



ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH CANBERRA

1 December 2024
First Sunday of Advent

(This week's service times within)

*Stand up and raise your heads;
your redemption is drawing near.*
(Luke 21.28)



Advent Roses in St John's Churchyard.

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

ST JOHN'S MISSIONS SUPPORT

The St John's Mission Committee is pleased to report that in 2024 the parish has made the following financial contributions to the work of God's mission around the world.

- \$5,500 to Church Missionary Society to support the Clapham family in Japan
- \$5,500 to Anglican Board of Missions to help train indigenous ministry workers at Nungalinya College (Darwin).
- \$5,000 to William and Marjorie Hall, indigenous clergy at Ngukurr (Arnhem Land).
- \$3,700 to Youth With A Mission in Timor Leste, to fund education and accommodation in Dili for a child from the village of Bahareduk.
- \$2,000 to the Diocesan partnership with Jos, Nigeria, to fund a school for girls.
- \$2000 to help fund a trainee church worker to pursue theological education.
- \$1,300 to Bush Church Aid to assist in ministry in rural and regional Australia.



The Clapham family serving in Japan.



Rev'ds William and Marjorie Hall (Arnhem Land).



Some residents in the Dili refuge (YWAM).



Zambiri School for girls (Nigeria).

NOTICES



Parish Office Hours. Our Parish Office hours are now 10.00am—3.00pm Tuesday to Friday.

9.30am Service: Next week. A reminder that next Sunday will **not** be our regular family Eucharist. Instead, we will be enjoying the Christmas Pageant, brought to us by our kids and youth group.



The 9.30am Christmas Pageant last year where the Christmas story was told by the children and youth.

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.

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.)

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 invited to contact Alison Campbell (9.30am) a.jc@live.com.au

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.

Missed a sermon? Most weeks, the audio of the Sunday sermon is uploaded to our website. Feel free to re-listen, share with a friend, or connect with us when you are out of town. See <https://www.stjohnscanberra.org/sermons>

1 Way FM Appeal. Local Christian radio station '1 Way FM' are keen supporters of St John's, St John's Annual Fair, and St John's Care. 1 Way FM are listener-funded station and have an upcoming appeal. For anyone who would like more information including how to donate, please go to: <https://www.1wayfm.com.au/donate/>

Anglican News November 2024. Here is the link to the latest edition of *Anglican News*: <https://anglicancg.org.au/news-and-events/anglican-news/> or direct to the flipbook: <https://heyzine.com/flip-book/ef48f40ca9.html#page/2>

UPCOMING EVENTS (*St John's event)

***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).

***Saturday 7 December: Working Bee.** From 8.30am. Enjoy some time in the sun while helping to beautify the gardens and grounds of St John's. Please bring gardening gloves, hat, suitable footwear and any favourite tools and join us for morning tea afterwards.

Saturday 7th December: Motorcycle Riders Association Toy Run. This charity event encourages both riders and members of the ACT Community to bring a gift or make a donation. Every dollar raised (or present given) benefits Canberrans in need, including through the work of St John's Care, during one of its busiest periods. Over 1,000 bikes of all sizes and colours gather at Old Parliament House from 8:00am. A hearty breakfast is followed by the ride-out procession at 10:00 am.

***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!

***Tuesday 10 December: Pre-Christmas Brass Cleaning Bee** at 10.00am in the church, followed by morning tea in the Robertson Room. Jennifer Lawson (Sacristan).

Tuesday 10 December OSL Thanksgiving Eucharist. All are invited to the Healing Meeting with a Thanksgiving Eucharist at St David's Anglican Church Red Hill at 2.00pm followed by afternoon tea. Info Fr John Gibson at gibsonjohn385@gmail.com or 0451 681 118.

***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 as we enter into the longing of Advent and anticipate the joy and wonder of Christmas.





ST JOHN'S
ANGLICAN CHURCH
CANBERRA

Bellringing | Advent 2024

Celebrating 60 years of the bells

Open Tower

1 December, 4pm-6pm

An extended edition of our monthly open tower session on the First Sunday of Advent. Come and play a carol on the bells anytime during the two-hour window. Bring a friend!

Diamond Jubilee Christmas Bellringing Concert

8 December, approx. 11am-11.30am

The bellringers will perform a Christmas-themed concert celebrating 60 years of the bells. Follows the 9.30am Children's Christmas Pageant. Listen in the grounds or inside the church.

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.

Empowering Community with Care

Last year during St John's Care (SJC) Christmas Hamper season, I noticed someone in physical distress. I will call her K. As she rested while her family collected a hamper and Christmas gifts, we began talking. K shared her struggles with health challenges and difficulties communicating with her treating physicians during the Christmas period. She expressed feeling alone and frightened but was grateful for being given the opportunity to talk. "I needed someone to talk with, I can't say everything to my partner", she said. Together, we planned for some immediate practical support and arranged for more in-depth therapeutic conversations and complex case management after Christmas. K left the centre with her family saying she felt more relaxed, supported and thankful for the support she and her family had received.

