn Choir. Lachlan Skipworth’s *Mass for Easter Sunday*, and works by Ēriks Ešēvalds at 7pm, Anzac Memorial Chapel, Duntroon. Book at www.llewellynchoir.org.au, or TryBooking.

***Saturday 2 May: The Flower Team.** From 2pm in the Hall. Afternoon tea will be served. \$10 to cover our expenses (wire). RSVP Flower Team Coordinator, Barbara Griffiths 0412 164 470.

***Wednesday 6 May: ANZAC Way Pilgrimage dinner.** All welcome to join and contribute to a simple dinner, in support of this walk for veterans’ spiritual health. BBQ on the deck at 5.45pm (following the Last Post Ceremony at AWM).

***Saturday 9 May: Operation Christmas Child Working Group.** From 1pm-4pm in the Robertson Room. Contact Jennifer Lawson on 0407 286 572.

Mental Illness

What does mental illness look like to you? Is it something we can clearly see and understand? Or is it something quieter that is expressed through behaviours we don't always recognise?

At St John's Care, we see many different presentations of mental illness. For some, it looks like withdrawal or silence. For others, it may be anxiety, confusion, or difficulty focusing. And sometimes, it presents as anger, frustration, or behaviour that feels unpredictable.

These differences can be confronting. It's human nature to make quick judgments about what we see, often before we understand what's beneath the surface.

One client, G, reminded us of this. When G first visited the Centre, there was some apprehension among volunteers. His mental illness presented in ways that felt volatile. His emotions were intense, and his reactions could be difficult to anticipate. People cared, but they weren't always sure how to respond.

Over time, that began to change. Through calm, consistent interactions, the provision of food, and familiar non-judgemental faces, trust slowly built. Volunteers started to see beyond the behaviour, and G began to feel more at ease. While his challenges didn't disappear, his engagement with the space shifted. G came to see St John's Care as somewhere safe, a place where he would be treated with dignity, even on the more challenging days.

This is the power of a supportive environment. When people feel safe and accepted, it can ease distress and help regulate behaviour. Sometimes, what looks like anger or unpredictability is simply a person trying to communicate something they don't have the words for. At St John's Care, we cannot provide all the support someone like G may need. But we can offer consistency, compassion, and a sense of belonging.

Mental illness doesn't always look the way we expect. But when we respond with patience and understanding, we create a space where people feel seen. And sometimes, that is enough to make a difference. Thank you to the St John's Care community who make this possible.

Robbie Speldewinde
Operations Manager

Items required: Tinned fruit, tinned vegetables, sweet biscuits, tomato sauce

Upcoming services

Sunday 12 April 2026

Second Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 2.14a, 22-32; Psalm 16; 1 Peter 1.1—12; John 20.19-31

7.00am: Eucharist (1662 Book of Common Prayer)

8.00am: Sung Eucharist

9.30am: Family Eucharist (Kids Church in recess)

5.00pm: Choral Evensong (1662 Book of Common Prayer)

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

Wednesday 15 April 2026

Readings: 1 Peter 1.1—12; John 20.19-31

10.00am: Eucharist (1662 Book of Common Prayer)

Sunday 19 April 2026

Third Sunday of Easter

*Readings: Acts 2.14a, 36-41; Psalm 116.1-4, 11-18; 1 Peter 1.13-25;
Luke 24.13-35*

8.00am: Sung Eucharist

9.30am: Family Eucharist (Kids Church in recess)

6.00pm: stjohns@6 (Holy Communion)

Wednesday 22 April 2026

Readings: 1 Peter 1.13-25; Luke 24.13-35

10.00am: Eucharist (1662 Book of Common Prayer)

For more information: www.stjohnscanberra.org


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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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