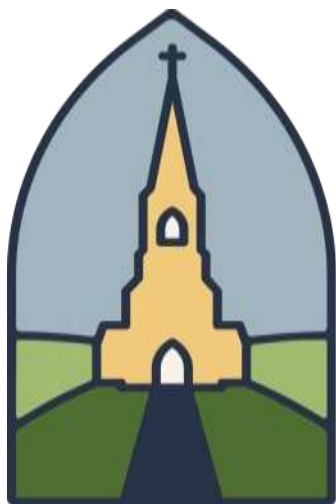




ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH CANBERRA

20 September 2026

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

(This week's service times within)

By grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God. Ephesians 2.8–9



Painting of the parable of the Workers in the Vineyard by [Rembrandt](#), showing the workers being paid that evening (1637).

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Loving and righteous God,
your boundless generosity exceeds all that we can desire or deserve,
and you give to the last worker all you promised to the first:
liberate us from all jealousy and greed,
that we may be free to love and serve others,
and in your service may find our true reward;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

IMPORTANT NOTICES

Welcome to Rev'd Peter Malone. We are delighted to have Rev'd Peter Malone as a new honorary member of our clergy team. Peter recently finished as Priest-in-Charge of Hope Ginninderra Parish, and has held various pastoral and chaplaincy roles across the diocese. He will be assisting in our work of pastoral care. He looks forward to getting to know many of you.

Welcome Nathan Clapham (CMS). At today's services we welcome Nathan Clapham, a CMS missionary serving in Japan. Nathan, Maki, and their family have been serving in Japan in student ministry and church-planting roles since 2014, and have been supported by our parish in much of that time. We give thanks to God for the work of missionaries who share the good news of Christ.

Today's Schoolhouse Morning Tea. The Schoolhouse Museum welcomes the 8am and 9.30am congregations to our second "Parish Meets Schoolhouse" morning tea for 2026. Weather permitting, it will be held after each service, on the northern paved area behind the Schoolhouse. (Otherwise, we'll be in the Parish Hall.) Presently on view in the Museum is a sermon note-book belonging to the second rector of this Parish, which contains a comment on the tragic drowning death of the first rector, the Rev G.E. Gregory, at the time of his exhumation for reburial in the crypt. This wonderful source is kindly on loan from Diana Body, the great-granddaughter of the Rev T. H. Wilkinson.

General Meeting: A (brief) special general meeting of the Parish of St John's will be held in the church, immediately following the 9.30 am service today (20 September) to address only the following agenda item:

That, pursuant to Schedule 6, clause 8.1 of the Governance of the Diocese Ordinance 2000, this meeting requests Bishop-in-Council, as the Standing Committee of Synod, to amend Schedule 6, clause 3.1 in its application to the Parish of St John's so that the Parish of

St John's shall hold its annual general meeting not later than 30 April in each year.

All parishioners are welcome to attend.

'God's Yes to Women' (Panel Discussion). Join us at St Mark's at 7.30pm on Wednesday for a discussion (moderated by Rev'd Dave) around themes from the recently published book 'God's Yes to Women: Why the Bible's Vision of Partnership is Good News for Us All.' Register at <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1635927>

Stepping Up: A Conversation on Christian Learning and Service. Are you interested in exploring how studying theology might equip you in your service of God and others? Have you considered the skills, gifts, and opportunities God has before you for you to serve in ministry?

In partnership with St John's, St Mark's National Theological Centre invites you to an evening to learn about the benefits of theological study and opportunities to go deeper at St Mark's, and to explore what learning and ministry might look like in your life. (4 November 2026, 7.15–9.30pm, St John's (Robertson Room). See

stmarks.edu.au/events/stepping-up-a-conversation-on-christian-learning-and-service/

Praying the Daily Office. Create habits of daily prayer. E-Pray Daily is a free online resource providing daily prayers and Bible readings from *A Prayer Book for Australia* and *An Australian Lectionary*. It can be viewed at daily.epray.com.au

PARISH FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT (AUG)

- Income YTD: \$554 537, consisting of:
 - Donations and giving: \$367,934
 - Other (e.g. carparking fees, etc): \$164 534
- Expenses YTD: \$600 813 (consisting of employment, property, admin, insurance, diocesan contribution etc)
- Operating deficit: \$46,267k

Comment: While the year has seen continued generosity and commitment to the church's mission, unexpected disruptions to parking revenue have badly damaged our cash position and paused unnecessary expenditure. Without improvements, present ministry offerings are not sustainable. (See back page for giving details).

Diocesan Young Adults' Dinner and Games Night. Young Adults from across the Anglican Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn are invited to gather for a free night of dinner and some games on Friday 25 September, 6.30pm – 10pm, at St Mark's Theological Centre, Barton (Durie room). All Anglicans from 18–30 are welcome. It would be great if you can bring some dinner or snacks to share, and a favourite board or card game. But if you can't, we'd still like to see you. Book at trybooking.com/DOIJL or use the QR code.



Our Parish Fair 17 October: We need a volunteer to assist with counting cash. Plus, several stalls still need extra volunteers, including: white elephant, treasures & trinkets, cake, craft, gardening, BBQ, and the sound system. See page 8 for “What When and Where to leave your donations”.

