

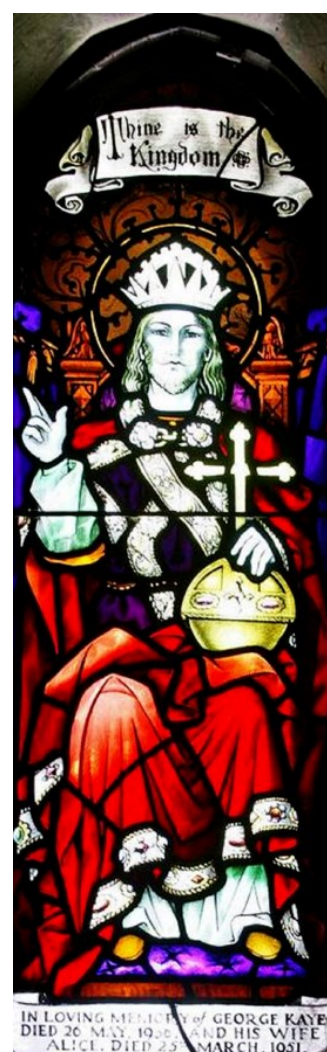
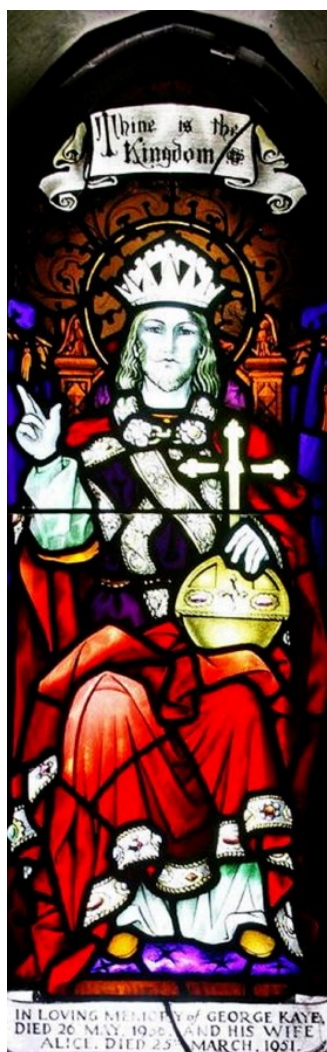
# ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH CANBERRA

**24 November 2024**

**Christ The King -  
The Reign of Christ**

(This week's service times within)

*Worthy is the Lamb that was slain  
to receive power and wealth and  
wisdom and might and honour and  
glory and blessing.  
(Revelation 5.12)*



'Christ the King – stained glass window on the western face of St John's belfry.

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



# GINGERBREAD HOUSE

## *Decorating Night*

Join us for an evening of creativity, friendship, and Christmas fun at our Gingerbread Decorating Night! Come on your own, with friends or family - everyone is welcome.

## BOOKINGS CLOSE THURSDAY!

FRIDAY 29 NOVEMBER 2024  
7PM - 9PM

Ticket price includes: gingerbread house, icing, lollies, base board, cellophane and ribbon, and a light supper.

\$38 per house (\$40 for gluten free)

<https://www.trybooking.com/CWXEF>



## NOTICES



**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](http://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 the St. John's parish are invited to contact Alison Campbell (9.30am) [a.ic@live.com.au](mailto:a.ic@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](http://stjohnscanberra.org/payments).

**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)

**\*Sunday 24 November: Parish Information Meeting.** Plans are progressing for a significant series of works to prepare our parish buildings for ministry in the coming decades. There will be an information meeting today to update you on the first of these at **2.00pm** in the Robertson Room. All welcome.

**Sunday 24 November: OSL Healing Service.** All are invited to attend the Healing Service at St David's, Red Hill on Sunday at **2.00pm** (Feast of Christ The King) followed by afternoon tea. Please bring a plate. Info Fr John Gibson at [gibsonjohn385@gmail.com](mailto:gibsonjohn385@gmail.com) or 0451 681 118.

