

# ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH CANBERRA

**16 February 2025**  
**Sixth Sunday after Epiphany**  
(This week's service times within)

*Blessed are you when people hate  
you on account of the Son of man.  
Rejoice and leap for joy, for behold,  
your reward is great in heaven.*



*Last Sunday at Black Mountain Peninsula, Jeremy Tsuei (stjohns@6) was  
baptised in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.*


*'Produce in us the fruit of your Spirit. Equip us to serve your people and  
advance your gospel in the world. Enable us to live in holiness and  
righteousness and to please you in all that we do; in the name of Jesus our  
Saviour. Amen.'*

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

## NOTICES



**Supporting Ministry at St John's.** As a new year begins, could you please take some time this month to consider the appropriate level of your regular financial contribution to our parish? We are highly dependent upon regular (preferably automatic) deposits to sustain our ministry. In addition, caring for this beautiful site imposes considerable costs on us each year – not to mention our significant upcoming building plans to grow our ministry. Giving details can be found on page 7 of this newsletter, or see <https://www.stjohnscanberra.org/giving>

**Vale Robert Campbell.** Robert Campbell was a longtime parishioner, and direct descendent of the original Robert Campbell of Duntroon (the merchant, settler and benefactor whose vision led to the establishment of St John's on the Limestone Plains). Robert's funeral will be held at 12.30pm on Thursday 20 February. 

**9.30 Overflow/Cry Room.** At 9.30am we will continue to offer a cry-room (with livestream) in the nearby Robertson Room for children and parents of pre-school aged children. This room is also wheelchair accessible and airconditioned, for those who require these facilities.

**9.30am Morning Tea.** Each week we are able to offer hospitality after the service, allowing people to get to know each other better over a cuppa and some snacks. Our numbers have grown, but we are now desperately short of volunteers. With just six more helpers, we could roster people on just once every two months. Can you assist? If so, or if you'd like to know more, contact Sonja at [sonjamain@yahoo.com.au](mailto:sonjamain@yahoo.com.au) (or via the notebook at today's morning tea table.)

**Kids Church Volunteers.** If you have a heart for children, or for sharing the word of God, then Kids Church needs you! We completely rely on volunteers to run this program. Volunteers need to have been regular parishioners for a minimum of 6 months, hold a valid WWVP card and will need to complete Safe Ministries training (online training taking approx. 3 hours). This may sound a lot but it is a low cost to nurture a child on their journey of faith. Volunteers can be parishioners from services other than 9:30am. If you are not able to help, please pray that others will come forward to assist, and to teach. Please contact Mary de Lautour (see page 7).

**Mainly Music Volunteers.** Are you able to make a cup of tea and smile at the same time? If so, you would be an excellent volunteer at Mainly Music! With an increasing number of families attending, we need some smiling faces to assist with setting up and serving morning tea. We have at least one Dad attending, so it would be great to see some male helpers too. If you can spare one Wednesday morning a month (9.30am – 12.00pm) please contact Mary de Lautour (see page 7). WWVP card required.

**Message from Rev'd Anna Krebs.** Dear Wonderful people of St John's, My heart is very full with all the messages and comments people made both at my farewell on

Wednesday and on Sunday. It was wonderful to work with you the last twelve months, and I have learnt so much. Thank you all from the bottom of my heart. Thank you too for your very generous gift, which will be put to good use. May God continue to bless you all as you serve him. Rev'd Anna

**Meals for the William Family.** Meals would be appreciated for the William family as Richa continues to face further complex surgery (and recovery). Frozen meals can be left in the church freezer, clearly labelled 'Williams'. Non-spicy chicken, fish or vegetarian meals only, please. Thanks for your prayers and care for this family

**St Mark's Announcement: New Director.** Bishop Mark has announced the appointment of a new Director of St Mark's National Theological Centre. Dr Jacqueline Service will be formally commissioned during the ordination service at St Saviour's Cathedral, Goulburn, at 11am on 22 February. All welcome.

