



# ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH CANBERRA

**22 September 2024**  
Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost  
(This week's service times within)

*Whoever wants to be the first  
must be the last of all and servant  
of all. (Mark 9.35)*



The Queen Elizabeth Jubilee Tree has flowered, for the first time since it was planted in April 2023. It is a special variety known as the "Elizabeth" Magnolia. Lovely to see its glowing yellow colour!

*Photo Janet Brandon*

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

## NOTICES



**Rector on leave.** Rev'd Dave is on leave until mid-October. Rev'd Andrew is acting Rector during this period.

**Warning re Scam Emails.** We have had a spate of Scam Emails lately, claiming to be from someone in the Parish (such as Rev'd Dave). Unfortunately, some of our parishioners have also received similar emails as well. Please be vigilant about responding to any unusual emails claiming to be from someone in the Parish. If you are at all unsure about whether such an email is genuine or not, it is best not to respond to it. Please contact the office on 6248 8399 or email us at [admin@stjohnscanberra.org](mailto:admin@stjohnscanberra.org) so we can check whether the email is genuine or not.

**Car Parking at St John's.** Spread the word! We now have 20 new carparking spots to rent to commuters during the week, at \$195 per month (just over \$9 per day). If you or someone you know is interested, there is more info at <https://www.stjohnscanberra.org/commuter-parking>.

**Lachlan Macquarie Institute: Residential Program.** The Lachlan Macquarie Institute (LMI) exists to train wise Christian leaders for politics and culture who are biblically faithful, culturally intelligent and positively engaged for the common good. Its three-month summer Residential Fellowship Program is open for applications. See <https://lmi.org.au/our-programs-residential>.

**Young Blokes' Bible Study** continues on **Mondays, 4.30pm until 5.30pm**, in the **Robertson Room**. Men 18-25ish welcome. No meeting Monday October 7 (due to public holiday). From **October 14<sup>th</sup>** we'll meet at **Matt and Stephanie Rogerson's**. (Enquiries: Rev'd Andrew.)

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

**\*Monday, 23 September: Cuppacumalong.** All are invited to join in this friendly gathering from 2pm until 4pm in the Robertson Room. Topic: "Sheila Thompson in Timor Leste" followed by afternoon tea. Queries to Ailsa Curtis 6247 9363.

**Tuesday 8 October: Healing Meeting.** An Invitation is open to all to attend the Healing Meeting at 2.00pm, St David's Anglican Church, Corner of La Perouse & Fortitude Streets, Red Hill. Meetings are conducted as part of the International Order of St. Luke The Physician, an Ecumenical organisation dedicated to the Christian healing ministry. The meeting will focus on teaching and/or prayer. Monthly sessions are held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 2.00pm at St David's. Info Fr John Gibson at [gibsonjohn385@gmail.com](mailto:gibsonjohn385@gmail.com) or 0451 681 118.

## SYNOD REPORT 2024 BY IAN DALZIELL

This year Synod 2024 returned to its usual home at the Goulburn Workers Club after a stint at Canberra Grammar School last year. St John's attendees included Emma Body, Ian Dalziell, Wayne Harris, Anna Krebs, Cliff Lloyd, Dave McLennan, and Richard Refshauge. Dave led the Bible Study on one of the mornings.

Synod began with Bishop Mark Short's presidential address, 'Living Hope in an Uncertain World'. He commended the *Hope 25* evangelistic initiative planned for next year. He also addressed the need to establish congregations in Canberra's newer suburbs to engage with increasing cultural diversity and indigenous and gender issues.

Saturday was dominated by presentation of reports that gave us insights into the priorities and challenges faced by the Diocese. These reports included Bishop in Council, Anglicare, St Mark's Theological College, Embracing Ministries, the Property Trust, the Anglican Investment and Development Fund and the Diocesan schools. We learnt that Anglicare and St Mark's are both experiencing financial challenges and that Anglican Diocesan Services has stepped in to manage these agencies. The Synod also approved a Diocesan Climate Change Action Plan.

Among the new outreach initiatives, we heard about *Hope 25*, the progress in establishing a new Anglican school to be built in the new suburb of Wright and early learning centres there and at the old worship centres in Deakin and Chapman. The Exploratory Ministry Unit (EMU), that was established to assist with innovative outreach initiatives, updated Synod on its work.

Other motions discussed and passed by the Synod included ones expressing concerns about refugee settlement, truth telling and reconciliation and affordable housing,

Last year Synod established a working group to make recommendations concerning women in leadership in the Diocese. The working group demonstrated that whilst our diocese had once been a leader in Australia there were now very much fewer women in ordained leadership roles. In response Synod approved the formation of a standing Commission and a Diocesan strategy to address identified obstacles.

Synod also received an update on the review of Safe Ministry legislation and practice. Expressions of Interest were called for from those parishioners interested in serving on either the Taskforce or the Working Group on Safe Ministry Operations. (The due date for EOIs is 23 September). Please contact the Parish Office if you would like further information on this.