**\*Monday 25 November: Cuppacumalong.** All are welcome to this friendly gathering from **2.00pm-4.00pm** in the Robertson Room. Rev'd Dave will be speaking on 'Enchantment', followed by afternoon tea. Queries to Ailsa Curtis 6247 9363.

**Wednesday 27 November: The Art of Gentleness.** Dan Anderson will be speaking on the theme of gentleness in the workplace at this before-work event hosted by the City Bible Forum. **7.30am-8.30am** in the Forrest Room, Rydges Hotel (17 Canberra Avenue, Forrest). Register at <https://thirdspace.org.au/event/art-gentleness>

**\*Thursday 28 November: St John's Occasional Seminar - Christians and War.** Robertson Room, **7.30pm**. What has been the Christian contribution to the avoidance, conduct, and resolution of war? Does it help us to navigate present and future conflicts?

Rev'd Andrew *will not* have all the answers! but will give us some tools for helping ourselves and others think harder, and better, about war.

**\*Friday 29 November: Gingerbread Decorating.** Create and decorate a Christmas Gingerbread House. Ideal activity for children and families. **7.00pm** in the Hall. (See page 2 for cost/RSVP info).

**\*Saturday 30 November: Priests' Ordination.** Rev'd Anna Krebs, currently a Deacon, is among those due to be ordained as a Priest at this year's service. Please try to come along as an encouragement to Anna as she prepares to take up a new ministry in Goulburn in 2025. St Saviour's Cathedral, Goulburn, **11.00am –1.00pm**. You are welcome to stay for refreshments in the Hall afterwards. If you can offer (or would appreciate) a lift, please email [admin@stjohnscanberra.org](mailto:admin@stjohnscanberra.org)

**\*Saturday 30 November: Advent Hymns.** Prepare for the season of Advent by coming together to sing some favourite Advent hymns, and perhaps learn some new ones. All are welcome to join us for this informal 'singfest' in the church at **7.30pm**.

**\*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).

**\*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!

## MISSION MATTERS

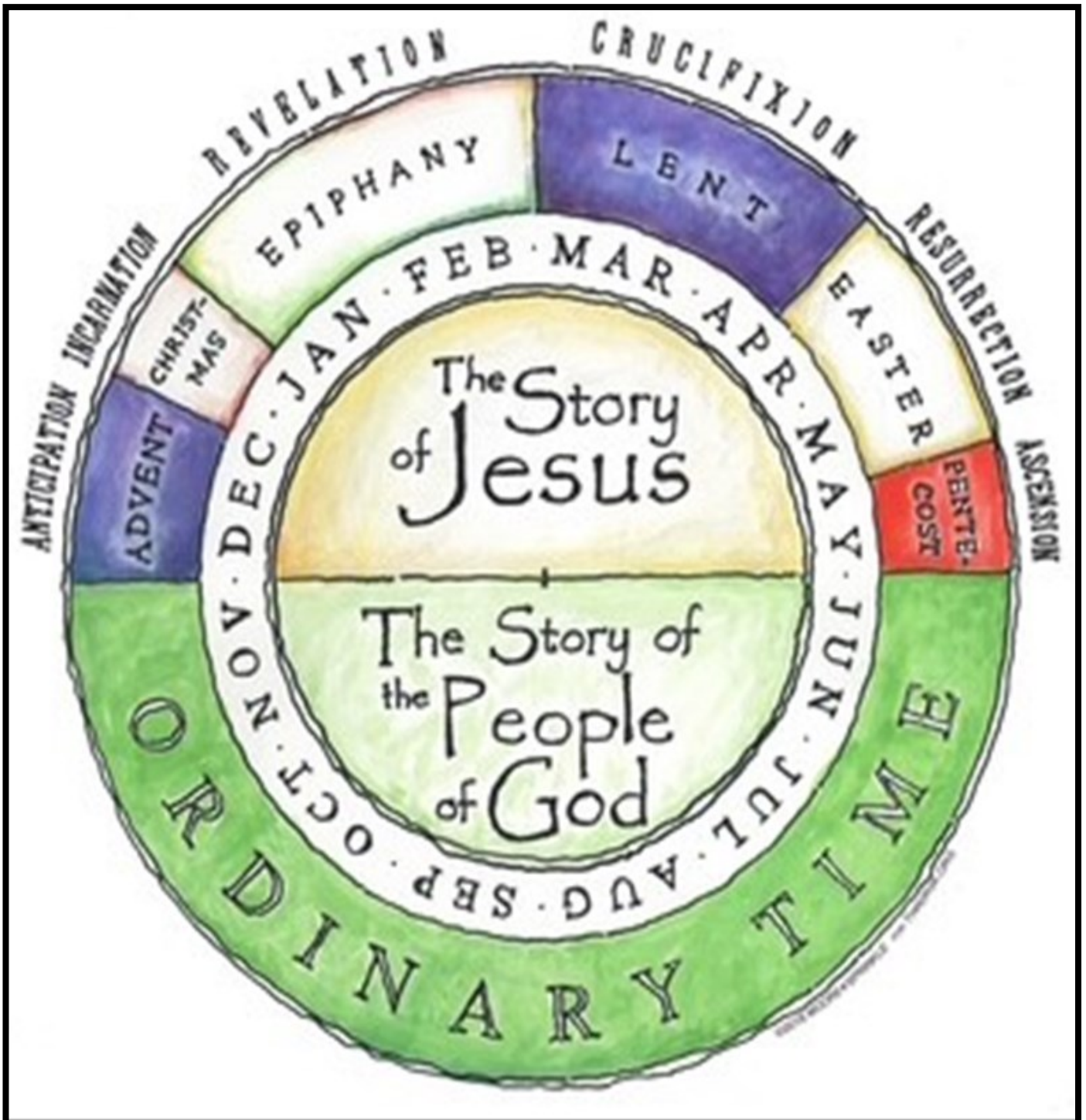
On Wednesday 30 October, the Robertson room was full of people who attended the Bush Church Aid information evening. BCA supports ministry in Anglican parishes which are unable to fully fund themselves.

