



# ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH CANBERRA

**28 June 2026**

**Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**  
(This week's service times within)

The wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 6.23



*'The Sacrifice of Isaac', (Caravaggio, c.1598), depicts the event in today's Genesis reading, in which God provides the substitute which spares Isaac's life.*

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

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God,  
your Son has taught us that those who give a cup of water in his name  
will not lose their reward:  
open our hearts to the needs of your children,  
and in all things make us obedient to your will,  
so that in faith we may receive your gracious gift,  
eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## IMPORTANT NOTICES

**Kids' Church: 9.30am service.** As we are anticipating a period during Term 3 where we may not have a Children and Families worker, we will likely need to call on volunteers. Parents of relevant aged kids are generally already assisting (or have reasons why they can't). Can others help? Please contact Mary DeLautour if you might be able to offer occasional assistance to this ministry. There will be a meeting today (after the 9.30am service) discussing the shape of this Ministry—all welcome.

**Public reading and intercessions ministry.** Are you part of our regular team of Bible readers or intercessors? If you are, or would like to consider joining this group, please make use of this training session to assist your ministry. Rosemary Thwaites (9.30am service) is an experienced voice coach and will offer some helpful tips to help your reading voice enhance this important part of our public worship. The event will be held twice, to maximise attendance: 11.15am, Sunday 16 August and 7pm, Tuesday 25 August (in the church).

**Prayer Service for Healing.** Today at St John's in the Church at 2.00pm. There will be books on healing available for sale and others that will be free. See 'Upcoming Events'.

**Bereavement: an afternoon of conversation and learning.** Saturday 4 July 2026. 3–5pm, in the Robertson Room. This seminar is for anyone interested in caring for others in grief, and for those who have experienced grief. Grief is both a universal experience, and unique to each of us. It changes us, our relationships, and our faith. We will gather

to learn about bereavement (the grief arising from death): to listen; to question; to reflect; and to enable St John's to become a community skilled at bereavement literacy and support. Do come prepared to reflect on any grief you've experienced. (However, if your own grief is very new or raw, this might not be the right time for you.) Entry is free, but numbers are capped, so book a place at <https://www.trybooking.com/DNBCB> or via the QR code.



Cate Thompson attends the 9.30am service. She is a social worker, bereavement counsellor and educator, and a Bereavement Practitioner accredited with Grief Australia.

Grace Rogerson attends the 6.00pm service. After a recent bereavement, Grace has relied on her curiosity, sincerity, growing faith and enthusiasm for God's community in order to learn and heal. Her work in antiques, art, and estates sees her encountering others' grief every day.

**9.30am service anthem.** We are grateful for the choir's monthly presence at our 9.30am service. Today's anthems (during Holy Communion) are: Prayer of St Richard of Chichester - L. J. White (1910-1973) and Psalm 121 - Penelope Thwaites.

**Our Parish Fair 17 October.** Please mark the date in your diaries! We have already started planning for this key community event with all the convenor positions filled, but if you wish to assist in other ways, please let us know as soon as possible by emailing the office at [admin@stjohnscanberra.org](mailto:admin@stjohnscanberra.org). Several stalls will need extra volunteers, and they are the: white elephant, treasures and trinkets, cake, craft, and the BBQ. Also, if anyone is interested in helping with the sound system on the day, we'd love to hear from you.

**St Saviour's Cathedral Heritage Appeal.** The Anglican Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn invites you to support the St Saviour's Cathedral Heritage Appeal. St Saviour's Cathedral has served the Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn since its consecration in 1884, is one of the most significant examples of Victorian Neo Gothic Revival architecture in Australia and is the Mother Church of our Diocese. Heritage conservation works are ongoing as part of the state heritage legislation and are essential to the long-term preservation of the site and the Heritage Appeal supports this work directly. Donations of \$2.00 or more are tax deductible. To donate to National Trust—St. Saviour's Cathedral Heritage Appeal Fund.

