

ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH CANBERRA

27 April 2025
Second Sunday of Easter

(This week's service times within)

Jesus said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.'

John 20.27



The Incredulity of Saint Thomas (Caravaggio) c. 1601–1602. Sanssouci, Potsdam

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

NOTICES



Welcome to St John's. If you're new or visiting us today, welcome. Please say hello to one of our team at the door, or reach out to one of us using the contact details, page 9.

Sermon audio now 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).

Welcome back, Rev'd Kevin! Rev'd Canon Kevin Stone has recently completed a locum at the Parish of Murrumburrah Harden, and the Rector has applied to the Bishop for Kevin to again be licensed at St John's, to work a day a week in pastoral care to the aged.

Hope 25. Along with Anglican Churches throughout Australia, we are participating in the Hope 25 campaign between Easter and Pentecost, to share our Christian hope across our nation. The following events are of special relevance:

2025 Seminar Series: Finding Hope. How can we hope, with so much bad news about? What even is hope? What does Christianity add? This year's evening seminars begin with a look at hope, wherever we're at. **Thursday 8 May** (7.30pm, Robertson Room). Good both for people of faith, and curious inquirers. Rev'd Andrew for further details (see page 9).

Introduction to Christianity. What's Christianity all about? Our simple '3-2-1' course is a beginner-level introduction to Christian basics. Held over three consecutive Thursday evenings in the Robertson Room: 7.30pm **Thursdays May 22, May 29 and June 5**. For further details contact Rev'd Andrew (see page 9) or Jamie Young (jfyoung3@outlook.com).

Hope 25 'for Blokes'. Canon Kevin's 'Bible for Blokes' resumes in the Robertson Room, beginning **Tuesday 6th May** (10am). He will be looking into a series of conversations that Jesus had with people in John's gospel. They include a confused minister and a desperate woman; a lifelong loser and an anxious politician. Let Canon Kevin Stone know that you are coming by contacting him on stonesaway@gmail.com or telephoning on 0450 676864.



At 6am on **Easter Sunday**, we gathered to light the new fire and praise Christ for his resurrection light. We also celebrated the baptisms of Daniel, Sarah and William. You can catch up on our Good Friday and 9.30am Easter services using the link at top of our website; or via <https://attnd.com.au/easter-services>.

Sarah's story: I have always wondered what it is that makes a home. Is it merely the place which we rest our heads at night? A place to store our belongings? A place where meals are shared? A quick search of the word "home" will reveal that it is defined as *a place where someone lives permanently*. I discovered that a home cannot be merely defined as a house but rather that a home needs to be rooted in something deeper, something more permanent. For a long time I have searched for a place to call home, a place which I belong. A few years ago, I felt a great pull to discover my faith. I was nervous to attend church and become part of its community but to my joyful surprise I was welcomed with such loving arms. A kindness I have never experienced before. On the day of my baptism, experiencing the church community welcome me to the faith made me realise that I have been bestowed a wonderful gift. I realised that God has blessed me with the one thing that I had been searching for my entire life. He has blessed me with a family of faith, a place in which I am seen and deeply loved. My heart is filled with a deep sense of peace, love and joy. I have found my home. A home in Christ and through him, his people. Through his blessing, I now understand that no matter what happens in my life I will never be alone, and I will always be loved. I could never repay what I have been so lovingly blessed with, but I am very excited to grow in relationship with the One whose love heals.



Hymn Book Shortage. We have been running short of 'Together in Song' hymn books at our 9.30 service. If you have accidentally taken a copy home, could you please take advantage of the current amnesty period and return it to the porch?

Name Badges. You can order your own St John's 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.

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.

