

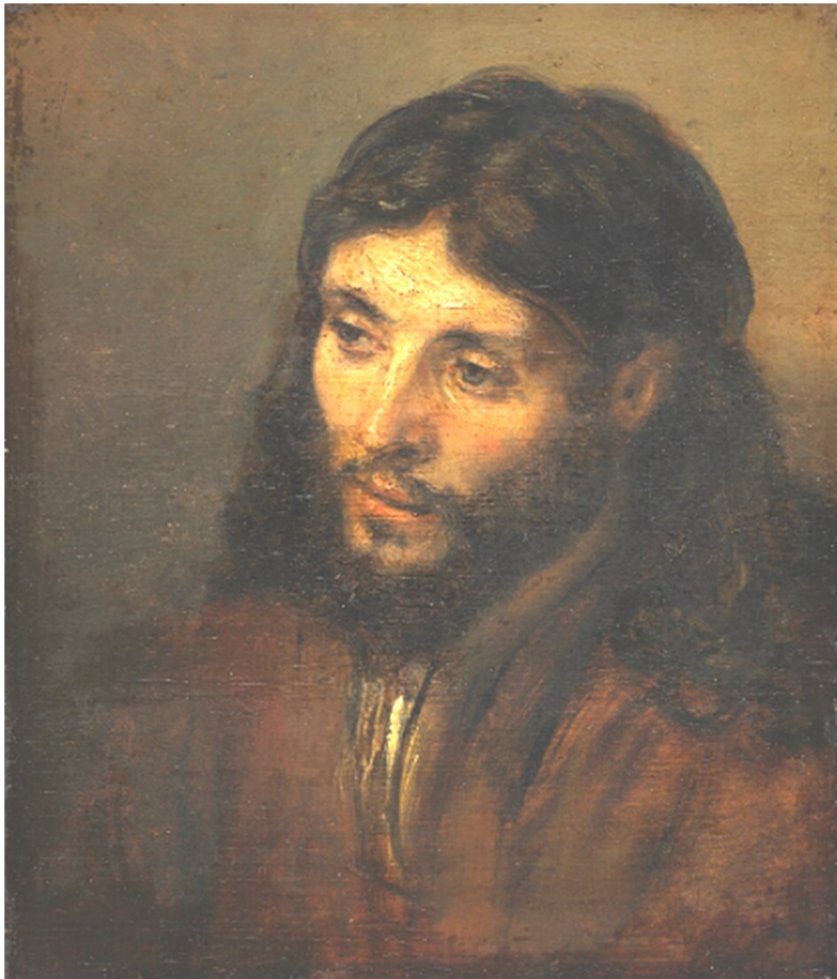
ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH CANBERRA

25 May 2025
Sixth Sunday of Easter

(This week's service times within)

'Peace I leave with you; my peace
I give to you,' says the Lord. 'Do
not let your hearts be troubled,
and do not let them be afraid.'

John 14.27



Head of Christ (Rembrandt) c.1640.

Gemäldegalerie, Bode Museum, Charles Sedelmeyer collection.

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

NOTICES



Introduction to Christianity. What's Christianity all about? Our simple '3-2-1' course is a beginner-level introduction to Christian basics. Continuing in the Robertson Room: 7.30pm Thursday May 29, and June 5. For further details contact Rev'd Andrew (see page 9) or Jamie Young (jfyoung3@outlook.com). Not too late to join!

Christian Bootcamp: This is our parish's program for those (16+) seeking baptism or confirmation, and is also suitable for new Christians or enquirers. Our first session ('Who - or What - is God?', 7.30pm, Thursday, 12 June, in Robertson Room) might help you decide if this is for you. Register your interest by contacting the rector (see p.9).

Patronal Dinner. All are warmly invited to this fun night. 6pm to 8.30pm in the hall for a spit roast and dessert (BYO drinks) to celebrate our 180th anniversary. RSVP and payment by noon on 20 June, at <https://www.stjohnscanberra.org/payments>. (Contact parish office with any dietary requirements).

Young Women's Bible Study: Potluck dinner. This new Bible study will commence at the Reid home of Reba Kirby, with a potluck dinner on Tuesday 3 June. (Note: postponed from when previously advertised.) Any interested young women (approx. 15-25) contact Jess for details (0404 703 847 or jess.evans31169@gmail.com).

