

# 29 December 2024–26 January 2025

January can be a good time to slow down. The parish office is leading the way by doing only one post-Christmas newsletter until normal services resume in February (see stjohnscanberra.org for other updates).



Ethel Carrick-Fox, St John's Church in springtime, 1923. Currently part of the Ethel Carrick exhibition, Level 1 Gallery 12 National Gallery of Australia, until 27 Apr 2025 (on loan from Canberra Museum and Gallery).

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

# **January Jottings....**

Welcome to St John's! Like the rest of Canberra, our hope this January is to operate at a slightly slower pace. Many of our ministries and activities are currently in recess but will recommence in February – as will weekly newsletters.

If you are looking to connect with a church or would like to know more about the Christian faith, there will be a range of ways to pursue this in 2025. Please email the parish office so someone can make contact. Also keep an eye on our website: www.stjohnscanberra.org.

<u>**Kids and Youth in 2025.**</u> Our program for young people resumes at our 9.30am service on **Sunday 9 February**, with 'Start Up Sunday'. This will include water play (including the return of the dunking machine!) The term one Youth Program (Yrs 7 onwards) will be centred on 'Youth Alpha'.

In the meantime, we encourage families to continue being present at worship. Children are welcome at all services, with activity sheets available. At 9.30 there will be a cry-room (with livestream) in the nearby Robertson Room.

**Welcome 2025 with 'Jazz on the Lawn'.** We welcome all who have moved to Canberra or are visiting our church for the first time. You are invited to join other parishioners, and members of the Canberra community, to a 'welcome to 2025' event on **Saturday 15 February.** BYO food and drink and enjoy a quality jazz program in the church grounds, featuring various local bands. 4pm-7.30pm.

**<u>Rev'd Anna Krebs farewell.</u>** Rev'd Anna Krebs completes her curacy with us on 9 February before moving to a new ministry season in Goulburn. Join us for a farewell morning tea at 11am on **Wednesday 5 February** (after the midweek service) in the Robertson Room. RSVP to <u>admin@stjohnscanberra.org</u>

**BCP Services in 2025.** Our regular pattern of Book of Common Prayer services resumes in February (see website for details). For example, join us on **Sunday 9 February** for our first monthly choral evensong (5pm, second Sunday of the month).

**Parish Office.** The office will be closed from 24 December. Regular hours (Tues-Friday, 10.00am—3.00pm) will resume on 14 January.

**Post-Christmas Service Times**. 8am, 9.30am, 6pm and Wednesday morning services will continue unchanged over the holiday period, except that there will be no 10.00am service on 1 January. Other Book of Common Prayer services—7am, 11.15am and 5pm (Evensong)—services have paused, to recommence in February.

<u>St John's Schoolhouse Museum Summer Closure.</u> The Schoolhouse Museum is now closed for a summer break for our hardworking volunteers and will re-open on Saturday February 1st, 2025, between 2-4pm. Next year will be a busy one, to include the celebration of 180 years of existence for both the Church and Schoolhouse.

## Sunday service times

The following Sundays will each include an **8am** and **9.30am** Eucharist, and a **6pm** service:

> **29 December 2024: First Sunday after Christmas** (*Readings: 1 Samuel 2.18-20, 26; Psalm 148; Colossians 3.12-17; Luke 2.41-52*)

### **5** January 2025: The Epiphany of our Lord

(Readings: Isaiah 60.1-6; Psalm 72.1-7, 10-14; Ephesians 3.1-12; Matthew 2.1-12)

### 12 January 2025: The Baptism of Our Lord

(Readings: Isaiah 43.1-7; Psalm 29; Acts 8.14-17; Luke 3.15-22)

#### 19 January 2025: Second Sunday after Epiphany

(Readings: Isaiah 62.1-5; Psalm 36.5-10; 1 Corinthians 12.1-11; John 2.1-11)

#### 26 January 2025: Third Sunday after Epiphany

(Readings: Nehemiah 8.1-3, 5-6,8-10; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 12.12-31;Luke 4.14-21)

### **Mid-week service times**

Each Wednesday except 1 January, there will be a **10am** Eucharist (1662 Book of Common Prayer)

For more information: www.stjohnscanberra.org

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