More details about the Synod outcomes will be found in the next *Anglican News* which you will be able to access from the parish and diocesan websites. Also, you can ask any who attended from our parish.



# ST SAVIOUR'S RETREAT

SATURDAY, 9AM-2.30PM

16  
NOV

FOR ALL AGED 18-35



**MORE INFO AND  
REGISTRATION  
HERE**



**SPEND A DAY AT THE  
CATHEDRAL RESTING  
AND GROWING  
TOGETHER IN CHRIST.**

**PRAYER. COMMUNION.  
WORKSHOPS. FELLOWSHIP.**

**QUESTIONS? CONTACT:**

**[st.savioursretreat@gmail.com](mailto:st.savioursretreat@gmail.com)**

## Compassionate Care

St John's Care strives to support everyone who comes through our doors with compassion and respect. We advocate for our clients with the goal of empowering them. This is achieved through our case management program and the emergency relief that our staff and volunteers provide each day.

Y is a long-term client who has been coming to SJC for support with food. In the past, she has been sheltered and hesitant to open up and talk to the volunteers or case managers about what has been going on in her life. Recently, Y has been coming to SJC for support with food more frequently, which has been noted by the staff and volunteers. I decided to sit down and have a chat with her to see what might be affecting her and discuss ways that we may be able to support her beyond providing her with food. Our emergency relief program is a monthly service, however we support many clients who require help more frequently and who visit our service more regularly.

When I sat down to speak with Y, she stated that her husband had recently been diagnosed with prostate cancer and her family had been struggling financially. I consoled her and asked if she was receiving any counselling for what she was going through. Y reported that she wasn't but that she was at her wits end. After discussing some options, she said she was happy to be referred to Marymead Catholic Care for counselling. When I explained the SJC case management program to her, she was eager to be supported to 'help me be able to cope with some things that are happening in my life'.

I asked Y if receiving food from us on a weekly basis would help ease the family's financial

pressures. She teared up as she graciously accepted the offer, explaining the positive impact that this would have on her family. Additionally, we were able to support Y's husband with the cost of his medication through our script program. Y was encouraged to be save the money she would normally spend on groceries and redirect these funds to other expenses the family had, such as her utility bills. To supplement this support, I contacted the financial hardship officer at the energy provider that Y's family used and was able to set her up on a payment plan that was easier to manage.

A week later Y came in to receive support with food and informed me that she had started her counselling sessions which have been helpful addressing some of the impacts of her husband's diagnosis. Her husband had also begun to participate in counselling sessions and she reported the positive impact that this had had on him. She expressed gratitude for the support she and her family had and continues to receive from SJC as well as the compassionate care we have provided. She noted the 'small things' that we had done such as regular calls and messages to check in on her family.

I am grateful to our donors who continue to support SJC financially by donating food and by giving their time. Your support allows us to do amazing work in the community and beyond.

Kind regards,

Lisa Masamha  
SJC Case Manager

**Items Required:** Vegemite, Sugar, Baked Beans, Tinned Spaghetti

# Upcoming services

## Sunday 22 September 2024

### Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

*Readings: Proverbs 31.10-31; Psalm 1; James 3.1-12; Mark 9.30-37*

**7am: Eucharist** (1662 Book of Common Prayer)

**8am: Sung Eucharist**

**9.30am: Family Eucharist** (Kids' Church & Youth Group)

**6pm: stjohs@6** (Praise, Prayer & Proclamation)

## Sunday 29 September 2024

### Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

*Readings: Esther 7:1-6, 7:9-10, 9:20-22; Psalm 124; James 5:12–20; Mark 9:38–50*

**8am: Sung Eucharist**

**9.30am: Family Eucharist** (Kids Church & Youth Group in recess until 20th October)

**6pm: stjohs@6** (Praise, Prayer & Proclamation)

## Sunday 6 October 2024

### Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

*Readings: Job 1.1;2.1-10; Psalm 26; Hebrews 1.1-4; 2.5-12; Mark 10.2-16*

**8am: Sung Eucharist**

**9.30am: Family Eucharist** (Kids Church & Youth Group in recess until 20th October)

**11.15am: Choral Eucharist** (BCP)

**6pm: stjohs@6** (Praise, Prayer & Proclamation)

## Each Wednesday

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

For more information: [www.stjohscanberra.org](http://www.stjohscanberra.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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# The Key to Greatness

Complete the sentences by filling in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank at the bottom of the page. You can check your answers in Mark 9:33-37 (NIV).



They came to Capernaum. When he was in the house, he asked them, "What were you \_\_\_\_\_ about on the road?" But they kept \_\_\_\_\_ because on the way they had argued about who was the \_\_\_\_\_.

Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, "If anyone wants to be \_\_\_\_\_, he must be the very \_\_\_\_\_, and the \_\_\_\_\_ of all."

He took a little \_\_\_\_\_ and had him stand among them. Taking him in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever \_\_\_\_\_ one of these little \_\_\_\_\_ in my \_\_\_\_\_ welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me."

Mark 9:33-37 (NIV)

welcomes  
last

first  
children

child  
quiet

greatest  
name

servant  
arguing