- Name: National Trust of Australia (NSW) Cathedral Restoration Fund
- BSB: 032 721 Account No: 680946
- Reference: your name and “Donation”. If you would like a receipt please email: [office@goulburncathedral.org.au](mailto:office@goulburncathedral.org.au)

**Anglican News June 2026.** Here is the link to the latest edition of Anglican News: <https://anglicancg.org.au/news-and-events/anglican-news/> 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)

**SPARK - a Christian conference for young adults (18-30ish).** This conference aims to help people fix their eyes on Jesus in a world that's constantly distracting and confusing. This year's theme is 'Chasing Meaning'. 28-30 August 2026. Tickets: \$159 (Accommodation \$47-\$171). Volunteer tickets are also available for \$88; meals and accommodation included. For more information visit <https://sparkconference.com.au> or speak to Annemieke (@6pm service).

**In Pursuit of Paul.** Follow in Paul’s footsteps on a 14-day tour through Türkiye, Greece, Malta, and Rome, visiting key sites from his missionary journeys in roughly chronological order. Highlights include Pisidian Antioch, Ephesus, Philippi, Athens, Corinth, Malta, and Rome—places where Paul preached, suffered, and helped shape the early church. Along the way, we’ll gain deeper insight into Paul’s life, ministry, and letters within their historical setting. Dates: November 3–16, 2026. See [https://selah.au/trip/pursuit\\_paul-2026/](https://selah.au/trip/pursuit_paul-2026/) The tour is hosted by Professor Constantine Campbell, New Testament scholar, author of several books on Paul, musician – and St John’s parishioner (<https://www.constantinecampbell.info/>)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

(\*St John's event)

**\*Sunday 28 June: Kids' Church Ministry Meeting.** After the 9.30am service – all are welcome.

**\*Sunday 28 June: Prayer Service for Healing.** Here at St John's in the Church at 2.00pm. There will be a retiring offertory for the work of the Order of St Luke. More information from Father John Gibson at [gibsonjohn385@gmail.com](mailto:gibsonjohn385@gmail.com) or 0451 681 118 or Canon Kevin Stone 0450 676 864.

**\*Tuesday 30 June: Bible for Blokes.** 10.00am in the Upper Room. Enquiries, Canon Kevin Stone.

**\*Thursday 2 July: Bootcamp—Learning from the masters in prayer.** 7pm in the Robertson Room.

**\*Saturday 4 July: Working Bee.** From 8.30am—10.00am. One option this month, working outside helping to beautify the gardens and grounds. Please bring equipment (e.g. gardening gloves, hat, suitable footwear, mowers, blowers) and join us for morning tea afterwards at 10am.

**\*Saturday 4 July: Bereavement: An afternoon of conversation and learning.** 3–5pm, Robertson Room. Hosted by Cate Thompson and Grace Rogerson.

**\*Sunday 5 July: Bellinging.** The monthly bellinging practice is on again today, from 5 to 6 pm. Everyone is welcome!

**\* Sunday 16 August: Public reading and intercessions training (option 1).** Voice training for our public readers and intercessors. All welcome. 11.15am, in the Church.

**\* Tuesday 25 August: Public reading and intercessions training (option 2).** Voice training for our public readers and intercessors. All welcome. 7pm, Tuesday 25 August (in the church).

**\*Saturday 17 October: St John's Parish Fair.** 9am-2pm. Save the date!

**\*Friday 13 – Saturday 15 November: Youth Camp.** This weekend is being supported by Scripture Union, and is designed to offer teaching and encouragement for our youth and young adults. For more information contact [jess.evans31169@gmail.com](mailto:jess.evans31169@gmail.com)



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## MISSION, EVANGELISM AND APOLOGETICS

If you have a heart for sharing the gospel in a broken world, this unit will help you make sense of how mission, evangelism, and apologetics fit together—and why that matters now more than ever.

Learn with guest lecturer, Dr Teresa Parish.

Dates: 24–27 August. Enrol by 26 June.

