

ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH CANBERRA

19 April 2026

Third Sunday of Easter

(This week's service times within)

Repent, and be baptised every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. Acts 2.38–39



A view across the Canberra landscape from the Schoolhouse, possibly 1950's, given the colour photograph. (The last tenants, the O'Briens, left in 1927, but the building was variously used, most notably by Scouts and Rovers, until 1967.)

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Gracious Father,
who in your great mercy made glad the disciples
with the sight of the risen Lord:
give us such awareness of his presence with us
that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life,
and serve you continually in righteousness and truth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

IMPORTANT NOTICES

Christian Bootcamp. ‘Bootcamp’ is our parish’s program for those (16+) seeking baptism or confirmation. It is also suitable for new Christians or enquirers. To see if this is for you, anyone is welcome to join our first session (‘Who - or What - is God?’). 7.00pm, Thursday, 30 April, in the Robertson Room). Register at www.trybooking.com/DJRND

Livestream Assistance 9.30am Service. Rev’d Andrew would like to train two or three people—hopefully before mid-May—to run the livestream facility in our 9.30am services. You’d need to be a bit tech-savvy; reliable; willing to be rostered (according to your availability); and able to arrive by 9.10am when rostered. Call, email, or chat to Andrew to find out more. (See page 8.)

‘Church Center’ and Parish Roll update. If you’d like some help to check or update your details, Andrew will be available to assist after services today and 3rd May, in the Robertson Room. 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.

Parish Council update. Jo Lloyd was recently elected as the new Presiding Member of Parish Council, following John Richard’s retirement from that role. We congratulate Jo on this new responsibility, and thank John for his long and fruitful period of service as Presiding Member.

Making Marriage Work. Whether you are recently married or have been for many years, this material – drawn from the Gottman Institute’s extensive research, and presented to St John’s wedding couples – could benefit any couple. Courses for 2026 can be booked at <https://www.stjohnscanberra.org/special-services>

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](https://www.stjohnscanberra.org/payments).

Mainly Music Morning Tea Helpers. Mainly Music is held at 10am each Wednesday during school terms. We need some volunteers to prepare and serve morning tea to the children and their parents/carers. If you enjoy hospitality and have 2 hours to spare once or twice a month, please let Mary de Lautour know, (see page 8).

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).

Walk to Emmaus 2026. Have you been reflecting recently on how you’d like to deepen your relationship with God and strengthen your faith? The Walk to Emmaus may be for you. Similar to the former Anglican Cursillo, it is not a physical walk but rather a three day weekend that teaches us to live a life in God's Grace. It encourages spiritual renewal through a series of talks, worship, prayer and meditation. This ecumenical event is held at the Greenhills Conference Centre in Stromlo, with the men's walk running from 30 April to 3 May and the women’s walk from 14 to 17 May. For further information, please contact Greg from StJohn's@6 on 0449 287 275 or visit: <https://canberramonaro.emmaus.org.au/>

Sabbath Gospel. Our very own Dr Amy Erickson’s new book, ‘Sabbath Gospel’, is now available for purchase! You can purchase a copy here: <https://tinyurl.com/3trc6r>

Canberra and Region Heritage Festival. The Schoolhouse Museum has been very busy putting together an exhibition which is on view until Sunday 10 May, offering a different slant on the theme of the 2026 Heritage Festival, which is “Mid-century-innovation, change and optimism”.

Periods of rapid development, while inevitable, bring with them challenges to the survival of heritage buildings and sites. As mid-twentieth century Canberra grew, several early colonial buildings were lost. Our exhibition illustrates two examples within St John’s Parish: the 19th century Parsonage, later known as “Glebe House”, and our own St John’s Schoolhouse, both of which stood in the middle of planned roads.

Read their stories, see the photos in the Museum exhibition: “Marked for Demolition: the Lost and the Saved”

Flowers In Memoriam: Alice, Donald and Ferol Beazley. The flowers in the church today are in memory of Malcolm Beazley’s mother, Alice Dinah Martha (1910-2003), his brother Donald John (1937-2014) and his sister-in-law Ferol Louise (all former parishioners). Their ashes are interred in St John’s graveyard. Rest eternal grant unto them and let light perpetual shine upon them.



SUMMARY OF UPCOMING EVENTS

(*St John’s event)

Cancelled: *Saturday 25 April: Operation Christmas Child Working Group. This meeting is cancelled today (25 April).

***Saturday 25 April: Anzac Day ‘Gunfire Breakfast’.** Immediately after the Anzac Day Dawn Service. Breakfast and tours of the site by the Duntroon Guides.