**Theology Studies in 2025.** Is 2025 your year to study theology? St Mark's Graduate Certificate in Theology is open for anyone with an undergrad degree. With just one core class and three electives, it can be completed in just one year (2 classes per semester) or two (1 class per semester). All necessary classes can be joined live in the evening, either on campus in Barton or online via zoom. For more details and to apply, visit: <https://stmarks.edu.au/course/graduate-certificate-in-theology/>. Semester 1 begins 3rd March. For current offerings, see: [https://stmarks.edu.au/key-dates-timetables/semester timetable/](https://stmarks.edu.au/key-dates-timetables/semester-timetable/)

**Theology student seeking accommodation.** A single, female, PhD student from interstate is looking for a study-friendly place, with a private bedroom and internet access. She is happy to pay board and contribute to cooking, and is hoping to move by 1st March. If you can help, please contact Erin (0499 502 722).

**Anglican News February 2025.** Here is the link to the latest edition of Anglican News: <https://anglicancg.org.au/news-and-events/anglican-news/> or direct to the flipbook <https://heyzine.com/flip-book/f9daf46edb.html> .Many thanks to all the contributors to this edition. 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](mailto:anglicannews@anglicancg.org.au)

## UPCOMING EVENTS (\*St John's event)

**\*Saturday 22 February: Ordination of Michael Shaw.** Many will remember Michael, who served for a number of years as our kids' ministry coordinator. Michael is due to be ordained as a deacon, with others, at St Saviour's Cathedral, Goulburn. Come and share in this exciting moment with him. The service begins at 11.00am.

**\*Saturday 22 February: 'Learn to hate African Lovegrass'.** Join a short tour of the graveyard to learn to identify this grass weed, which is invading our precinct. We urgently need to form a small SWAT team to try and eliminate it. Even if you just want to find out more about other grasses on the St John's site, come anyway. Meet 9.30 am at the deck. Contact. Denys Garden 0414 813 403.

**\*Monday 24 February: Cuppacumalong.** All folk with time to spare, come for afternoon tea with fellow parishioners in the Robertson Room 2.00-4.00pm. Focus: 'Jill Clingan—Artist etcetera' Contact Ailsa Curtis 6247 9363.

**Thursday 27 February: St Mark's Commencement Lecture.** At a service to commence St Mark's National Theological Centre's academic year, St John's parishioner Justice Richard Refshauge will draw on his many years on the bench of the Supreme Court of the ACT, speaking about 'The Heart of Service: restoring an ethic of Christian service to our churches and public life.'

RSVP at <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1346366>

**Thursday 27 February: God and Politics.** Join theologian, author and Anglican rector Rev'd Dr Michael Jensen. Michael has appeared on Q&A and The Drum, and podcasts at 'With All Due Respect'. His most recent book is 'Subjects and Citizens. The politics of the gospel: Lessons from Romans 12-15'. 6:00–7:30pm, Good Shepherd Anglican Church, Curtin.

**\*Sunday 9 March: 180<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Choral Evensong.** It is 180 years since the consecration of St John's (1845). Join us for this special service of Choral Evensong. With Bishop Mark in attendance, we will give thanks to God for the privilege of bearing witness to Christ in the heart of our nation's capital.

**Wednesday 12 March: Scripture Union 'Discovering Life' Dinner.** Each year, individuals and churches take part in a fun and encouraging night as we celebrate what God has been doing in the ACT & Southern NSW through Scripture Union Australia. This year we are joined by special guest speaker, Alan Tongue (former Canberra Raiders footballer and NRL Community Program Deliverer). As always, the meal will be free, but please come prepared to make a donation and support Scripture Union Australia in what we do. 6pm for 6:30 start until 9pm.

RSVP at <https://su.org.au/events/su-act-discovering-life-dinner-2025/>

**Saturday 29 March: Canberra Mission Focus.** Come and be challenged and refreshed by a day of worship, Bible teaching (from Simon Gillham, former missionary and current Head of Missions at Moore Theological College), and sessions led by visiting missionaries. A children's program is included. For registration details and costs visit [cms.org.au/event/cms-canberra-mission-focus-2025/](https://cms.org.au/event/cms-canberra-mission-focus-2025/). Radford College, 9am – 4pm

Last week, we welcomed back our long-term client, whom we will call A. Living in regional New South Wales, A had travelled to the ACT seeking legal support when their car was stolen—a distressing event that left A without essential medication, as it was in the stolen vehicle.