Use the QR code to complete the expression of interest →



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## INTENSIVE: BEING THE CHURCH

What does it mean to be the church today — and how did we get here? Rooted in Scripture and theology, this subject explores the identity and mission of the church from the New Testament to the present day — including its sacramental life, its calling to mission, and its relationship to Israel and the story of Jesus.

Dates: 1–3 September. Enrol by 26 June.

Use the QR code to complete the expression of interest →



## 2026 HERITAGE FUND APPEAL: two days to go

With just two days to go, parishioners and friends are invited to donate to this year's Heritage Fund Appeal.

The aim of the Appeal is to continue the conservation of the stonework on the church, with the focus being on the sandstone extensions made to the church building in the 1870s. Lower sections of the sandstone have been eroded by rising damp and embedded salts and moisture. Work is now underway to deal with this problem.

As in previous years, you can donate to this year's Appeal in various ways, and these are described in the Appeal letter. The letter and the Appeal brochure have been distributed using the weekly Newsletter email list. If you do not use or have access to the internet, the Appeal letter will be mailed to you together with the Heritage Fund's Appeal brochure. Donations of \$2 or more to the Heritage Fund are tax deductible. Your support for this project would be greatly appreciated.

Randall Wilson

Chair of Trustees



*Eroded sandstone on the north face of the chancel, showing damage caused by the past use of non-porous cement mortar.*



*The finished job at the entry arch: after use of a poultice, new slip stones were inserted accompanied by the use of softer, lime mortar.*



*The poultice applied to sandstone on the northern side of the church.*

## Keeping Warm Together

When L first came to St John's Care, she wasn't looking for anything extraordinary. She simply needed help to get through another week. As we talked, she shared something that has stayed with us.

The family had been struggling through the cold Canberra winter in a house with little protection from the weather. L believes there is no insulation in the home, and mould is spreading through many of the rooms. When the temperature drops at night, the cold seeps through the walls and windows, making it almost impossible to stay warm. To cope, the entire family sleeps together in one bed. Not because they want to, but because it is the only way they can keep warm enough to get through the night.

For many of us, a warm home is something we barely think about. We turn on a heater, pull up a blanket, and settle in for the evening. But for families living on the edge, heating can be a luxury they simply cannot afford. The rising cost of rent, electricity, food, and everyday essentials means many working families are being forced to make impossible choices. Some skip meals. Some go without medication. Others sit in cold, damp homes because there is no money left to pay for heating.

**Thanks to your support, we were able to provide the family with food and warm blankets when they needed them most. In a home where the cold had become a daily struggle, these simple items brought comfort, dignity, and reassurance that they were not facing hardship alone.**

At St John's Care, we were also able to offer a listening ear and connect the family with other support services. More importantly, L and her family were reminded that they are not facing these challenges alone. Stories like this are becoming increasingly common in our community. No family should have to sleep together in one bed simply to stay warm. Yet this is the reality for some families in our community today. Your generosity helps ensure that when people reach out for help, St John's Care can be there with practical support, compassion, and hope.

Thank you for helping us bring warmth, dignity, and hope to local families during the coldest months of the year.

Kind regards,  
Jason Haines, Managing Director

**Items required:** Deodorant, Powdered milk, Tomato sauce, Stock

# ST JOHN'S CARE WINTER APPEAL

As Canberra's temperatures continue to drop, more people in our community are being pushed to breaking point. Families who have never needed support before are now struggling to afford food, fuel, heating, and other everyday essentials.

This winter, St John's Care is expecting one of our busiest seasons yet, and we need your help. The good news is that every donation made to our Winter Appeal will be matched dollar-for-dollar up to \$30,000 thanks to the incredible generosity of one of our long-time supporters.

That means your kindness can have twice the impact for local people doing it tough this winter. Together, we can help provide emergency relief, practical support, and hope to people across our community when they need it most.

