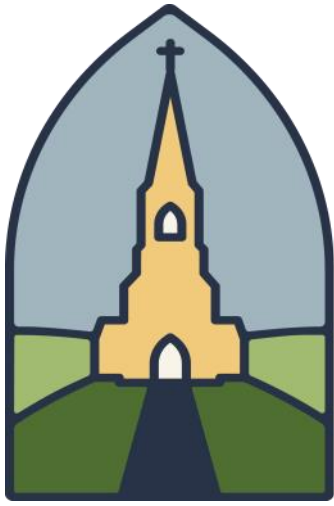




ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH CANBERRA

2 November 2025
All Saints

Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift their souls to what is false, and do not swear deceitfully. They will receive blessing from the Lord, and vindication from the God of their salvation. Psalm 24.4, 5



Looking east on All Saints' Day — our forebears rest facing the rising sun, a sign of hope in the resurrection and of our shared communion with all the saints in Christ.

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

This following notices draw attention to news and events which seek to 'bear witness to Jesus Christ, the source of life.'

NOTICES

Church emails. Some have reported problems receiving our newsletter emails and roster updates. While we are investigating the cause, note that our newsletter is uploaded to the website every Friday afternoon. If you suspect you have missed a roster notification, contact the parish office (admin@stjohnscanberra.org).

Heritage works. The bi-fold doors inside the church have been temporarily removed for restoration work and will be returned within a couple of weeks. This work is made possible by the generous contributions to the St John's Heritage Conservation Appeal Fund.

Where to Begin? An Introduction to Christianity (3-2-1). If you feel like you are starting at square one, or need a refresher on the basics, the 3-2-1 course is for you. It's based around videos and discussion (for a taster, see <https://321.speaklife.org.uk>). Thursdays, 6-20 November. 7.30pm Robertson Room. Further info: Jamie Young or Rev'd Andrew.

'Responding to the Rebirth': Livestream Conference. Many have observed a 'surprising rebirth in belief in God' in the Western world, particularly the UK. This London conference, featuring Prof. John Lennox, Margaret Oldfield, Justin Brierley and Glen Scrivener, is about helping the church to respond. It's on Saturday 22 November, beginning at 8pm (AEST), and finishing at 3.30am (!). If you are interested in joining others for the livestream, contact admin@stjohnscanberra.org ASAP so we can secure a group booking. (See also <https://speaklife.org.uk/rebirth/#book-now>).

Bible for Blokes. We are taking a mid-term break until Tuesday 11 November, when we will resume the studies in the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5:21-30). We will continue to meet in the Upper room. Canon Kevin Stone

Gingerbread Night Saturday 6 December – PLEASE NOTE THE DATE CHANGE. Gingerbread Night will be going ahead in the Hall from 7pm – 9pm. All ages welcome! See page 8!

Youth 'check in'. On Sunday, senior youth (years 10-12) catch up briefly to discuss faith questions. This happens in the Robertson Room

towards the end of the 6pm service (immediately after the notices). See Barnabas (barnabaswalks@gmail.com), Jess (jess.evans31169@gmail.com) or William (willjmcl11@gmail.com) or for more information.

St Mark's Introduction to Christian Theology. This is a natural follow up to the 'Stepping Up' event recently co-hosted between St Mark's and St John's. Build a strong theological foundation as you lead, teach and care for others. Start your study in December, with an intensive in Canberra from 12–14 January 2026. Online and at St Mark's. Enrol by 17 November 2025. Register at www.stmarks.edu.au.

Jill Clingan's Unfinished Business Retrospective. An exhibition of Jill's life of art from the late 1950's to the present. At Strathnairn Arts, 90 Stockdill Drive, Holt until 9 November: Wednesday to Sundays, 11am - 3pm, in the Woolshed, Strathnairn.

See www.strathnairn.com.au.

Order of St Luke Healing Meeting.

All are invited to the Healing Meeting at St David's Anglican Church, Red Hill, Tuesday 11 November, at 2.00pm followed by afternoon tea. Meetings focus on teaching and prayer. Info Fr John Gibson at gibsonjohn385@gmail.com or 0451 681 118.

Report from the Meeting of Parish Council of 15 October

Rector's Report: The Rector noted some upcoming retirements of members of the St John's Care Management Committee and the need for succession planning. At an upcoming meeting of Council a skills matrix of current SJC committee membership would be considered in order to identify key areas of need. The Rector also requested minor changes to the Parish Financial Delegations Policy.

Finance Update: The Treasurer noted that offertories for September were ahead of budget but that parking was now down.

Property and Grounds Update: Chrstine Hawkins advised that the Parish had been successful in gaining an ACT Heritage Grant to repair stonework on the Church; the full amount sought was granted. She also presented a proposed budget of \$1m for the redevelopment of the Robertson Room, kitchen and staff offices. Council approved the budget with a minor variation of +\$9k.

Members of the St John's Care Management Committee joined Parish Council for a discussion on fund raising to support the redevelopment project mentioned above, along with an extension of the St John's Care premises. A fund-raising consultant had undertaken a feasibility study on both projects and concluded that prospects for raising the funds needed are positive. The consultant was invited to attend Council for this item, to answer questions and to outline how a fund raising campaign might work. Parish Council and the St John's Care Management Committee will each consider this further at their next meetings.

The Presiding Member noted that two new 15A external power points had been installed on the Schoolhouse, adjacent to the meter box, to facilitate power access during the Fair.