Since then, SJC continues to support K and her family. She regularly visits, often sharing that it's the only time she feels like leaving the house, feels a sense of community, and is heard and holistically cared for. Recently, K expressed gratitude for SJC's ongoing support, saying the respect, advocacy and compassion she experiences from staff and volunteers gives her strength. She knows SJC cares about her and her family, giving her time

to sit and talk without judgement. SJC supports K and her family in various ways including therapeutic conversations, parenting strategies, regular food, advocacy for housing, healthcare and energy conservation. We also arrange coordination with stakeholders for housing, NDIS, CATS advice, prescription support, referrals to Thread Together for new clothing and Roundabout for children's supplies as well as inviting her to our community lunches and Coffee & Craft programs. Knowing that she can reach out and speak about her difficulties and challenges to people who provide holistic care and community support is important.

What a blessing that SJC, a walk-in emergency relief centre, is open to all! Thank you to all volunteers, donors and supporters—without you all SJC would not be a sanctuary for our Canberra community. This will be my last PEW sheet as I am finishing my time here with SJC. I thank the SJC community for their support during the last 15 months.

Kind regards

Wendy, SJC Senior Case Manager

Items required: 1L UHT milk, cooking oil, large tinned fish, shampoo & conditioner, men's and women's deodorant, pasta sauce

Dear Friends,

This year, you've made such a difference in the lives of so many people—thank you for being a real-life hero through St John's Care.

As 2024 wraps up, I want to reflect on the incredible impact of your kindness and generosity. It's been a busy year for us, more than 1,600 households have turned to us for emergency support so far this financial year, which is a big jump from last year.

The challenges families face have become more complex, but because of friends like you, we've been able to help them when they needed it most. Take Emma, for example—a courageous mum of two who found the strength to leave an abusive relationship. When she came to us, she was struggling to afford medication for her kids and find safe housing. Thanks to your support, we were able to step in and provide essentials like bedding, kitchen supplies, and clothing. We also connected her with a housing specialist and ensured her kids had gifts under the tree and a festive meal for Christmas. You brought them hope during a tough time—and they're just one of many families who've felt your impact.

This Christmas, You Can Help Spread Joy

Christmas is a difficult time for many, but with your help, we can make it brighter for families in need. Your donation this season can go towards:

Gifts and toys for kids so they don't miss out on the magic of the holidays
Medication for those who need it
Holiday meals for families facing hunger
Educational resources to help kids thrive

Every little bit helps to show families that they're not alone this season. With Christmas just around the corner and our food supply running low, we're reaching out to ask for your help. Anything you can give will make the holidays special for those who need it most. Thank you for being such an essential part of what we do. I wish you and your loved ones a happy, peaceful Christmas!

With gratitude,
Jason Haines
Executive Officer

P.S. Even a small gift can make a world of difference to families in need this Christmas. Please consider donating today to bring hope and joy to those who need it most.



KRISMAS!

PEACE TO THE WORLD

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THE
LLEWELLYN
CHOIR

WITH GUEST ENSEMBLES

The PNG Peroveta Singers
Tongan Youth Choir
African PIWC Choir

Celebrate the festive season with
The Llewellyn Choir

Featuring music by Hector Berlioz, Felix Mendelssohn,
Heinrich Schütz, Charles Gounod, Gustav Nardqvist,
and more

Includes community carol singing and supper

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Conductor
Rowan Harvey-Martin

Pianist
Dr Anthony Smith

Featuring
Dante Costa (flute) and Jojo Yuen (piano)

6.00 PM SATURDAY 7 DECEMBER 2024

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Upcoming services

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

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

Sunday 8 December 2024

Second Sunday of Advent

Readings: Malachi 3.1-14; Song of Zechariah; Philippians 1.1-11; Luke 3.1-6

- 7.00am: **Eucharist** (1662 Book of Common Prayer)
8.00am: **Sung Eucharist**
9.30am: **Christmas Pageant** (No Eucharist)
5.00pm: **Choral Evensong** (1662 Book of Common Prayer)
6.00pm: **stjohns@6** (Praise, Prayer & Proclamation)

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 and Baptism)
11.15am: **Matins** (1662 Book of Common Prayer)
6.00pm: **stjohns@6** (Praise, Prayer & Proclamation)
7.30pm: **9 Lessons and Carols** (with Choir)

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:

BSB:702 389 ACCOUNT: 0520 9450 NAME: St John the Baptist Reid

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Christ Is Coming Again Alphabet Soup

Christ Is Coming Again



At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. Luke 21:27 (NIV)

Each line of the puzzle has one word hidden in a list of random letters. The blank space is a missing letter that belongs to that word. Fill in the missing letter.

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| 3. | D | B | F | L | S | I | | N | S | B | C | K | R |
| 4. | Q | B | K | N | H | L | | R | A | Y | D | L | Z |
| 5. | Q | F | V | J | L | I | | T | J | O | F | W | V |
| 6. | U | J | G | K | Z | E | | A | T | C | H | J | L |
| 7. | H | Q | H | E | A | D | | I | B | W | A | A | S |
| 8. | M | J | E | F | C | P | | L | O | U | D | S | C |

signs
lift

heads
clouds

glory
careful

watch
pray

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 Noon, 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.