

# ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH CANBERRA

**2 February 2025**  
**The Presentation of Christ  
in the Temple**  
(This week's service times within)

*My eyes have seen your salvation,  
which you have prepared in the  
presence of all peoples, a light for  
revelation to the Gentiles and for  
glory to your people Israel.*  
*Luke 2.30–32*



The Presentation in the Temple by Rembrandt van Rijn,  
1634/1644, Metropolitan Museum of Modern Art, New York City, USA.

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

## NOTICES



**Supporting Ministry at St John's.** As a new year begins, could you please take some time this month 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. In addition, caring for this beautiful site imposes considerable costs on us each year – not to mention our significant upcoming building plans to grow our ministry. Giving details can be found on page 7 of this newsletter, or see <https://www.stjohnscanberra.org/giving>

**BCP Services in 2025.** Our regular pattern of Book of Common Prayer services resumes this month (see website for details). This includes next Sunday's choral evensong (5.00pm, second Sunday of every month).

**Mainly Music Volunteers.** Are you able to make a cup of tea and smile at the same time? If so, you would be an excellent volunteer at Mainly Music! With an increasing number of families attending, we need some smiling faces to assist with setting up and serving morning tea. If you can spare one Wednesday morning a month (9.30am – 12.00pm) please contact Mary de Lautour (see page 7). WWVP card required.

**Kids Church Volunteers.** If you have a heart for children, or for sharing the word of God, then Kids Church needs you! We completely rely on volunteers to run this program. Volunteers need to have been regular parishioners for a minimum of 6 months, hold a valid WWVP card and will need to complete Safe Ministries training (online training taking approx. 3 hours). This may sound a lot but it is a low cost to nurture a child on their journey of faith. Volunteers can be parishioners from services other than 9:30am. If you are not able to help, please pray that others will come forward to assist, and to teach. Please contact Mary de Lautour (see page 7).

**A Special Request re Donations for the Spring Fair.** Donations from our parishioners and friends to St. John's for the Spring Fair are a blessing almost beyond words. We will gratefully receive these towards the end of the year prior to the Spring Fair. Until then, *please hold on to your intended donations* and please *do not* leave goods outside the Hall or in the Wild Honey Room.

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

**Theology Studies in 2025.** Is 2025 your year to study theology? St Mark's Graduate Certificate in Theology is open for anyone with an undergrad degree. With just one core class and three electives, it can be completed in just one year (2 classes per semester) or two (1 class per semester). All necessary classes can be joined live in the evening, either on campus in Barton or online via zoom. For more details and to apply, visit: <https://stmarks.edu.au/course/graduate-certificate-in-theology/>. Semester 1 begins 3rd March. For current offerings, see: [https://stmarks.edu.au/key-dates-timetables/semester\\_timetable/](https://stmarks.edu.au/key-dates-timetables/semester_timetable/)

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

**\*2 February: Bell Ringing.** All are invited from 5.00-6.00pm to drop in to have a go at ringing the bells at the monthly open tower. Bring a friend along too!

**\*5 February: Rev'd Anna Krebs farewell.** Rev'd Anna completes her curacy with us before moving to a new ministry season in Goulburn. Join us for a farewell morning tea at 11.00am (after the midweek service) in the Robertson Room. Bring a plate to share. RSVP to [admin@stjohnscanberra.org](mailto:admin@stjohnscanberra.org). To contribute to a gift for Anna, see <https://www.stjohnscanberra.org/payments> (and go to 'other payments').

**Friday 7 February: 'Sing The Gospel'.** An uplifting evening of Christian singing, woven with Scripture. We will hear from special guest Michael Morrow, as he speaks about and plays some of the songs from his upcoming album, 'Nothing in My Hands'. 7.00-9.00pm, at St Matthew's Anglican Church, Wanniasa. RSVP at [stmattswanniassa.org.au/sing/](http://stmattswanniassa.org.au/sing/)

**\*Sunday 9 February: 'Start Up Sunday' for Kids and Youth.** Our program for young people resumes next week at our 9.30am service with water play. The term one Youth Program (Yrs 7 onwards) will be centred on 'Youth Alpha' - a fun introduction to Christian faith.