We met Ben and Alissa Connelly from Cowra, who had son Josiah, daughter Vivienne and baby Ezekiel with them. Their congregation is small, but Ben is finding that he is conducting a lot of funerals. They and the leaders of the other 5 churches in Cowra have begun to plan the combined churches Carol Service set for December 20. Let's pray that this event will be a happy occasion, well attended and will build God's Kingdom in Cowra.

We also met Neville Naden, the Indigenous Ministry Officer who is based in Dubbo, but travels the country supporting and encouraging indigenous ministry.

BCA is one of the Missions our parish is supporting this year.

*Joan Nichols & Jean Nicol (Mission Committee)*



‘Christ the King’ is the final Sunday of the church year, as the sequence of Ordinary Time (‘Sundays after Pentecost’) gives way to the season of Advent. From today, our readings transition into a focus back into the story of Jesus – his coming, his sufferings, his rule, and his sending of the Spirit.

Photo credit: Third Church

## A lasting connection

This is the story of *H*, a man in his 50s whose journey we had the privilege of being a part of until his passing. *H* lived with a significant physical disability that limited him, he relied on a mechanical aid and was often confined to his home. For many years, he shared his life with his partner, but her passing left him living alone. Once successful in his career, his deteriorating health forced him to stop working. After losing his long-time partner, he faced increasing isolation.

I first met *H* when he called St. John's Care for food assistance. During that initial conversation, we spoke at length about his needs and how SJC could support him, he expressed how much it meant to have someone genuinely listen to him. From then on, while I supported him with practical needs, it was often our conversations that brought him the most comfort.

Two weeks ago, *H* fell at home and was rushed to the hospital with broken ribs. While recovering, he suddenly experienced sharp chest pains and was moved to the ICU. After a few days, he reached out and asked if I could visit. Seeing him in such a fragile state was heartbreaking, but *H* managed a smile and said, "It's so good to see a familiar face." He asked me to visit again, and I promised I would.

*H* shared his uncertainties about his health and recovery but told me how much comfort

he found in our visits. He asked if I could return in a couple of days, and I gladly promised to do so.

