



ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH CANBERRA

21 April 2024

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Today's services are at
8am, 9.30am, 11.15am, 6.00pm

'I am the good shepherd,' says
the Lord. 'I know my own and my
own know me.'

John 10.14



The fourth Sunday of Easter is often referred to as 'Good Shepherd Sunday', as our readings take us to places in the Scriptures (notably Psalm 23 and John 10) where this image describes God's care for us. Ultimately, Jesus is the 'good shepherd' who lays down his life for his sheep.

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

PARISH NOTICES



KIDS' CHURCH AND YOUTH: These ministries are in recess for the school holidays, recommencing on **5 May**. We encourage families to still attend with their children. Activity sheets are available in the foyer.

SJC CRAFT SESSIONS: St John's Care are seeking to set up regular craft sessions. Are you a knitter (or similar) who would like to share your enthusiasm of craft with others? St John's Care would like to hear from you! Please contact Wendy on (02) 6248 7771 or casemanagement@stjohnscare.org.au.

FUNDRAISER FOR RICHA: Friends of Richa William (9.30 service) are raising money to help purchase an insulin pump and other supports to assist with the significant changes she is facing following her recent major surgery. Please keep her and her family in your prayers. If you would like to support this fundraiser, go to <https://gofund.me/95738524>

TORCHLIGHT TOURS: We thank June Penny and Penny Pemberton (pictured below with Diana Body) who have 'retired' after many years of Torchlight Tours of the St John's churchyard. Their collaboration with the Schoolhouse Museum and the parish have been greatly appreciated and we wish them well.



2024 HERITAGE FUND APPEAL BEGINS: Parishioners and friends are invited to donate to this year's Heritage Fund Appeal which aims to restore the pews by removing unsightly scratches and creaky joints and recondition the timber kneelers. Conservation work on the altar rails in the sanctuary and the pulpit will also form part of the project. Donations of \$2 or more to the Heritage Fund are tax deductible. The Heritage Fund's Appeal letter and brochure will be sent to you shortly by email or through the post. You can also donate via our [website](#). Your support for this year's project would be greatly appreciated.

Randall Wilson, Chair of Trustees

RESEARCH ASSISTANCE: A theological student is seeking insights into how modern life impacts attendance and involvement in church activities. If you wish to assist her, a survey is available at the following link: <https://bit.ly/ChristianSurvey2024>.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SCHOOLHOUSE MUSEUM – HERITAGE FESTIVAL: During the Canberra and Region Heritage Festival (on until **Sunday 28 April**), the Schoolhouse Museum will be open every day from **2 - 4pm**, offering a special exhibition of beautiful handmade items. Parishioners are encouraged to come and admire the treasures on display.

In addition, there will be a couple of special 'parish viewings' of the Schoolhouse displays after the 8 and 9.30 services on Pentecost Sunday (**19 May**), including morning tea.

GUNFIRE BREAKFAST: This year St John's is again hosting a Gunfire Breakfast immediately after the **Anzac Day Dawn Service**, which will include tours of the site by the Duntroon Guides. This is a positive way to express hospitality to the many who will be in our vicinity on that day, and to draw on our historic connections with Defence.

BIBLE SOCIETY - HISTORIC BIBLES AND THEIR LEGACY: Rev Dr John Harris will showcase several historic Bibles - some centuries old and some with a rich Anzac history. **Friday 26 April, at 9.30am** ('Military and Historic Bibles') and **12pm** ('Reformation and Languages of the Bible'). Hosted at St Mark's National Theological Centre, Barton. RSVP at rick.pecan@biblesociety.org.au.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER: The Canberra ecumenical Christian gathering for the National Day of Prayer (NDOP) is on **Saturday 18 May 24** from **1-4pm** at St John's Anglican Church. All are welcome. Register at www.australiaprays.com.au

CHRISTIAN BOOTCAMP: This year, we are again running 'Christian Bootcamp' – evening classes, held approximately monthly. Ideal for those (16+) seeking baptism or confirmation, new Christians or enquirers. Flyers with more detail are available in the church porch. Our first session ('Who - or What - is God?') might help you decide if this is for you. Robertson Room, **Wednesday 29 May**, 7.30pm. Contact Rev'd Dave McLennan (rector@stjohnscanberra.org) to register your interest.