At 9.30am we will continue to offer a cry-room (with livestream) in the nearby Robertson Room for children and parents of pre-school aged children. This room is also wheelchair accessible and airconditioned, for those who require these facilities.

**\*Sunday 9 February: Baptism of Jeremy Tsuei.** All are invited to join us for the baptism of Jeremy (stjohns@6 congregation) at Black Mountain Peninsula. (Meet at main car park at 3pm).

**Sunday 9 February: Silo Sounds Summer Serenade.** A programme of delightful music to while away the day, performed by Tonya Lemoh, piano, Deborah de Graff, clarinet and Robert Harris, viola. At Ross Memorial Uniting Church, corner Binalong and Derby St, Murrumburrah, from 2.00pm. Adults \$40, Concession \$30, Children free. Enquiries, Stewart 0423 090 912. Bookings <https://events.humanitix.com> search for silo-sounds.

**\*Saturday 15 February: '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 from 4.00pm-7.30pm. BYO food and drink and enjoy a quality jazz program in the church grounds, featuring various local bands. Gelato available for purchase. BBQ facilities available.

**Sunday 22 February: Ordination of Michael Shaw.** Many will remember Michael, who served for a number of years as our kids' ministry coordinator. Michael is due to be ordained as a deacon, with others, at St Saviour's Cathedral, Goulburn. Come and share in this exciting moment with him. The service begins at 11.00am.

**Thursday 27 February: St Mark's Commencement Lecture.** At a service to commence St Mark's National Theological Centre's academic year, St John's parishioner Justice Richard Refshauge will draw on his many years on the bench of the Supreme Court of the ACT, speaking about 'The Heart of Service: restoring an ethic of Christian service to our churches and public life.'

RSVP at <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1346366>

## PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE 18 DECEMBER 2024

**Rector's Report:** The Rector reported on a meeting with reps from the Diocese to discuss their plans for possible developments on Amaroo Street. The meeting made it clear these plans are no longer being pursued, so the focus turned to how the diocese can support parish redevelopments.

An opportunity exists for the Parish to get a second good quality organ from another church, which could possibly be used in the Hall after it is redeveloped. There would be challenges with storage, but will investigate further.

Reverend Anna Krebs's last day will be 9 February 2025.

**Finance Update:** The Treasurer reported that the offertories were slightly under budget for November as tap machine income appeared to be down. Income from parking is currently below budget. The Parish budget for 2025 was discussed and approved. The new Resources and Investment Committee met for the first time on Monday 16 December 2024 at which the investment mix for the Parish's bequests was discussed.

**Property and Grounds Update:** The work on the timber Church kneelers has commenced and will be completed in January 2025. The refurbished ones look stunning. Consideration is being given to extending the columbarium in the Church's grounds as space will run out in about a year's time.

The Project Committee is working with building companies and joiners for the redevelopment of the kitchen. The kitchen will not be redone in January or February 2025 as originally planned as the Committee is waiting for advice from a structural engineer whether the door at the back of the kitchen can be widened before the project can go ahead.

**Community Outreach:** Russ Tunks spoke to his proposal to have a Jazz on the Lawn event held on 15 February 2025 to build on last year's "open house" which Council approved. This event is now being advertised in the Newsletter and everyone is welcome to attend.

If you have any questions please contact the Presiding Member John Richards on [gjrich@bigpond.net.au](mailto:gjrich@bigpond.net.au)

## Wrap around support

At St John's Care we offer case management support to anyone within the community who wants assistance in achieving their goals. Unlike other organisations, we are open to clients that may have previously accessed our service for case management and require support again.

We recently welcomed back a long-time client named S, a single man who doesn't have any family support due to family breakdown. He has several medical conditions which have impacted his ability to sustain employment. S came to SJC to access the emergency food relief program and was welcomed by our friendly volunteer, who assisted in understanding which groceries he needed. During this interaction, S disclosed his medical conditions as well as other issues in his life. The volunteer suggested S speak with a Case Manager, and he happily agreed to speak with me.