Hope 25 'for Blokes'. Canon Kevin's 'Bible for Blokes' is held in the Robertson Room, on Tuesdays at 10am. He is looking into a series of conversations that Jesus had with people in John's gospel. They include a confused minister and a desperate woman, a lifelong loser and an anxious politician. Let Canon Kevin Stone know that you are coming by contacting him on stonesaway@gmail.com or on 0450 676 864.

'Flower Power' vacancies. We would love to welcome 4 new members to our flower team. It's a great way to contribute to the experience of those who enter our church for worship, funerals, weddings or as visitors. Sanya Ritchie would love to hear from you if you would like to know more. Leave her a message on 6282 7118, or email sanya.ritchie@gmail.com.

Kids' Church and Junior Youth. We are still seeking volunteers to make this critical ministry possible. The harvest is plentiful, but our workers are few. Mary recently reminded us that this ministry requires more than giftedness, and only the resources God provides. Please contact her to learn more about this precious work, and how you might help. (mary.delautour@stjohnscanberra.org).

Prof. Con Campbell on Luke's Gospel. The Prodigal Son. The Good Samaritan. The Rich Fool. The Dishonest Manager. The Persistent Widow. The Pharisee and the Tax Collector... Some of Jesus' most famous parables are found in one Gospel, and one Gospel only. It is also the only Gospel that mentions anything about Jesus' childhood, the road to Emmaus, and that has a sequel. If you're interested in an overview of the fascinating and profoundly significant Gospel of Luke (a focus on this year's lectionary

readings), New Testament scholar Con Campbell (9.30 service) is giving an overview seminar at 7.30pm, Thursday 19 June (Robertson Room).


Making Marriage Work'. We are offering a short marriage course to those who have booked a wedding at St John's. Occasionally we have spare spots, which we can offer to interested parishioners. Whether you are recently married or have been for many years, this material – drawn from the Gottman Institute's extensive research – could benefit any couple. Cost is \$120, and the next courses are in late May and October. If you're interested in knowing more, contact one of the clergy, or weddings@stjohnscanberra.org

Jam Stall. Do you have any extra produce in your garden? The Jam Stall will gladly accept donations of fruit, vegetables, and sugar to turn them into delicious jams, chutneys, and relishes to sell at the Fair. Please contact Jo Lloyd if you can help (cjlloyd@me.com).

Operation Christmas Child: Seeking Beanie Knitters.

Now that the cold weather is keeping us in front of the fire, thoughts will turn to knitting. Obviously. The easiest things to knit are beanies and we need some lovely people to make some for Operation Christmas Child. Even when the boxes go to the South Pacific, the first thing the children do is put on their beanie! So we like to ensure that we have one for every box. Last year we sent 110 boxes—i.e. lots of


beanies! I will have some wool and a pattern and am very happy to lend needles. If you are not a knitter but would like to learn how this is a great opportunity, and I'm happy to show you! Email me (Jennifer Lawson) at jennifer.lawson@stjohnscanberra.org.



Heartbeat of Hope

A creative presentation of the gospel of Christ in music and spoken word.

8 vocalists. 10 piece band.
Music composed by Michael Dooley



Venue: St Matthew's Anglican Church, Wanniasa.
Date: 31st May 2025, 7 to 9 PM
Cost: \$15 adults. \$10 concession. Family ticket \$30

Book through TryBooking
<https://www.trybooking.com/DBCJS>

Proceeds from ticket sales will go to Anglican Aid's emergency relief project in Democratic Republic of Congo.

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HOPE IN AN UNCERTAIN WORLD

SUMMARY OF UPCOMING EVENTS

(*St John's event)

Sunday 25 May: Order of St Luke Healing Service. Healing Service (3.00pm) followed by afternoon tea. Yarralumla Uniting Church 3-7 Denman Street Yarralumla. Info Fr John Gibson at gibsonjohn385@gmail.com or 0451 681 118.

***Monday 26 May: Cuppacomalong.** Afternoon tea with fellow parishioners in the Robertson Room 2.00-4.00pm. This month's special guest is Sue O'Leary who will talk about Rev'd Pierce Galliard Smith (St John's rector, 1855-1905) and his remarkable medicine chest. Contact Ailsa Curtis 6247 9363.

***Thursday 29 May: '3-2-1' - Introduction to Christianity.** Robertson Room at 7.30pm. (Not too late to join for our final two session).

Friday 30 May: 1000 Voices for Reconciliation - Yarning in Song. 'Musical remembering' in The Great Hall, Parliament House, Canberra, 12:30pm - 2:00 pm. Register <https://events.humanitix.com/1000-voices-for-reconciliation-a-yarning-in-song>.