For the garden stall. Please start thinking about planting/potting so that we have good items for sale at our gardening stall. Similarly, any garden equipment or pots should be quality, and no disposable seedling containers – best spot for them is the Bunnings recycle bin!

11 October Closing Date for Book Donations. If you still have books you'd like to donate to our bookstall, now's the time to get sorting! We would like to have all book donations with us in the hall by Sunday 11 October. This will really help the bookstall volunteers manage the stall setup from that afternoon. Any queries: contact Jon (jon.hawkins@bigpond.com). Volunteers can sign up for the Fair at volunteersignup.org/43DKT

Parliamentary Prayer Breakfast. This annual event, to be held on 26 October at 7.15am – 8.15am (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. The two St John's tables are now fully booked, but you can put yourself down on the waitlist by emailing admin@stjohnscanberra.org or you can purchase a ticket directly at <https://nationalprayerbreakfast.org>.

Keynote speaker Amy Brown will draw on her experience of leadership and personal challenge in public service, to explore the theme “The Way Down is the Way Up” – the counterintuitive Christian hope that God meets us in the valley, where we may be formed deeply and encounter Him most clearly.

Anglican News September 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

UPCOMING EVENTS

(*St John's event)

***Sunday 20 September: General Meeting:** A (brief) special general meeting of the Parish will be held in the church, immediately following the 9.30 am service. See also pages 2-3.

Sunday 20 September: Order of St Luke Healing Service.

3.00pm at Yarralumla Uniting Church, 7 Denman St
Yarralumla ACT followed by a cuppa. For more info contact Revd James Ellis at minister@yarrauniting.org.au or 0444 516 542 or Fr John Gibson at gibsonjohn385@gmail.com or 0451 681 118.

Sunday 20 September: Ainslie Church of Christ 75th

Anniversary. 10.30am to 2.00pm, 82 Limestone Avenue, Ainslie.

***Tuesday 22 September: 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).

Wednesday 23 September: St Mark's Panel Discussion on

'God's Yes to Women'. At 7.30pm, discussion on themes from the recently published book 'God's Yes to Women: Why the Bible's Vision of Partnership is Good News for Us All.' Register at www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1635927

***Friday 25 September: Diocesan young adults' dinner and**

games night. 6.30pm – 10pm, in the Durie Room at St Mark's Theological Centre, Barton. (See page 3 for details.)

***Monday 28 September: Cuppacomalong.** All welcome for fellowship and afternoon tea. The topic is "Advertising Standards". Come and have a cuppa and a chat, 2pm to 4pm. Contact Ailsa Curtis (6247 9363).

***Saturday 3 October: Working Bee.** From 8.30am—10.00am. Working outside helping to beautify the gardens and grounds. Please bring equipment (e.g. gardening gloves, hat, suitable footwear, mowers, blowers) and join us for morning tea afterwards at 10am.

Saturday 3 October: Celebrate Spring at the Peter Crisp Gallery with Carl Rafferty. Peter Crisp Gallery, Hume Highway, Bowning. Gates open at 2.30pm. Concert at 3pm.

Saturday 3 October: Canberra Bach Ensemble – Bach’s Trauerode. St Christopher’s Cathedral, Manuka: Saturday 3 October at 7.30pm and Sunday 4 October at 2.00pm. Tickets and further details: www.canberrabachensemble.com

***Sunday 4 October: Bellringing.** The monthly bellringing practice is on again today, from 5pm to 6 pm. Everyone is welcome to come along and join in the ringing. (You could then stay on for the St John’s@6 service).

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***Sunday 11 October: Choral Evensong.** Join us at 5pm for this brief, reflective service, including hymns and choral music.

***Saturday 17 October: St John’s Parish Fair.** 9am-2pm for a wonderful time of food, festivities and bargains.

Monday 26 October: Parliamentary Prayer Breakfast. 7.15am–8.15am (in the Great Hall of Parliament House). For waitlist email admin@stjohnscanberra.org or to purchase ticket directly visit <https://nationalprayerbreakfast.org>.

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***Friday 13 – Sunday 15 November: Youth and Young Adults camp.** Registrations are now open for our Youth and Young Adults weekend away at tinyurl.com/SJCampRego.

st John's Care

TRIVIA Night

St John's Care



SATURDAY
14 NOVEMBER 2026



ADULTS \$25
KIDS U 15 \$10



PLEASE BRING AN
UNWRAPPED PRESENT
FOR OUR CHILDREN'S
CHRISTMAS GIFT ROOM



DOORS OPEN
AT 6PM



TRIVIA STARTS
AT 6.30PM



BYO FOOD
AND DRINKS



RAFFLE AND
OTHER FUN GAMES



TABLES OF
8-10 PEOPLE



*Gather
your friends,
test your
knowledge
& have a
great night!*



ST JOHN'S HALL
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ST JOHN'S COMMUNITY FAIR 2026 DONATIONS

The following lists *What, When & Where you can leave your Donations* for the Community Fair:
Please do not leave donations before the times below

