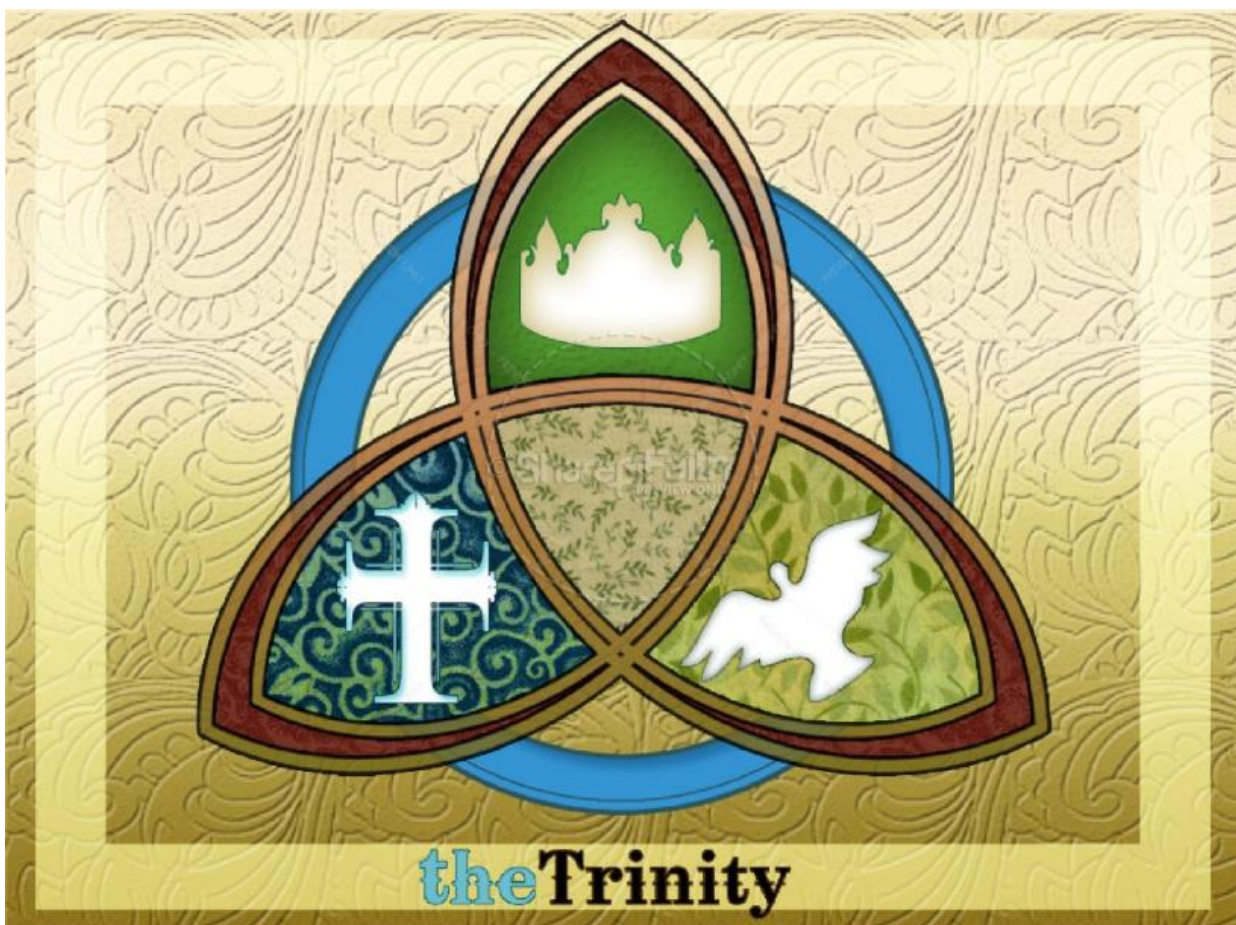


ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH CANBERRA

**31 May 2026
Trinity Sunday**

(This week's service times within)

Proclaim the Name: 'The Lord, the Lord, a God who is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.' Exodus 34.6



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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and everlasting God,
you have given to us your servants grace
by the confession of a true faith
to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity,
and in the power of the divine majesty
to worship the Unity:
keep us steadfast in this faith,
and evermore defend us from all adversities,
for you live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

IMPORTANT NOTICES

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>

9.30am service anthem. We are grateful for the choir's monthly presence at our 9.30am service. Today's anthems (during Holy Communion) are: Holy, Holy, Holy (F. Schubert 1797-1828), and If ye love me (T. Tallis, ca 1505 -1585).

Patronal dinner. Parishioners from all congregations are invited to attend the annual St John's Patronal Dinner on Thursday 18 June, 6pm - 9pm in the church hall. Our guest speaker will be Henry Olonga, who broke barriers as Zimbabwe's first international cricketer of colour and risked everything to bravely protest 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 for the spit roast dinner incl. pre-dinner nibbles, dessert and tea/coffee (BYO drinks) are \$50/person. Please RSVP by 12th June via the link <https://www.trybooking.com/1582295> or the QR Code.



2026 St John's Fair: 17 October. Please note the date of our Parish Fair in your diaries! We have already started planning for this key event.



Seeking accommodation. A young man from our 6pm congregation is seeking rental accommodation from the end of June, preferably for \$250 per week, or less. If you can help, please contact clergy for more information.

