



ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH CANBERRA

17 November 2024
Twenty-Sixth Sunday
after Pentecost

(This week's service times within)

The Lord will judge the ends of the earth; he will give strength to his king, and exalt the power of his anointed. (1 Samuel 2.10)



Some representatives from St John's joined a wide range of Australian Christian and political leaders at the recent National Prayer Breakfast, held in the Great Hall of Parliament House. Keynote speaker Max Jeganathan from (Centre for Public Christianity) spoke of his life as a refugee, and of God's grace offered to all people.

(image: Instagram, [publicchristianity.org](https://www.instagram.com/publicchristianity.org))

St John's exists to bear public witness to Jesus Christ,

NOTICES



St John's Care Community Chaplain. An exciting new opportunity exists for a suitably qualified person to serve as a Community Chaplain at St John's Care. The creation of this role reflects our commitment to truly holistic care, addressing a wide range of human needs including physical, economic, relational and spiritual. Full advertisement and position description can be found at www.stjohnscanberra.org/positions. Spread the word! (Expressions of interest are due Friday 13 December 2024.)

Operations Coordinator – St Mark's National Theological Centre. Permanent part time. For further information go to www.christianjobs.com.au/jobs/347601976

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.

Justin Welby resignation. A statement by the Primate on the recent resignation of Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby can be found at <https://anglican.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/Primate-Statement-Re-Archbishop-of-Canterbury-13112024.pdf>

Remembering Nan Mead & Deborah Mead. In loving memory of Nan Mead, a member of this parish and wife of Lionel Mead, and their beloved daughter, Deborah. Remembered always by family and friends. The Mead family has generously contributed to our church's flowers, in their memory.



UPCOMING EVENTS (*St John's event)

***Sunday 17 November: Friends of St John's Guest Speaker – Dr Helen Watchirs.** The 11.15am service of Matins will be followed by refreshments in the Robertson Room hosted by the Friends of St John's, where we are fortunate to be hearing from Dr Helen Watchirs (until recently the ACT Human Rights Commissioner). All are welcome.

***Thursday 21 November: Lunchtime Concert.** Organists Sheila Thompson, Nigel Poole and members of St. John's Choir will perform some of their favourite pieces of music at 12.30pm in the Church. Entry by donation. Enquiries to Sheila, ph. 62813433.

***Sunday 24 November: Parish Information Meeting.** Plans are progressing for a significant series of works to prepare our parish buildings for ministry in the coming decades. There will be an information meeting to update you on the first of these works (a redesigned parish kitchen) at 2.00pm in the Robertson Room. All welcome.

Sunday 24 November: OSL Healing Service. All are invited to attend the Healing Service at St David's, Red Hill on Sunday at 2.00pm (Feast of Christ The King) followed by afternoon tea. Please bring a plate. Info Fr John Gibson at gibsonjohn385@gmail.com or 0451 681 118.

***Monday 25 November: Cuppacumalong.** All are welcome to this friendly gathering from **2.00pm-4.00pm** in the Robertson Room. Rev'd Dave will be joining us as our speaker followed by afternoon tea. Queries to Ailsa Curtis 6247 9363.

***Wednesday 27 November: The Art of Gentleness.** Dan Anderson will be speaking on the theme of gentleness in the workplace at this before-work event hosted by the City Bible Forum. **7.30am-8.30am** in the Forrest Room, Rydges Hotel (17 Canberra Avenue, Forrest). Register at <https://thirdspace.org.au/event/art-gentleness>

***Thursday 28 November: St John's Occasional Seminar - Christians and War.** Robertson Room, **7.30pm**. What has been the Christian contribution to the avoidance, conduct, and resolution of war? Does it help us to navigate present and future conflicts? Rev'd Andrew *will not* have all the answers! but will give us some tools for helping ourselves and others think harder, and better, about war.

***Friday 29 November: Gingerbread Decorating.** Create and decorate a Christmas Gingerbread House. Ideal activity for children and families. **7.00pm** in the Hall. (See over page for cost/RSVP info).

***Saturday 30 November: Priests' Ordination.** Rev'd Anna Krebs, currently a Deacon, is among those due to be ordained as a Priest at this year's service. Please try to come along as an encouragement to Anna as she prepares to take up a new ministry in Goulburn in 2025. St Saviour's Cathedral, Goulburn, **11.00am**. If you can offer (or would appreciate) a lift, please email admin@stjohnscanberra.org

***Saturday 30 November: Advent Hymns.** Prepare for the season of Advent by coming together to sing some favourite Advent hymns, and perhaps learn some new ones. All are welcome to join us for this informal 'singfest' in the church at **7.30pm**.