Sadly, two days later, *H*'s brother called to share the news that *H* had passed away. Although they weren't close, his brother told me *H* often spoke about the positive impact St. John's Care had on his life.

While losing *H* was devastating, I'm grateful for the opportunity to have spent time with him in his final days. His story is a poignant reminder that the support we provide extends far beyond food or clothing. At St. John's Care, we offer connection, compassion, and a sense of safety—often filling a void that many in our community feel deeply.

*H*'s resilience and gratitude will stay with me, and his memory will continue to inspire the work we do every day.

Kind regards,

Robbie Speldewinde

Operations Manager

**Items required:** Honey, vegemite, shampoo/conditioner, 1 litre full cream uht milk

**Christmas items:** Sports equipment, Lego, gift cards for teenagers, dolls/cars/figurines

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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and more

Includes community carol singing and supper

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Rowan Harvey-Martin

Pianist  
Dr Anthony Smith

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**6.00 PM SATURDAY 7 DECEMBER 2024**

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## Upcoming services

### Sunday 24 November 2024

#### Christ the King – The Reign of Christ

**Readings:** *Daniel 7.9-10, 13-14; Psalm 93; Revelation 1.4b-8; John 18.33-37*

- 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 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*

- 8am:** Sung Eucharist  
**9.30am:** Family Eucharist (Kids Church & Youth Group and Baptism)  
**11.15am:** Choral Eucharist (1662 Book of Common Prayer)  
**6pm:** stjohs@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*

- 7am:** Eucharist (1662 Book of Common Prayer)  
**8am:** Sung Eucharist  
**9.30am:** Christmas Pageant (No Eucharist)  
**5.00pm:** Choral Evensong (1662 Book of Common Prayer)  
**6pm:** stjohs@6 (Praise, Prayer & Proclamation)

#### 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:

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

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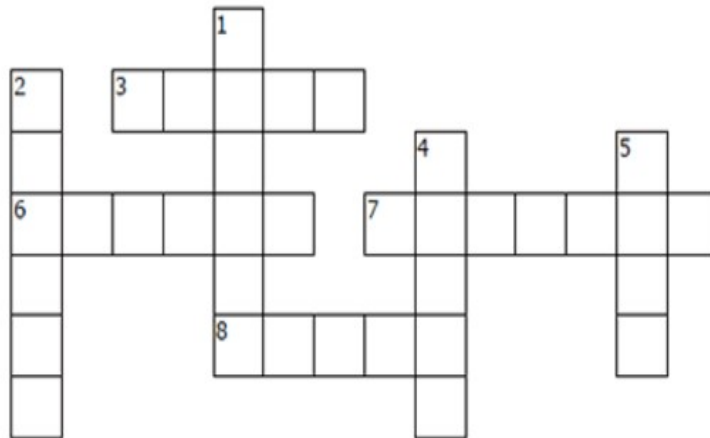
## FOR YOUR ENJOYMENT

### Born To Be King Crossword

## Born to Be King

Jesus answered, "You are right in saying I am a king. In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth." John 18:37 (NIV)

Based on John 11:33-37



#### ACROSS

3. The earth or universe
6. To make an effort to hear something
7. An area or territory ruled by king or queen
8. A statement proven to be or accepted as accurate or factual

#### DOWN

1. To capture and hold under the authority of law
2. Where a king or queen lives
4. To battle, quarrel, or argue; a conflict between two or more people
5. Brought into life by birth

ARREST	LISTEN	FIGHT	BORN
WORLD	PALACE	KINGDOM	TRUTH

# CHRISTMAS AT ST JOHN'S

## St John's Anglican Church Reid

Celebrating Christmas since 1841



### 24 December – Christmas Eve

**6.00 pm Community Carol Singing and Pageant** 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 pm** Choral Eucharist / Holy Communion

**11 pm** Sung Eucharist / Holy Communion

### 25 December – Christmas Day

**8 am** Sung Eucharist / Holy Communion

**9.30 am** Sung Eucharist / Holy Communion

**11.15 am** 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.