WHAT	WHEN	WHERE	NOTES
Books, Games, Puzzles, DVDs and CDs	Now	Bench outside Church Hall	<i>If the Hall is open, please leave your donations on the stage.</i> Good quality fiction and non-fiction, including large print books and books for young adults and children. <i>Please no textbooks, manuals, Readers Digest, encyclopedias, videotapes or audio cassette tapes.</i>
Oranges, lemons, limes, apples, dried dates, or dried apricots	Now	Parish Office	Tuesday – Thursday 10am-3pm
Clothes	From 1 September	Hall	<i>If the Hall is open, please leave your donations in the marked area, immediately to the left inside the Hall.</i>
Craft, Trinkets, Treasure, White Elephant	From 28 September	Bench outside Church Hall	<i>If the Hall is open, please leave your donations in the marked area, immediately to the left inside the Hall.</i>
Raffles	From 28 September to 11 October	Bench outside Church Hall	
Plants & Gardening	From 12 October	Bench outside Church Hall	
Jam & Cake	From 15 October	Central bench in Kitchen	

St John's Study Groups

Monday: 'Young Blokes' Bible Study

When & Where: Mondays, 6.30pm, Campbell

Who: Young men (ages approx. 18-25)

Focus: Bible study and discussion

Contact: Rev'd Andrew - Andrew.Cameron@stjohnscanberra.org

Tuesday: Bible for Blokes

When & Where: Tuesdays, 10.am, Upper Room

Who: Men of any age

Focus: Bible study and discussion

Contact: Rev'd Kevin – Kevin.Stone@stjohnscanberra.org

Tuesday: Young Women's Bible Study

When & Where: Tuesdays, 7:00–8:30 pm, at a home in Reid (school terms)

Who: Women aged 15–30; new Christians and those exploring faith welcome

Focus: 30 min fellowship + 1 hour study; social events in school holidays

Contact: Jess – jess.evans31169@gmail.com or 0404 703 847

Wednesday: Southside Bible Study

When & Where: Wednesdays, 2pm, Fadden, Tuggeranong

Who: Adults, any age.

Focus: Bible study and discussion

Contact: John Richards—0407 790 767

Wednesday: Adults Bible Study

When & Where: Wednesdays, 7:00–8:00 pm, Rectory (school terms)

Who: Adults, any age. Mostly connected with stjohns@6

Focus: Bible study; group communicates via Signal

Contact: Russ Tunks — rustunks@yahoo.com.au

Thursday: Ladies' Bible Reading Group

When & Where: Thursdays, 9:30 am (after school drop-off), Robertson Room (school terms)

Who: Women, especially with pre-school children

Focus: Bible reading and discussion (currently Matthew)

Contact: Mary de Lautour — mary.delautour@stjohnscanberra.org

There may be scope for a new Bible study to commence. Contact clergy if you'd like to be involved.

A Helping Hand

Last week, I met G, a mother of two girls under the age of 10. After being unwell throughout the winter in a freezing-cold home, G found it difficult to keep up with maintaining her yard.

G told us that previous experiences of seeking help had left her feeling judged about the condition of her home and yard. This made her feel overwhelmed and reluctant to ask for assistance again. We took the time to listen without judgement, understand her circumstances and work alongside her on the issues that mattered most.

Her landlord had warned that if the yard was not cleaned up, she and her daughters could face eviction. St John's Care worked with G and other local services to have the yard tidied. We also helped have her lawnmower serviced and provided gardening tools so she can maintain the yard in the future.

We supported G to speak with the lawyers at Street Law, who helped her understand her rights and the steps she could take to protect her tenancy.

We also gave the family some cooked meals, ensuring they had nutritious dinners while allowing G to take things a little easier as she continued to recover.

Because of your generosity, G received practical support, professional advice and, importantly, a safe place where she felt heard and respected. Thank you for helping families in our community overcome difficult circumstances with dignity and hope.

Kind regards,

Jason Haines
Managing Director

Items required: 1.2kg Weetbix, 400g Honey, Conditioner, Peanut Butter

Upcoming services

Sunday 20 September 2026

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: Exodus 16.2-15; Psalm 105.1-6, 37-45; Philippians 1.21-30; Matthew 20.1-16

8.00am: Sung Eucharist

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

6.00pm: stjohns@6 (Holy Communion)

Wednesday 23 September 2026

Readings: Exodus 16.2-15; Philippians 1.21-30; Matthew 20.1-16

10.00am: Eucharist (1662 Book of Common Prayer)

Sunday 27 September 2026

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: Exodus 17.1-7; Psalm 78.1-4, 11-16; Philippians 2; Matthew 21.23-32

7.am: Eucharist (1662 Book of Common Prayer)

8.00am: Sung Eucharist

9.30am: Family Eucharist (Kid's Church in recess School Holidays)

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

Wednesday 30 September 2026

Readings: Exodus 17.1-7; OR Philippians 2;Matthew 21.23-32

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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Honorary Priest	Rev'd Vicky Cullen		0476 777 203
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Opening Hours: 10.00am to 3.00pm Tuesday to Friday

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