Jam Stall. Do you have any extra produce in your garden? The Jam Stall will gladly accept donations of fruit, vegetables, and sugar to turn them into delicious jams, chutneys, and relishes to sell at the Fair. Please contact Jo Lloyd if you can help, cjlloyd@me.com

Meet your candidate. In the lead-up to the Federal election, churches across Australia are hosting "meet the candidate" events for churches in their electorate. These forums are respectful, non-partisan opportunities for politicians to hear the concerns of the Christian community and give specific and direct responses. They are also an opportunity for Christian voters to hear directly from their candidates on a variety of issues, so that they can make a wise choice. You can find a full list of the forums, and search for your closest one at: <https://meetyourcandidates.org.au>

In Pursuit of Paul. Come with Professor Constantine Campbell (St John's parishioner) and follow in the Apostle Paul's footsteps as we travel to major sites on Paul's journeys in Türkiye, Greece, Malta, and Rome. From the site of Paul's first recorded sermon in Psidian Antioch, to the Ephesian theatre where he sparked a city riot, to the spot where Lydia was baptised, to where Paul preached to the Athenians, to where he pleaded with the Corinthians. We'll visit the site of Paul's infamous shipwreck where he is still honoured, his Roman prison and his burial place. Along the way we'll gain deeper insights into Paul the man and missionary, as well as a greater appreciation of the backdrop for his letters that have shaped the church (and the world) for two millennia. November 6–19, 2025. For further info: https://selah.au/trip/pursuit_paul/

Flowers In Memoriam Alice Dinah Martha Beazley and Donald John Beazley: By a generous donation from parishioner, Dr Malcom Beazley AM, the flowers in the church today are in memory of his mother, Alice Dinah Martha Beazley (1910-2003) and his brother Donald John Beazley (1937-2014), both former parishioners. Their ashes are interred in St John's graveyard.

Rest eternal grant unto them and let light perpetual shine upon them.

Schoolhouse Museum: a morning tea invitation to all! The Heritage Festival and our Schoolhouse Museum 180th Anniversary Exhibition are now under way.

As a continuation of the 180th anniversary year of St John's and the Schoolhouse, we are serving the post-service morning teas today from outside the eastern and northern ends of the Schoolhouse. A donation to our Museum funds would be appreciated. This will also give you entry to the "Unearthed and Bequeathed" exhibition, which features some fascinating objects and their stories, relating to both School and Parish.

NOTE: Children are most welcome to visit the Museum, but must be under the supervision of parents.

Card payment is available at the southern entry to the Museum.

UPCOMING EVENTS (*St John's event)

***Monday 28 April: Cuppacomalong.** All folk with time to spare, come for afternoon tea with fellow parishioners in the Robertson Room 2.00-4.00pm. The special guest this month will be Rev'd Kevin Stone who will present a talk on the Anglican Historical Society. Contact Ailsa Curtis 6247 9363.

***Saturday 3 May: Working Bee.** From 8.30am -10.00am. Two options this month: (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.

***Sunday 4 May: Bell Ringing.** If you enjoyed the ringing of the tower bells this Easter, please join us at our monthly open tower from 5-6pm. For those who are new to St John's, the tower is open every first Sunday of the month for an hour for the public to have a go at ringing. You can drop in for a few minutes or the full hour. For more info, pick up a flyer from the church entrance.

***Thursday 8 May: Finding Hope.** See under 'Notices'.

***Thursdays 22 May, 29 May and 5 June: '3-2-1' - Introduction to Christianity.** See under 'Notices'.

***Saturday 14 June: Safe Ministry Training.** St John's will be hosting a Safe Ministry training day in the Robertson Room . For other dates/locations and online options, see <https://safercommunities.net.au/anglican-diocese-of-canberra-goulburn-online-training/> All training for St John's parishioners is booked and paid for by the Parish, so please contact alison.hosking@stjohnscanberra.org if you would like to book in for training or if you have any Safe Ministry questions.

Sunday 17 May: Riversong: Canberra's premier adult choir, 'The Resonants', will be performing a capella at Riversong, a unique fundraising concert for the long-term future of our rivers. Through songs paired with immersive big-screen visuals, Riversong will take you on a journey exploring the vital lifeblood that flows through our lands. From 7pm-9.45pm at Gandel Atrium, National Museum of Australia, Canberra. Find out more at www.riversong.au or at



Saturday 21 June: Save the date. Equip Women Conference is celebrating 25 years, and we would love to see St John's gather 25 women this year. The topic is Revelation 6 -22. The cost is \$20 pp. It will be held in the Robertson Room or Hall (depending on numbers). Please contact Mary de Lautour for information (see page 9).

“Opportunities don’t happen; you create them”.

T is a new client at St John’s Care (SJC), referred to us by one of our community partner organisations. After separating from her partner due to domestic violence, T lost her job and income, which led to her becoming homeless. She shares custody of her child, but due to not having stable accommodation, she can only see them in public spaces.

