



ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH CANBERRA

15 December 2024
Third Sunday of Advent
(This week's service times within)

Do not fear. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love. (Zephaniah 3.16-17)



With the support of many parishioners, Jack McLennan raised over \$1,000 for St John's Care by selling home-made washing liquid, as part of a school charity fundraising program (Emmaus Christian School). St John's Care continues to face significant pressures as it helps those in need in the leadup to Christmas.

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

NOTICES



Christmas Letterbox Drop (Reid & Campbell). If you have some time in the next 10 days to walk some local streets to advertise our Christmas Services, please drop into the office to collect leaflets and a map.

Christmas Greenery and Flowers. We request that anyone who has greenery in their gardens and wishes to contribute to the window box display in the church, could you please bring the greenery in between 12 noon and 2pm on **Monday 23 December**. Also, anyone who wishes to contribute flowers for the window boxes please bring them into the church between 8am and 9.00am on **Tuesday 24 December**. Thanks, Chris Creelman.

Gingerbread Kits for Sale. \$38 (\$40 for GF). Includes house, icing, lollies, base board, cellophane and ribbon. Please email Mary de Lautour (see 'Contacts') if you would like one. Available only while stocks last!

Parish Office Hours. Our Parish Office hours are now 10.00am—3.00pm Tuesday to Friday. The office will be closed between 24 December and 13 January.

Post-Christmas Service Times: From Christmas, our 7am, 11.15am and 5pm (Evensong) services will pause, recommencing in February. 8am, 9.30am, 6pm and Wednesday morning services will continue unchanged over the holiday period (except there will be no 10.00am service on 1 January, 2025).

Women's Book Group commencing in 2025. Interested in forming a women's book group in early 2025? Expressions of interest from women within St. John's parish are welcome. Please contact Alison Campbell (9.30am) a.jc@live.com.au

UPCOMING EVENTS (*St John's event)

***Sunday 15 December: 9 Lessons and Carols.** Modelled on the famous service created at King's College (Cambridge), this will be a time to sing some Advent hymns, hear the choir sing carols, and listen to the story of salvation read from the Scriptures. All are welcome to join us at **7.30pm** as we enter into the longing of Advent and anticipate the joy and wonder of Christmas.

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/.

Radford College, **9am – 4pm.**

SERMONS AND TALKS NOW ON SPOTIFY!

It's not a substitute for coming to church. We need each other, face-to-face, to pray together, build connections and participate in the Lord's Supper.

'Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another' – Hebrews 10.24-25



But for when you cannot be here, sermons are still available at www.stjohnscanberra.org/sermons and now also by searching Spotify Podcasts for 'St John's Canberra Talks' or via this QR code. (Other platforms coming soon).



ST JOHN'S CARE DONATION APPEAL



If everyone reading this page gave **\$10 and 2 cans of non-perishable food**, or a little more, St John's Care would be able to meet escalating needs in our community.

You can [make a donation](#) via -

- credit card over the phone, 9:30am-2pm Monday to Friday 02 6248 7771 (closed on public holidays)
- post to St John's Care, GPO Box 219, Canberra. 2601
- bank transfer to St John's Care:

BSB: 702 389

Account: 0520 9490

- PayPal:
www.stjohnscare.org.au/donate or scan the code.



Christmas Cheer

Christmas time can be happy and glorious for some people but it can also be a stressful time for many others. At St John's Care we have become part of some families in the Canberra community and beyond. We host our Christmas Lunch on Christmas Day from 12:00pm – 1:30pm and run Christmas hampers and present room programs.

This week at St John's Care we welcomed a new client whom we shall call F. She is the bread winner of their family. Recently, F received devastating news that she and her colleagues would not be receiving any of their salaries in time for Christmas, as there have been some financial issues with the organisation. She was very distressed by this news, as she has children and extended family overseas who depend on her.