PATRONAL DINNER: Our parish dinner to celebrate our patronal festival will be held on **Thursday 13 June** at the CIT restaurant from **6.00pm - 8.30pm**. Further details to come. For now, please save the date.

EQUIP WOMEN'S CONFERENCE: Save the date – **Saturday 22 June** from **9:30am** in the Robertson Room. Details to come!

HERITAGE:FESTIVAL:

SERGEANT MURRAY'S GUNFIRE BREAKFAST

After the Dawn Service
on the historic grounds
at 45 Constitution Ave, a
short walk from the War
Memorial



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RENT RELIEF PROGRAM

Recently I received one of our clients who we shall call N. She is a monthly visitor to St John's Care (SJC). She told me that she could not come last month because she has been too busy and has had too many things to do. I asked N if there was anything I could help her with. N explained that things at home were a bit complicated as she had been going through some problems after separating from her husband.

N tells me that she and her husband are still living in the same house but that she is looking at moving to a different place with her three children. Unfortunately, she was having difficulties moving forward with this due to the amount of rent they currently owe (one month in arrears). N feels that living in separate houses would be best for all members of the family.

I assured N that she could come to SJC fortnightly to have a break from the environment which was causing her stress. I also mentioned the *Rent Relief Program* to her. She said that she had not heard about it but would like to have more information.

Care is administering the ACT Government's Rent Relief Program. *The Program is designed to assist private renters on low/moderate incomes to catch*

up on arrears, relieve some financial pressure and/or prevent eviction. This program's purpose is to sustain existing tenancies and/or prevent evictions.

The Rent Relief program provides a one-off payment of four (4) weeks rent, up to a maximum of \$2,500.

N was very interested in applying for this program, so I printed out the necessary forms and information and assisted N in with the application process. I also offered N some extra information about other services including:

- ◆ Financial Counselling & Capability
- ◆ Counselling (Family & relationship issues)
- ◆ Depression & anxiety
- ◆ Separation and counselling

N was very grateful for all the assistance and information we offered and told me that she finds it rewarding to come to SJC and be able to receive help with food. Just as importantly, N appreciates being able to talk to someone without being judged.

Once again, we would like to thank all our supporters, your support is instrumental in enabling us to assist families within our community.

Kind regards,

Karen Medrano
SJC Case Manager

Items required: Size 6 nappies, tissues, Vegemite, toothbrushes, dishwashing liquid

Upcoming services

Sunday 28 April

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 8.26-40; Psalm 22.26-32; 1 John 4.7-21;
John 15.1-8

- 7am Eucharist (1662 Book of Common Prayer)
8am Sung Eucharist
9.30am Family Eucharist
6pm stjohs@6 (Praise, Prayer & Proclamation)

Sunday 5 May

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 10.44-48; Psalm 98; 1 John 5.1-12;
John 15.9-17 (or 16.16-24 tbc)

- 8am Sung Eucharist
9.30am Family Eucharist (Kids' Church & Youth Group)
11.15am Choral Eucharist (1662 Book of Common Prayer)
6pm stjohs@6 (Praise, Prayer & Proclamation)

Sunday 12 May

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 1.15-17, 21-26; Psalm 1; 1 John 5.9-13;
John 17.6-19

- 7am Eucharist (1662 Book of Common Prayer)
8am Sung Eucharist
9.30am Family Eucharist (Kids' Church & Youth Group)
5pm Choral Evensong (1662 Book of Common Prayer)
6pm stjohs@6 (Praise, Prayer & Proclamation)

Each Wednesday

- 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

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FOR YOUR ENJOYMENT

The Good Shepherd

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." John 10:11 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on John 10:11-18



P E P F E L D W S R L G F T T
T B F L O C K P K M I U W E J
Q V C Q K N O W F L F R I A Y
L N B F O O H P J O E Q U T I
Z G N L Q R I D Q V U C W N S
A A I G O O D S T E T S A L S
O S T M S J C N H S S D M L T
B F G S R C Y Y Z E V R S I K
D W E O H C A R E S E K H S A
A O Q J B E O T M V C P C T K
P L D V E F P Q T A R E T E T
E F O O D H E H T E P K H N V
N B G I S C U T E Q R A Y B S
K G E C G B A O T R L S C V V
U M R E Q O A T H D D D K X W

LISTEN

ATTACKS

SCATTERS

SHEEP

CARES

VOICE

LOVES

PEN

SHEPHERD

WOLF

GOOD

LIFE

FLOCK

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