



# ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH CANBERRA

**2 March 2025**

**Last Sunday after Epiphany  
(Transfiguration)**

(This week's service times within)

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.  
John 1.14



*St John's recently hosted our first 'Jazz on the Lawn'. Over 300 people came to enjoy some wonderful Jazz in our grounds, featuring the '@6 Band', 'Blue Gumbo', 'Spectrum Big Band' and the 'Con Campbell Quartet.'*

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

## NOTICES



**Lenten Study: The Crucifixion.** Rev'd Dave will be leading a study through a selection of readings from Rev'd Dr Fleming Rutledge's book 'The Crucifixion' – a thoughtful and challenging series of reflections on the meaning of Christ's death. Attendance will involve coming prepared each week to discuss the readings. Thursdays, 7.30pm, from 6 March–10 April in the Robertson Room. If you are interested in joining this group, email [rector@stjohnscanberra.org](mailto:rector@stjohnscanberra.org).

**Young Blokes' Bible Study.** We are moving to a new time – now **6.30pm** Mondays in Campbell. Basically for blokes 18-25 but we can negotiate on age! For more info talk to Rev'd Andrew or Matt Rogerson. (No meeting on public holiday March 10<sup>th</sup>.)

**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.

**Supporting Ministry at St John's.** As a new year begins, please take a moment to consider the appropriate level of your regular financial contribution to our parish. We are highly dependent upon regular (preferably automatic) deposits to sustain our ministry and care for our site. Giving details can be found on page 7 of this newsletter, or see <https://www.stjohnscanberra.org/giving>

## UPCOMING EVENTS (\*St John's event)

**\*Sunday 2 March: Bell Ringing.** All are invited to drop in between 5-6pm and ring the bells at the monthly open tower. Help us spread the word and bring a friend along too!

**Monday 3 March: Funeral Service for Ann Skamp.** Ann was the Secretary of the Anglican Historical Society. She died earlier this week after a battle with melanoma. As well as her work with our diocese, Ann was active in church affairs in the Diocese of Grafton, General Synod and Christians for an Ethical Society. Her funeral will be at All Saints, Ainslie, at 2pm. Please keep her husband Keith and all her family in your prayers at this sad time.

**\*Wednesday 5 March: Ash Wednesday Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes.** We will be holding three special services for Ash Wednesday at 7.30am, 10.00am and 7.30pm. All are welcome.

**\*Thursday 6 March: Lenten Study.** The first of our Lenten studies begins in the Robertson Room at 7.30pm. Those intending to come should email [rector@stjohnscanberra.org](mailto:rector@stjohnscanberra.org) as soon as possible to receive a copy of the required readings.

**\*Sunday 9 March: 180<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Afternoon Tea and Choral Evensong.** It is 180 years since the consecration of St John's (1845). Join us for this special service of Choral Evensong. With Bishop Mark in attendance, we will give thanks to God for the privilege of bearing witness to Christ in the heart of our nation's capital. Afternoon tea at 3.30pm in the Hall, followed by 5pm Evensong in the Church.

**Sunday 9 March: OSL Healing Service.** All are invited to a Healing Service at the Anglican Church, St Mary In The Valley, 17 Webber Crescent, Calwell at 2.00pm followed by afternoon tea. There will be a retiring collection to support OSL and St Mary's In The Valley. Info Fr John Gibson at [gibsonjohn385@gmail.com](mailto:gibsonjohn385@gmail.com) or 0451 681 118.

**12 March: Scripture Union 'Discovering Life' Dinner.** Each year, individuals and churches take part in a fun and encouraging night as we celebrate what God has been doing in the ACT & Southern NSW through Scripture Union Australia. This year we are joined by special guest speaker, Alan Tongue (former Canberra Raiders footballer and NRL Community Program Deliverer). As always, the meal will be free, but please come prepared to make a donation and support Scripture Union Australia in what we do. 6pm for 6:30 start – 9pm. RSVP at <https://su.org.au/events/su-act-discovering-life-dinner-2025/>

**\*Sunday 16 March: Friends' Service and AGM.** This 11.15am service of Matins will be followed by refreshments in the Robertson Room hosted by the Friends of St John's. Our speakers will be Rev'd David McLennan and Christine Hawkins (Warden, Chair of Property Committee), who will be foreshadowing some of the exciting developments the parish is seeking to pursue, and what this may mean for groups like the Friends of St John's. All are welcome. Friends' AGM to follow.

**Saturday 29 March: Canberra Mission Focus.** Come and be challenged and refreshed by a day of worship, Bible teaching (from Simon Gillham, former missionary and current head of missions at Moore Theological College), and sessions led by visiting missionaries. A children's program is included. For registration details and costs visit [cms.org.au/event/cms-canberra-mission-focus-2025/](https://cms.org.au/event/cms-canberra-mission-focus-2025/). Radford College, 9am – 4pm.