F then heard from a friend about St John's Care's Christmas programs, case management, emergency relief, prescriptions and utility bill assistance. She was welcomed and supported by our amazing and friendly volunteer who assisted her in accessing food support. She asked to speak to the Case Managers about legal and housing issues that she had been experiencing and was unsure of which service could help her. I provided F with a case plan which included the development of goals, realistic timeframes, and a plan to

reach these goals. She was also referred to a specialist legal service.

She accessed our Christmas programs, collecting a hamper and choosing presents for her four children. F was very overwhelmed with the support she had received. She informed me that all the issues that were causing her stress had been addressed on the first visit. F was able to provide her children with a Christmas she would not have been able to provide otherwise. She said that SJC made her feel at home and that she was grateful for the SJC family.

F and so many other clients that we have supported this month have expressed their heartfelt gratitude to SJC's donors, volunteers and staff members who have allowed a wonderful Christmas to be provided to the Canberra community. The provision of this support has highlighted our compassion, and our willingness to be respectful and reserve judgement at this difficult time of year.

Thank you to everyone who contributes to our organisation. Your efforts and support are making a real difference.

Kind regards,

Lisa Masamha

Items Needed: Cooking oil, dishwashing liquid, shampoo and conditioner, honey/vegemite

Upcoming services

Sunday 15 December 2024

Third Sunday of Advent

Readings: Zephaniah 3.14-20; A song of Isaiah; Philippians 4.4-7; Luke 3.7-18

- 8.00am: **Sung Eucharist**
- 9.30am: **Family Eucharist** (Kids Church & Youth Group)
- 11.15am: **Matins** (1662 Book of Common Prayer)
- 6.00pm: **stjohns@6** (Praise, Prayer & Proclamation)
- 7.30pm: **9 Lessons and Carols**

Sunday 22 December 2024

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Readings: Micah 5.2-5a; Song of Mary; Hebrews 10.5-10; Luke 1.39-45 (46-55)

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

Sunday 29 December 2024

First Sunday after Christmas

Readings: 1 Samuel 2.18-20, 26; Psalm 148; Colossians 3.12-17; Luke 2.41-52

- 8.00am: **Sung Eucharist**
- 9.30am: **Family Eucharist** (School Holidays – Kids Church in recess)
- 6.00pm: **stjohns@6** (Praise, Prayer & Proclamation)

Each Wednesday

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

For more information: www.stjohnscanberra.org

CHRISTMAS AT ST JOHN'S

St John's Anglican Church Reid

Celebrating Christmas since 1841

24 December – Christmas Eve

6.00 pm Christmas Eve Carols on the Lawn in the wonderful and historic grounds of St John's. Children are welcome to dress as shepherds, angels, or animals for the pageant. This is a fantastic opportunity to share in the joy of Christmas with your family and friends. Grounds open from 5.30pm. Bring along a picnic basket, blankets, and chairs. The wet weather venue will be the St John's Hall.

9.00 pm Christmas Eve Choral Eucharist /Holy Communion

11.00 pm Christmas Eve Sung Eucharist / Holy Communion

25 December – Christmas Day

8.00 am Christmas Day Sung Eucharist / Holy Communion

9.30 am Christmas Day Sung Eucharist / Holy Communion

11.15 am Christmas Day Sung Eucharist - 1662 Book of Common Prayer

Whether you come with your family, friends or on your own, we look forward to welcoming you as we celebrate the joy and mystery of the Christmas story.

St John's Care Christmas Day Community Lunch

The St John's Care Christmas Day Community Lunch, in the Church Hall commencing at **12pm**, is for anyone and everyone. It is designed to make sure that no one has to spend Christmas Day alone. If you have a neighbour or a friend who may be alone, please invite them. For more information, please ring St John's Care on 6248 7771.



ST JOHN'S
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Bellringing | Advent 2024

Celebrating 60 years of the bells

Open Tower

15 December, 2pm-4pm

An extra open tower session. Come and play a carol on the bells anytime during the two-hour window. Bring a friend!

Christmas Eve

24 December, just before 6pm

The bells call Canberra to the St John's Carols on the Lawn.

Christmas Day

25 December, All Morning

The bells ring out in joyful celebration of the birth of Christ before and after all services at St John's.

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

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