S disclosed his health concerns, housing situation, family breakdown and financial hardship. I offered therapeutic support to S, with the aim of building and improving relationships and communicating with ACT Housing. I also encouraged S to come fortnightly for food support to improve his financial situation. With his consent, I spoke to ACT Housing about the state of S's house which initially had been scheduled for repairs in 2020. S believes that his poor living conditions have contributed to his health. I assured S, I would assist him in getting the house situation fixed and explained to S that SJC has a working relationship with ACT housing.

I suggested that S gather some medical evidence to have suitable repairs and modifications completed on his house. After visiting SJC, S went into hospital for a medical procedure. I called the hospital to check up on S which he was grateful for. During our conversation S thanked SJC and the donors that made it possible for him to get support with food, prescriptions, managing finances, ActewAGL vouchers, clothing and bedding. He stated that the fact he was able to come back and be case managed without having to wait makes him feel comfortable to continue coming and seeking support. S felt that there is no judgment and condemnation at SJC, but compassion, care, respect and advocacy.

I would like to thank all our donors, volunteers, staff and the Canberra community for your continuing support. You are giving hope to those like S who find themselves in difficult situations and putting smiles on their faces.

Kind regards,

Lisa Masamha  
Case manager

**Items required:** Fruit cups, School stationery, Shampoo and Conditioner, Muesli.

# Upcoming services

## Sunday 2 February 2025

### The Presentation of Christ in the Temple

*Readings: Malachi 3.1-4; Psalm 24; Hebrews 2.14-18; Luke 2.22-40*

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

## Sunday 9 February 2025

### Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

*Readings: Isaiah 6.1-8 (9-13); Psalm 138; 1 Corinthians 15.1-11; Luke 5.1-11*

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

## Sunday 16 February 2025

### Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

*Readings: Jeremiah 17.5-10; Psalm 1; 1 Corinthians 15.12-20; Luke 6.17-26*

- 8.00am: **Sung Eucharist**  
9.30am: **Family Eucharist** (Kids Church & Youth Group)  
11.15am **Matins** (1662 Book of Common Prayer)  
6.00pm: **stjohns@6** (Holy Communion)

## Each Wednesday

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

For more information: [www.stjohnscanberra.org](http://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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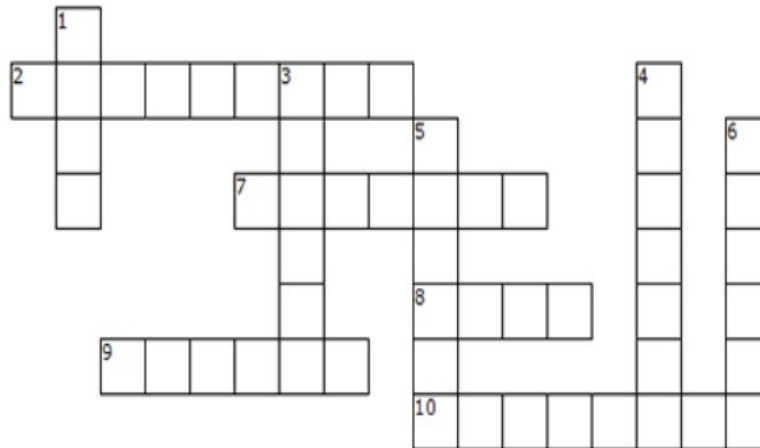
# FOR YOUR ENJOYMENT

## Simeon Recognizes Jesus Crossword

### Simeon Recognizes Jesus

Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Christ. Luke 2:25-26 (NVI)

Based on Luke 2:22-40 (NIV)



#### ACROSS

2. Deliverance from the penalty of sin
7. Something you said that you would do
8. The organs for seeing in the faces of humans and animals
9. A building dedicated to religious ceremonies or worship
10. The town where Mary, Joseph, and Jesus lived

#### DOWN

1. The mother of Jesus
3. The homeland of the Jewish people
4. A person who is not Jewish
5. The man who was promised he would not die until he had seen the Messiah
6. The earthly father of Jesus

TEMPLE	SALVATION	MARY	NAZARETH	ISRAEL
SIMEON	JOSEPH	GENTILE	PROMISE	EYES