***Thursday 12 June: 'Who – or What – is God?'** First session of our 2005 'Bootcamp'. (See earlier notice, 'Christian Bootcamp'). 7.30pm, Robertson Room.

***Saturday 14 June: Safe Ministry Training.** Safe Ministry training day in the Robertson Room. All training for St John's parishioners is booked and paid for by the Parish, so please contact alison.hosking@stjohnscanberra.org if you would like to book (or if you have any Safe Ministry questions). For other dates/locations and online options, see <https://safercommunities.net.au/anglican-dioceextse-of-canberra-goulburn-online-training/>.

***Thursday 19 June: Evening seminar on Luke's Gospel.** An overview of Luke – the focus of this year's gospel readings. Led by New Testament Professor and parishioner Con Campbell. 7.30pm, in the Robertson Room.

Saturday 21 June: Equip Women's Conference. Topic is Revelation, chapters 6-22. Cost is \$20 pp. It will be held in the Robertson Room or Hall (depending on numbers). Contact Mary de Lautour for information (see page 9).

***Wednesday 25 June: Patronal Dinner.** All invited. 6pm to 8.30pm in the hall for a spit roast and dessert (BYO drinks). RSVP and payment at <https://www.stjohnscanberra.org/payments>.

***Saturday 18 October: 2025 St John's Parish Fair.** Save the date! And if you can help, please contact John Richards on gjrich@bigpond.net.au

Community Collaboration

At St John's Care, our doors are open to everyone living in Canberra and its surrounding regions. A few days ago, we welcomed a woman seeking support while in the ACT for legal matters. For privacy and confidentiality purposes, we will call her C.

C was warmly greeted by our friendly and compassionate volunteers and, as a first-time visitor, completed a new client form. During the process, she was informed that all clients are offered the opportunity to meet with a Case Manager, should they wish to discuss concerns beyond emergency relief. She gratefully accepted this offer, and I was called in to chat with her. C shared that she had travelled from another state for legal proceedings but, due to unexpected delays, her stay in the ACT had been extended. She had exhausted her accommodation budget, had no food left, and no one she could turn to for help. She looked visibly exhausted and explained that she hadn't eaten in two days. We offered her a warm cup of coffee and some biscuits — a small gesture that she deeply appreciated.

We began calling other support services in search of temporary accommodation, but initially, we were unsuccessful. C was devastated. Then, in a fortunate turn of events, a partner service we collaborate with contacted us — they had a room available for a few days. The person who had been staying there had found long-term accommodation and was leaving earlier than planned. They kindly offered the remaining days of their booking free of charge to someone in need. When we shared this news with C, she was overwhelmed with emotion and cried with relief. The only cost she needed to cover was her food during her stay. We provided her with some food supplies and bus tickets so she could travel to the accommodation. C was moved by the generosity of a complete stranger and remarked how amazed she was that St John's Care's reputation alone could open such doors. She promised to be a respectful and grateful guest, determined not to let that reputation down.

Three days later, after her legal matters were resolved, C returned to thank us in person. She expressed her heartfelt appreciation for the non-judgmental and compassionate support she had received. Fortunately, her return bus ticket was flexible, allowing her to change her travel dates at no extra cost. Stories like C's remind us of the power of kindness, collaboration, and community. We extend our deepest thanks to our donors, supporters, and partner services.

Kind regards,

Lisa Masamha

Case Manager

Items needed: Dry dog food, baby wipes, boxes of tissues, shampoo & conditioner

Upcoming services

Sunday 25 May 2025

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 16.9-15; Psalm 67; Revelation 21.10-27, 22.1-5; John 14.23-29

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

Wednesday 28 May 2025

Readings: Revelation 21.10-27, 22.1-5; John 14.23-29

- 10am:** Eucharist (1662 Book of Common Prayer)

Sunday 1 June 2025

Seventh Sunday of Easter (Sunday after Ascension)

Readings: Acts 11.1-18; Psalm 148; Revelation 21.1-5; John 13.31-34

- 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 & Proclamation)

Wednesday 4 June 2025

Readings: TBA

- 10am:** 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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FOR YOUR ENJOYMENT

Peace Of Mind And Heart Word Search

Peace of Mind and Heart

I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don't be troubled or afraid. John 14:27 (NLT)

Based on John 14:23-29



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