**Saturday 29 March: St Saviour's Youth Retreat.** 'Hope in Prayer' is the theme. Join other youth in the diocese at the cathedral in Goulburn. For more information, contact [st.savioursretreat@gmail.com](mailto:st.savioursretreat@gmail.com)

**Sunday 30 March: Parish AGM.** Our parish AGM and electoral meeting will be held at 2pm on Sunday 30 March in the Hall. Nomination forms for prospective Wardens and Parish Councillors will be uploaded to the website and advised in coming weeks.

# ST SAVIOUR'S RETREAT

29 MARCH 2025

FOR ALL AGED 18-35



SPEND A DAY AT THE  
GOULBURN CATHEDRAL  
EXPLORING:

# HOPE IN PRAYER

MORE DETAILS TO COME SOON

BOOKINGS OPEN  
MID JANUARY

PLEASE  
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## New Clothes and a Fresh Start

A few weeks ago, a message came through our Facebook page. It was short but carried a strong sense of urgency. I picked up the phone and called T. A quiet, hesitant voice answered. She explained that after losing her job due to health issues, her family had struggled to stay afloat. They had dipped into their savings to cover expenses, but now, they had nothing left. She was overwhelmed and unsure of what to do next. I reassured T that she wasn't alone and told her I would be in her area that afternoon, delivering food to another client. I offered to stop by her house with fresh groceries and have a chat. She was incredibly grateful.

Together with our volunteers, we packed bags filled with fresh fruit, vegetables, meat and dairy. When I arrived at T's home, I was greeted at the front door by three smiling, excited children. They eagerly rushed to the car, helping me carry the bags inside, excitedly discussing what they found as they unpacked. As we sat and talked, T shared more about her situation. She was deeply concerned about her children's schooling—specifically, how she would afford their uniforms. She had always worked hard and had a strong employment history, but balancing job searching with caring for her family had become overwhelming. She wanted to regain stability but felt trapped by her circumstances.

The next day, with T's permission, I reached out to the children's schools to explain the family's situation and explore available support. St John's Care worked closely with the schools to find solutions, ensuring the cost of uniforms wouldn't be a burden. Thanks to our donors, we were able to secure free uniforms for all three children, along with backpacks, stationery, and even new shoes and socks for the upcoming school term. A few days later, I took the family to collect their uniforms from the store. The children's excitement was infectious as they tried on their new clothes, admiring their neatly pressed shirts and school shoes. Seeing their joy and relief was truly heartwarming.

Then, just yesterday, I received an unexpected but wonderful call from a job agency I had contacted on T's behalf. They were thrilled to inform me that T had been offered a job interview—her first step toward regaining financial independence. I immediately phoned T to share the news who broke down in tears.

*"Thank you so much for everything you've done for my family. You have no idea what this means to me. I can't wait to move past this", she said.*

Moments like this remind us why we do what we do. Thanks to the generosity of our supporters, this family now has hope for a brighter future.

Kind Regards,  
Robbie Speldewinde, Operations Manager

**Items required:** Shampoo and Conditioner, Toothpaste, children's toothbrushes, tissues, vegemite

# Upcoming services

**Sunday 2 March 2025**

Last Sunday after Epiphany - Transfiguration

**Readings:** Exodus 34.29-35; Psalm 99; 2 Corinthians 3.12-4.2; Luke 9.28-36

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

**Wednesday 5 March 2025**

Ash Wednesday

**Readings:** Joel 2.1-2, 12-17; Psalm 51.1-17; 2 Corinthians 5.30b-6.2;  
Matthew 6.1-6, 16-21;

- 7.30am:** Eucharist & Imposition of Ashes  
**10.00am:** Eucharist & Imposition of Ashes  
**7.30pm:** Eucharist & Imposition of Ashes

**Sunday 9 March 2025**

First Sunday in Lent

**Readings:** Deuteronomy 26.1-11; Psalm 91.1-2, 9-16; Romans 10.4-13; Luke 4.1-15

- 7.00am:** Eucharist (1662 Book of Common Prayer)  
**8.00am:** Sung Eucharist  
**9.30am:** Family Eucharist (Kids Church & Youth Group)  
**5.00pm:** 180<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Choral Evensong  
(1662 Book of Common Prayer)  
**6.00pm:** stjohns@6 (Praise, Prayer & Proclamation)

**Each Wednesday**

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

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## 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

Jesus Dwelling Among Us word-search  
Word Search

### Divine Mystery Search Word Search

Solve the puzzle with the word bank below. Puzzle based on John 1:14

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

**AMONG    FULL    WORD    FLESH**  
**DWELT    GLORY    FATHER    GRACE**