Donate to our Winter Appeal - <https://www.stjohnscare.org.au/donate>

**St John's Care**  
Partnering with Anglicare  
Compassion | Advocacy | Respect | Encouragement

## One unexpected cost can tip everything.

This winter, help us be the support that restores balance.

**Rising costs. Tight budgets. No room to adjust.**  
For many in our community, it only takes one unexpected cost to change everything.

**RENT** **FOOD** **BILLS**  
**PETROL**

**UNEXPECTED CAR REPAIR**

**St John's CARE**

- We provide food and essential items
- We offer dignity, care and compassion
- We stand with our community in times of need

*You can help*

Your donation can turn a moment of crisis into hope and help ensure no one in our community has to face winter alone.  
**Donate today.**

**Because no one should have to choose between getting to work and putting food on the table.**  
Thank you for standing with us, and with those in our community who need it most.

## ST JOHN'S STUDY GROUPS

### Monday: 'Young Blokes' Bible Study

**When & Where:** Mondays, 6.30pm, Campbell

**Who:** Young men (ages approx. 18-25)

**Focus:** Bible study and discussion

**Contact:** Rev'd Andrew - [Andrew.Cameron@stjohnscanberra.org](mailto:Andrew.Cameron@stjohnscanberra.org)

### Tuesday: Bible for Blokes

**When & Where:** Tuesdays, 10.am, Upper Room

**Who:** Men of any age

**Focus:** Bible study and discussion

**Contact:** Rev'd Kevin – [Kevin.Stone@stjohnscanberra.org](mailto:Kevin.Stone@stjohnscanberra.org)

### Tuesday: Young Women's Bible Study

**When & Where:** Tuesdays, 7:00–8:30 pm, at a home in Reid (school terms)

**Who:** Women aged 15–30; new Christians and those exploring faith welcome

**Focus:** 30 min fellowship + 1 hour study; social events in school holidays

**Contact:** Jess – [jess.evans31169@gmail.com](mailto:jess.evans31169@gmail.com) or 0404 703 847

### Wednesday: Adults Bible Study

**When & Where:** Wednesdays, 7:00–8:00 pm, Rectory (school terms)

**Who:** Adults, any age. Mostly connected with stjohns@6

**Focus:** Bible study; group communicates via Signal

**Contact:** Russ Tunks – [rustunks@yahoo.com.au](mailto:rustunks@yahoo.com.au)

### Thursday: Ladies' Bible Reading Group

**When & Where:** Thursdays, 9:30 am (after school drop-off), Robertson Room (school terms)

**Who:** Women, especially with pre-school children

**Focus:** Bible reading and discussion (currently Matthew)

**Contact:** Mary de Lautour – [mary.delautour@stjohnscanberra.org](mailto:mary.delautour@stjohnscanberra.org)

*There may be scope for a new Bible study to commence. Contact clergy if you'd like to be involved.*

## Upcoming services

### Sunday 28 June 2026

#### Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

*Readings: Genesis 22.1-14; Psalm 13; Romans 6.12-23;  
Matthew 10.40-42*

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

### Wednesday 1 July 2026

*Readings: Genesis 22.1-14; OR, Romans 6.12-23;  
Matthew 10.40-42*

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

### Sunday 5 July 2026

#### Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

*Readings: Genesis 24.34-38 & 24.42-49, 58-67; Psalm 45.10-17;  
Romans 7.14-25; Matthew 11.15-19 (20-24) 25-30*

- 8.00am:** Sung Eucharist  
**9.30am:** Family Eucharist (Kid's Church recess,  
school holidays)  
**11.15am:** Choral Eucharist (1662 Book of Common Prayer)  
**6.00pm:** stjohns@6 (Praise, Prayer and Proclamation)

### Wednesday 8 July 2026

*Readings: Genesis 24.34-38 & 24.42-49, 58-67; OR; Romans 7.14-25;  
Matthew 11.15-19 (20-24) 25-30*

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

For more information: [www.stjohscanberra.org](http://www.stjohscanberra.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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