For 9.30am and 6pm 'regulars'. Thank you for trying to leave space near the back of the church, and near the aisles, to make it easier for visitors to find a seat. We continue to look for ushers to assist our sidespersons, (especially at 6pm). Please email jane.rose@stjohnscanberra.org if you can help.

'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 for a few weeks, 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 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 practise! (See page 5.)



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).

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/>)

Anglican News May 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

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

All Saints' Eve: Assistance needed. Are you creative or enjoy story telling? Are you passionate about sharing the history and site of St John's with the community? Maybe you have lots of great ideas? Or you just have a great sense of fun?

If any of this sounds like you, then please consider joining the team preparing for All Saints' Eve. I need people to help develop the mystery trail theme, story and presentation, and ideas for other activities. We had 75 children (plus their parents) last year celebrating All Saints' instead of Halloween. This is a Christ centred alternative for Christian families, and an outreach to others. As the event grows I need help with preparation for it to be sustainable. You can be any age and do not need to attend on the day. Please let me know if you are interested and I can share more detail – mary.delautour@stjohnscanberra.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

(*St John's event)

***Thursday 4 June: Bootcamp—How do I read the Bible?** 7pm in the Robertson Room.

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

***Sunday 7 June: Bellingring.** 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 St John's@6 service).

Tuesday 9 June: Order of St Luke Healing Meeting and AGM. St David's Anglican Church Red Hill at 2.00pm for discussion and prayer, followed by afternoon tea. 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.

***Thursday 18 June: Patronal dinner.** Guest speaker, Henry Olonga. 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>

***Tuesday 23 June: St John's Sketching/Painting Group.** We

meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month from 9.30am to lunchtime, starting in the Hall. The aim is to paint or draw, inspired by St John's and surrounds. Anyone who loves art and is willing to have a go is welcome. Come along with sketch pad, pencils or paints. Please contact Fiona (fcotton@fionacottonpaintings.com; 0404 066 021) or Jennifer (jennifer.lawson@stjohnscanberra.org; 0407 286 572).

***Thursday 25 June: Bootcamp—How do Christians pray?**

7pm in the Robertson Room.

***Saturday 27 June: Operation Christmas Child Working**

Group. From 1pm-4pm in the Robertson Room. Contact Jennifer Lawson on 0407 286 572.

***Thursday 2 July: Bootcamp—Learning from the masters in**

prayer. 7pm in the Robertson Room.

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

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: 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 – russtunks@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.

Medication Expenses

I received a call the other day from a Social Worker from the Cancer Support Ward at Canberra Hospital. She had a client who was undergoing treatment from a rare type of cancer. K had been out of work for the last 7 months due to his ongoing battle against the disease and his partner was also not working. He had been unable to receive government benefits due to his migration status. K and his partner couldn't even afford to buy paracetamol. The Social Worker called us because she had heard about what we do and was desperate to link K to wider community support. His treatment plan was changing, and he was about to transition out of the care of Canberra Hospital. When I took the call I could hear the desperation in her voice, so I offered to meet up with her that day. She gratefully accepted and somehow managed to organise a meeting with all of us within a few hours. I was able, not just to meet them, and assure them of our ongoing support as they make this transition but also take them a much-needed food hamper. K and his wife were incredibly grateful. They had never heard of us but were amazed by the generosity we were able to show them.

Now, we are a small organisation compared with Canberra Hospital, and we receive no government funding, but sometimes that opens possibilities that might otherwise get missed. Our dedicated volunteers and staff, and your ongoing generosity, allow us to 'punch above our weight' when it comes to offering personal, speedy, support to clients in real need. I love that we can do things like this, and we are so grateful for your ongoing partnership. Please know, that it is making a real difference in the lives of people every day.

Grace and Peace,

Nathan, Community Chaplain

Items required: Cooking oil, School snacks, Honey, Vegemite, Shampoo

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 everyday 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.

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>

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.

ST MARK'S INTENSIVES



FORMED TO SERVE



MISSION, EVANGELISM AND APOLOGETICS

If you have a heart for sharing the gospel in a broken world, this unit will help you make sense of how mission, evangelism, and apologetics fit together—and why that matters now more than ever.

Learn with guest lecturer, Dr Teresa Parish.

Dates: 24–27 August. Enrol by 26 June.

Use the QR code to complete the expression of interest →



FORMED TO SERVE



INTENSIVE: BEING THE CHURCH

What does it mean to be the church today — and how did we get here? Rooted in Scripture and theology, this subject explores the identity and mission of the church from the New Testament to the present day — including its sacramental life, its calling to mission, and its relationship to Israel and the story of Jesus.

Dates: 1–3 September. Enrol by 26 June.

Use the QR code to complete the expression of interest →



Upcoming services

Sunday 31 May 2026

Trinity Sunday

*Readings: Exodus 34.1-8; Song of 3 Young Men 29-34;
2 Corinthians 13.11-13; Matthew 28.16-20*

8.00am: Sung Eucharist

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

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

Wednesday 3 June 2026

Readings: Exodus 34.1-8; Matthew 28.16-20

10.00am: Eucharist (1662 Book of Common Prayer)

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; OR, Romans 4.13-25;
Matthew 9.9-13, 18-26*

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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