***Friday 1 May: SJC Community Lunch.** Parishioners are encouraged to join us for the monthly St John's Care Community Lunch. In the hall, from 12pm. No RSVP necessary – just a willingness to share conversation with others and make them feel welcome.

***Saturday 2 May: Working Bee.** From 8.30am–10.00am. Two options: (a) help give the inside of the church a thorough clean, or (b) work outside helping to beautify the gardens and grounds. Please bring equipment (e.g. gardening gloves, dusters, rags, hat, suitable footwear, mowers, blowers) and join us for morning tea afterwards at 10am.

***Saturday 2 May: Llewellyn Choir.** Lachlan Skipworth's *Mass for Easter Sunday*, and works by Ēriks Ešēvalds at 7pm, Anzac Memorial Chapel, Duntroon. Book at www.llewellynchoir.org.au, or TryBooking.

***Saturday 2 May: Flower Workshop by Lorraine Kwong.** From 2pm in the Hall. Join us in a workshop to discuss how we best work together, and what is involved. Lorraine Kwong is demonstrating how wire can be used instead of Oasis. You may like to bring a vase of your own and some greenery to have a go! Afternoon tea will be served. If you would like to join us there will be a charge of \$10 to cover our expenses (wire). RSVP Flower Team Coordinator, Barbara Griffiths 0412 164 470.

***Wednesday 6 May: ANZAC Way Pilgrimage dinner.** All welcome to join and contribute to a simple dinner, in support of this walk for veterans' spiritual health. BBQ on the deck at 5.45pm (following the Last Post Ceremony at AWM).

***Saturday 9 May: Operation Christmas Child Working Group.** From 1pm-4pm in the Robertson Room. Contact Jennifer Lawson on 0407 286 572.

***Sunday 10 May: Choral Evensong.** Join us at 5pm for this brief, reflective service, including hymns and choral music.

A Fresh Start after a Difficult Time

A few months ago, we met a young man who came to us seeking food relief. After spending some time talking with him, it became clear that he was facing significant financial challenges. M was struggling to cover his rent, afford food, and keep up with utility bills. Following a long and supportive conversation, we worked together to set some immediate goals including finding more affordable accommodation and addressing his outstanding bills.

M had recently graduated and was full of hope as he began working and moving to the next chapter of his life. Unfortunately, his journey took an unexpected turn when he lost his job. Without a steady income, M's situation quickly became more difficult. In addition to everyday expenses, he was hit with a large utility bill from a previous rental property due to a misunderstanding. The combined financial pressure began to take a serious toll on his mental health.

With the support of St John's Care, M was guided to find more affordable accommodation, helping to ease some of the immediate financial strain. During this time, we also provided regular food support to ensure M had access to essential meals and other non-perishable pantry items.

Recognising his emotional wellbeing needs, M was referred to Safe Haven Belconnen, where he received support during times of distress and loneliness as well as Legal Aid where he received migration advocacy. Throughout this period, St John's Care was there for M. We worked closely with property managers to help him break his lease and secure more affordable housing, as well as advocating on his behalf with a utility company to resolve his outstanding bill. After five weeks of consistent follow-up, we are pleased to share that a positive outcome has been achieved.

Today, M tells us he feels a great sense of relief. The weight he once carried has lifted, and he is in a much happier and more hopeful place. With renewed confidence, he is now focused on rebuilding his life and pursuing new opportunities. This story is a powerful reminder of how timely, holistic support can change lives. Thanks to the generosity of our donors, individuals facing overwhelming challenges are given the chance to regain stability, dignity, and hope for the future.

Kind regards

Karen Medrano, Case Manager

Items required: Conditioner, Tinned vegetables, Tinned fruit.

Upcoming services

Sunday 19 April 2026

Third Sunday of Easter

*Readings: Acts 2.14a, 36-41; Psalm 116.1-4, 11-18; 1 Peter 1.13-25;
Luke 24.13-35*

8.00am: Sung Eucharist

9.30am: Family Eucharist (Kids Church in recess)

6.00pm: stjohns@6 (Holy Communion)

Wednesday 22 April 2026

Readings: Acts 2.14a, 36-41 OR 1 Peter 1.13-25; Luke 24.13-35

10.00am: Eucharist (1662 Book of Common Prayer)

Sunday 26 April 2026

Fourth Sunday of Easter (Good Shepherd)

Readings: Acts 2.42-47; Psalm 23; 1 Peter 2.1-10; John 10.1-10

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 and Proclamation)

Wednesday 29 April 2026

Readings: Acts 2.42-47 OR 1 Peter 2.1-10; John 10.1-10

10.00am: Eucharist (1662 Book of Common Prayer)

For more information: www.stjohscanberra.org


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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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