Missions: The following mission additional allocations were approved:

Dili refuge child sponsorship - \$4,000; Parliamentary Christian Fellowship - \$4,000; \$3,000 to YWAM Canberra (Charles Ariston); and Operation Christmas Child - \$1,000.

For any questions, please contact the Presiding Member John Richards on gjrich@bigpond.net.au

SUMMARY OF UPCOMING EVENTS

(*St John's event)

***Thursdays 6, 13, 20 November: 3-2-1—An introduction to Christianity.** A basic introduction to Christianity. Further details from Jamie Young or Rev'd Andrew. 7.30pm Robertson Room.

***Sunday 9 November: the Schoolhouse Museum is hosting its spring morning teas** After the 8am and 9.30 morning services, if the weather obliges the Museum will be open to visit, and we'll be able to serve morning tea on the northern paved area outside the Schoolhouse kitchen, in company with the red geraniums. If you have any questions about the setting up or supply of food for this occasion, please contact Jenny Garden on 0414 551 821.

***Sunday 16 November: Friends of St John's.** This 11.15am Matins service will feature an address by Rt Rev'd Vanessa Bennett, and will be followed by a light lunch in the Robertson Room. All welcome.

***Tuesday 25 November: St John's Painting/Sketching Group.** 10am in the Robertson Room. All levels welcome! Contact Fiona Cotton - 0404 066 021 cotton.fiona@gmail.com or Jennifer Lawson 0407 286 572 jennifer.lawson@stjohnscanberra.org

***Saturday 6 December: Gingerbread Night.** 7pm in Hall. See p.8.

***Sunday 7 December: 9.30am Service Christmas Pageant.** Instead of our regular Holy Communion service, kids' church will be presenting this year's Christmas Pageant. All are welcome

FINDING HOPE AGAIN

J came to Australia full of dreams determined to study hard, work, and build a better future for himself and his family. He worked long hours in a casual job just to afford rent, tuition, and food. Then, everything changed. One day, while lifting heavy boxes, J seriously injured his back. The pain was so severe that he could barely move, and he had to stop working immediately.

As a student, J isn't eligible for Centrelink or any other government benefits. With no financial safety net, he quickly found himself struggling to survive. His savings ran out, bills piled up, and some days he went without food so he could keep a roof over his head.

As the weeks went by, the stress and isolation began to take a heavy toll. J started to feel hopeless and alone and the physical pain, hunger, and uncertainty weighed heavily on his mental health. He withdrew from friends, lost focus on his studies, and felt like he was losing control of his future.

That's when J reached out to SJC for help. When he came to us, he was exhausted and anxious, but still hopeful that someone might listen. Thanks to the kindness of donors and supporters, SJC was able to step in and make a real difference. We provided J with weekly food support, ensuring he had enough to eat and could focus on his studies and recovery. We also helped cover some of his prescription costs, easing the financial burden of his medical needs.

Understanding that proper treatment was crucial for his recovery, SJC supported J in applying for an individual grant to help cover the costs of his physiotherapy and ongoing medical care. With guidance and encouragement, his application was successfully approved. To support his mental health and wellbeing, SJC also referred John to free counselling and mental health support services within our community. Through these programs, he found someone to talk to and began rebuilding his confidence and emotional resilience.

With all these supports in place, J finally began to heal. Slowly, he regained his strength and hope for the future. Today, J is continuing his studies and rebuilding his life. He often shares how grateful he is for the support he received from SJC and the donors who made it all possible.

Thank you to our incredible donors. Your kindness truly changes lives every day.

Kind regards

Karen Medrano, Case Manager

Items required: honey and flour

Christmas items required: mince pies and shortbread

Upcoming services

Sunday 2 November 2025

All Saints

*Readings: Habakkuk 1.1-4 and 2.1-4; Psalm 119. 137-144;
2 Thessalonians 1.1-4, 11-12; Luke 19.1-10*

- 8.00am:** **Sung Eucharist**
- 9.30am:** **Family Eucharist and Baptism** (Kids Church & Youth Group)
- 11.15am:** **Choral Eucharist** (1662 Book of Common Prayer)
- 6.00pm:** **stjohns@6** (Praise, Prayer and Proclamation)

Wednesday 5 November 2025

Readings: 2 Thessalonians 1.1-4, 11-12; Luke 19.1-10.

- 10.00am:** **Eucharist** (1662 Book of Common Prayer)

Sunday 9 November 2025

Twenty Second Sunday of Pentecost

*Readings: Haggai 2; Psalm 145 (vv1-5, 17-21) 2 Thessalonians 2.1-5,
13-17; Luke 20.27-40*

- 7.00am:** **Eucharist** (1662 Book of Common Prayer)
- 8.00am:** **Sung Eucharist**
- 9.30am:** **Family Eucharist** (Kids Church & Youth Group)
- 5.00pm:** **Choral Evensong** (1662 Book of Common Prayer)
- 6.00pm:** **stjohns@6** (Praise, Prayer and Proclamation)

Wednesday 12 November 2025

Readings: Haggai 2; Luke 20.27-40

- 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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GINGERBREAD

House Party

Gather your friends and family for a delightful evening of icing, lollies, and creativity!

SATURDAY 6 DECEMBER

7PM - 9PM

<https://www.trybooking.com/DGZNA>

Bookings MUST close on Sunday 16th November!

\$45 per kit
Gluten free
available



Each kit sold
includes a
donation to
the St John's
Care
Christmas
Lunch

Light supper
provided



 St John's Anglican Church
45 Constitution Ave, Reid

Kits include: House, icing, lollies, baseboard,
cellophane & ribbon