Before losing her job, T had been renting a room with her ex-partner, but she could no longer afford to stay and has since been living in her car. When she first came to us, she was feeling very low, lacked motivation, and was deeply concerned about her mental health.

Our team supported T with applying for Centrelink payments, and she now receives fortnightly financial support. This has helped ease some of her financial stress, but living in a car continues to make job hunting extremely difficult. T is also worried that her payments might be stopped if she can’t meet Centrelink’s job-seeking requirements. Right now, T’s main goals are to find stable housing for her and her child, and to get support for her mental health.

Thanks to our wonderful volunteers, we provided T with a food pack (including snacks for her child), clothing, and bedding. We also helped her look into supported accommodation options. While there were no vacancies available at the time, Onelink was able to place her on a waitlist with priority due to her circumstances. We also arranged an appointment with T’s GP, who kindly agreed to bulk-bill future appointments for the family given their situation. When we asked if she had connected with domestic violence support services, T said she was on a waitlist for assistance and was unsure when she’d be contacted. For now, she feels her immediate needs are being met and is receiving case management support. Thankfully, she has now secured temporary safe accommodation.

We are incredibly grateful to our generous donors and supporters, whose kindness makes this vital support possible. On behalf of the staff and volunteers at St John’s Care, thank you for your ongoing compassion and commitment to helping those in need in the Canberra community.

Kind regards,

Lisa Masamha

Case Manager

Items required: Thick and chunky soup – eg steak & vegies, 2kg washing powder, pasta sauce, cooking oil

Upcoming services

Sunday 27 April 2025

Second Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 5.27-32; Psalm 118.14-29; Revelation 1.4-8; John 20.19-31

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

Wednesday 30 April 2025

Readings: Revelation 1.4-8; John 20.19-31

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

Sunday 4 May 2025

Third Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 9.1-6 (7-20); Psalm 30; Revelation 5.6-14; John 21.1-19

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

Wednesday 7 May 2025

Readings: TBA

- 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

See also: <https://www.stjohnscanberra.org/giving>

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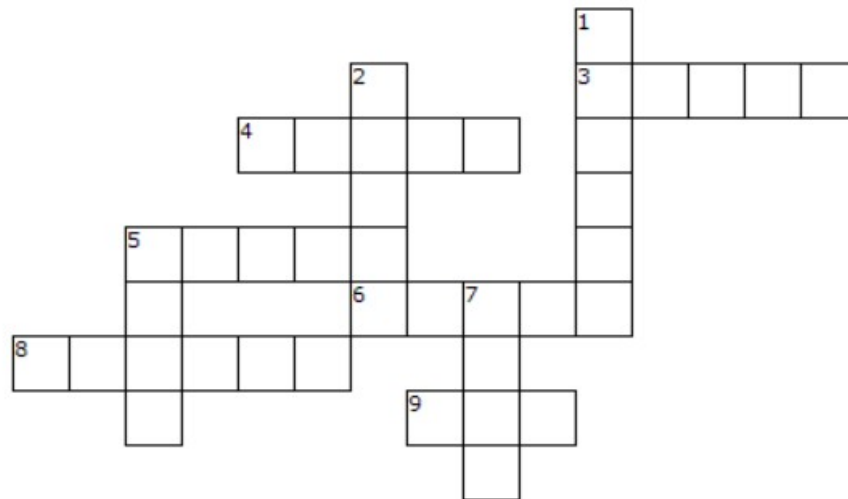
FOR YOUR ENJOYMENT

Believe It Or Not Crossword

Believe It or Not!

But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it." John 20:25

Based on John 20:19-31 (NIV)



ACROSS

3. To be in a state of pleasure, satisfaction, joy or delight
4. Free from conflict; getting along with others; opposite of war
5. To be undecided or unbelieving that something is true
6. The body parts at the end of the arms
8. Not open
9. To break God's law

DOWN

1. The disciple who would not believe without seeing
2. To believe in something for which there is no proof
5. An entrance into a building or room
7. A thin piece of metal with one pointed end and one flat end which you hit with a hammer

PEACE
NAIL

DOOR
THOMAS

HANDS
CLOSED

FAITH
SIN

HAPPY
DOUBT