***Monday 2 December: Got Questions? Info Night.** Robertson Room, **7.30pm**. What is Christianity? What are Anglicans? Can Christians even be trusted? A night with Rev'd Andrew, with plenty of room for questions about the basics. Great for anyone who is new or exploring/reconnecting with faith. To help with planning, drop him a line if you're coming and/or bringing someone. (See 'Contacts' page).

***Sunday 8 December: 9.30am Service Christmas Pageant.** Instead of our regular Holy Communion service, kids' church and youth group will be presenting this year's Christmas Pageant. All are welcome!





GINGERBREAD HOUSE

Decorating Night

Join us for an evening of creativity, friendship, and Christmas fun at our Gingerbread Decorating Night! Come on your own, with friends or family - everyone is welcome.

Numbers are limited so book now!

29 NOVEMBER 2024

7PM - 9PM

Ticket price includes: gingerbread house, icing, lollies, base board, cellophane and ribbon, and a light supper.

\$38 per house (\$40 for gluten free)

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



Transition into a New Life

This morning, I had a message from one of my clients telling me she has a friend named P who needs SJC's help. She asked whether she could bring her friend to meet with me and have a chat to which I wholeheartedly agreed.

When they arrived, I invited them to a private place to talk. I explained to P that everything we discussed would remain confidential unless she wanted me to share this information with other entities (whereby a consent form is then signed by the client).

P explained she had been in a very toxic and violent relationship with her baby daughter's father. As she described the abuse she had endured she was crying, making it almost impossible for her to talk.

P told me she has no one here in Australia and this has been very difficult for her. Her partner was very controlling, preventing her from working, going out or having any kind of social interaction with others while subjecting her to years of daily insults and abuse.

One day while buying milk for her baby, she met L (a client of SJC) and they immediately connected as they speak the same language. P was so happy to have a conversation with someone. She cried as she told L about her life. L recommended she visit St John's Care, where she herself had received great support.

A fortnight ago, P's ex-partner left home

after they had a big fight and has not returned. P has been left with sole responsibility for all household bills as well as baby supplies.

I made referrals for DVCS & ONE-LINK so P could apply for affordable long-term accommodation. I told her about CENTRELINK for income support assistance and agreed she could visit SJC weekly for help with food and baby needs.

Due to her visa status, P was also referred to the MULTICULTURAL HUB, MARSS, COMPANION HOUSE and ROUNDABOUT for other essential support for her baby and herself.

The support we were able to give her brought P huge relief. She is very grateful to SJC for both listening to and helping her.

St John's Care continues to support P, her baby and other Canberrans in need. Thank you to everyone who donates to our organisation or supports us in the many ways you do.

Kind regards

Karen Medrano
Case Manager

Items required: Shampoo and conditioner, cooking oil, honey, vegemite, sweet biscuits

Christmas items required: Gifts cards for teenagers, sports equipment, board games

Upcoming services

Sunday 17 November 2024

Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: 1 Samuel 1.4-20; Song of Hannah; Hebrews 10.11-25; Mark 13.1-11

8am: Sung Eucharist

9.30am: Family Eucharist (Kids Church & Youth Group)

11.15am: Matins (1662 Book of Common Prayer, supported by Friends of St John's and followed by guest speaker)

6pm: stjohs@6 (Holy Communion)

Sunday 24 November 2024

Christ the King – The Reign of Christ

Readings: 2 Samuel 23.1-7; Psalm 93; Revelation 1.4b-8; John 18.33-37

7am: Eucharist (1662 Book of Common Prayer)

8am: Sung Eucharist

9.30am: Family Eucharist (Kids Church & Youth Group)

6pm: stjohs@6 (Praise, Prayer & Proclamation)

Sunday 1 December 2024

First Sunday of Advent

Readings: Jeremiah 33.14-16; Psalm 25.1-10; 1 Thessalonians 3.9-13; Luke 21.25-38

8am: Sung Eucharist

9.30am: Family Eucharist (Kids Church & Youth Group and Baptism)

11.15am: Choral Eucharist (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:

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FOR YOUR ENJOYMENT

Who Can You Believe?

Jesus said to them: "Watch out that no one deceives you. Many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am he,' and will deceive many. Mark 13:5-6 (NIV)

Based on Mark 13:1-8



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

EARTHQUAKE
HEAR
NATION
FAMINE

WARS
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KINGDOM
WATCH

DECEIVE
OLIVES
RUMORS
TEACHER

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