A approached St John's Care (SJC) for assistance in returning to NSW with their children and pet. Recognising the urgency, I contacted several services in Canberra to arrange transportation, but initial efforts were unsuccessful. Fortunately, Tumut District Community Transport, which has been serving the Snowy Valleys Region for over 30 years, agreed to help. They promptly organised for A and their family to be picked up the next day by a dedicated volunteer driver with over 10 years of experience.

Given that A couldn't return to regional NSW the same day, we secured emergency accommodation for the family on short notice, thanks to our strong community reputation. Upon learning that A and the children hadn't eaten for the past three days, we provided a hot meal and supplied groceries for their journey. Additionally, our volunteers prepared school packs for the children, ensuring they were ready to return to school the following Monday.

Through our script assistance program, in collaboration with Campbell Pharmacy and Pharmacy on Northbourne, we addressed A's medication needs. By coordinating with A's pharmacy in NSW, we arranged for the prescription to be sent to Pharmacy on Northbourne, allowing A to promptly take the necessary medication.

A and their children were overwhelmed by the support, love, and care they received from SJC and our partner organisations. They expressed deep gratitude for alleviating their immediate concerns, while the ACT Police handled the stolen car incident.

To our amazing donors, your support of St John's Care extends beyond meeting physical needs; you impact every area of individuals' lives during their most challenging times. Thank you for your unwavering support, love, and compassion toward the community. We also extend our gratitude to the community agencies we partner with in supporting those in need.

Kind regards,  
Lisa Masamha  
Case Manager

**We have very little or no stock of the following:**

**Pantry items required:** Tinned Irish Stew, hotpot etc, Large tinned fish, tinned soup, tinned vegetables, cooking oil, dry lentils, 1kg flour, 1kg sugar, pasta/rice meal packets, peanut butter.

**Other items required:** dish washing liquid, shampoo & conditioner, soap, children's toothbrushes, incontinence pads.

# Upcoming services

**Sunday 16 February 2025**

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

*Readings: Jeremiah 17.5-10; Psalm 1; 1 Corinthians 15.12-20; Luke 6.17-26*

- 8.00am: **Sung Eucharist**  
9.30am: **Family Eucharist** (Kids Church & Youth Group)  
11.15am **Matins** (1662 Book of Common Prayer)  
6.00pm: **stjohns@6** (Holy Communion)

**Sunday 23 February 2025**

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

*Readings: Genesis 45.3-11, 45.15; Psalm 37.1-11, 37.40-41; 1 Corinthians 15.35-50; Luke 6.27-38*

- 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)

**Sunday 2 March 2025**

Eighth Sunday after Epiphany

*Readings: Exodus 34.29-35; Psalm 99; 2 Corinthians 3.12-4.2; Luke 9.28-36 (37-43)*

- 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)

**Each Wednesday**

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

For more information: [www.stjohnscanberra.org](http://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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Opening Hours: 10.00am to 3.00pm Tuesday to Friday

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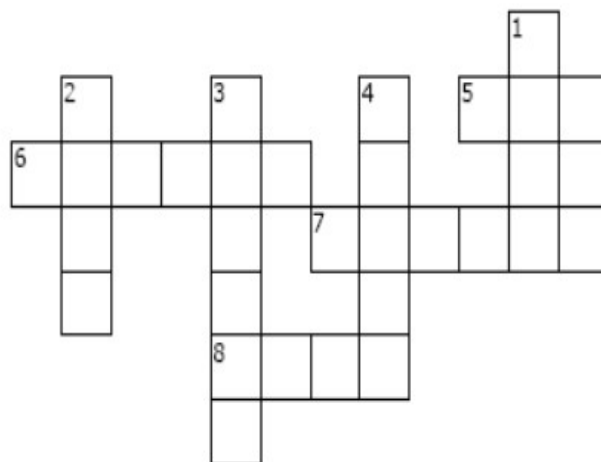
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The Sermon on the Plain  
Crossword

# The Sermon on the Plain

"Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven. For that is how their fathers treated the prophets. Luke 6:23 (NIV)

This puzzle is based on Luke 6:17-26 (NIV)



## ACROSS

5. A feeling of great happiness
6. The home of God, the angels,  
and those who have been saved
7. To have a desire or need for  
food
8. Having a great amount of  
money

## DOWN

1. Having very little money or few  
possessions
2. To shed tears
3. Something given or received in  
return for good behavior
4. The sound which expresses  
happiness or delight