



# ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH CANBERRA

**8 December 2024**  
**Second Sunday of Advent**  
(This week's service times within)



*By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace. (Luke 1.78-79)*

Congratulations to our radiant  
Rev'd Anna Krebs  
at the Priest's Ordination  
on 30 November 2024  
at St Saviour's Cathedral, Goulburn.

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



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## **Bellringing | Advent 2024**

*Celebrating 60 years of the bells*

### **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.

## **NOTICES**



**Christmas Letterbox Drop (Reid & Campbell):** If you have some time in the next 10 days to walk some local streets, to advertise our Christmas Services please drop into the office to collect leaflets and a map.

**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.)

**Remembering Robert Todd AM.** The Todd family has generously contributed to our church's flowers this week, in memory of Robert Todd AM.



**Gingerbread Kits for Sale.** - \$38 (\$40 for GF). Includes house, icing, lollies, base board, cellophane and ribbon. Please email Mary de Lautour if you would like one. Available only while stocks last!

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

**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. Except there will be no 10.00am service on 1 January, 2025.

**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 welcome. Please contact Alison Campbell (9.30am) [a.ic@live.com.au](mailto:a.ic@live.com.au)

**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 a 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/>

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

**\*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).

**\*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 at 7.30pm as we enter into the longing of Advent and anticipate the joy and wonder of Christmas.





Beautiful and delicious Gingerbread Houses created at the Gingerbread House Decorating Night.



If everyone reading this page gave \$10 and 2 cans, or a little more, St John's Care is enabled to meet escalating needs in our community. ¶

As well as Jason's suggestions on the previous page, you can make a donation via - ¶

- → credit card over the phone, 9:30am-2pm Monday to Friday ☎ 02-6248-7771 (closed on public holidays) ¶
- → post to St John's Care, GPO Box 219, Canberra. 2601 ¶
- → bank transfer to St John's Care: ←
  - BSB: 702 389 ←
  - Account: 0520 9490 ¶
- → PayPal: [www.stjohnscare.org.au/donate](http://www.stjohnscare.org.au/donate) or scan this code: ¶



## Debts, Bills & A Big Dream

Early one morning, a man called St John's Care. I picked up the phone and heard a deep sigh, "I don't know where to start, we need help to pay a bill" he said, before there was a long pause.

As it was early in the morning, I invited E to drop in that day if he had time. An hour later, he was standing outside the Centre wearing thongs and T-shirt. E was invited in and given a cup of coffee before he could summon the courage to tell me his story.

He told me that he has two primary school aged children who live with him. After a family court issue, he was left with enormous debts and bills, most of which have been consolidated with the help of the tribunal.

E was put on a payment plan to repay the debts and although he receives support from Centrelink, the money isn't enough to cover all the debt repayments, utility bills and to put food on the table for his family. Although E doesn't like asking for help, he's been visiting emergency relief Centers in Canberra for support.

As he spoke, E kept sighing ... I asked if he was okay. "Not really. You see, the reason I can't work a full-time job is because I have fibromyalgia which means constant aches and pains, for which I take strong medications. But I have a dream of starting my own small food business, my culture street food! My two

beautiful children and this food business dream are what keeps me going".

I was left speechless, and an awe-inspiring feeling stayed with me for the whole day.

I arranged for an ample supply of food, fruit and vegetables for E to take home. We gave him a Foodbank voucher to supplement the weekly support. He was also invited to come to St John's Care for regular emergency relief.

E is preparing an application to raise venture capital and needs to complete a Food Safety Course. We offered to support E by paying for the course. His eyes filled with tears and a sense of relief.

"Thank you, thank you, thank you! I can't believe it. This means a lot to me", he said.

We will continue to support those with dreams like E and hope to see them flourish in our community.

SJC's donors' generous help counts in so many ways. Your donations help us focus on an individual's needs, enabling us to help a person or family at any given time.

Kind regards

Karen Medrano

Case Manager

**Items required:** Up and Go's, Pasta Sauce, Cooking Oil, Baby Wipes

# Upcoming services

## 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**

## Sunday 22 December 2024

### Fourth Sunday of Advent

**Readings:** *Micah 5.2-5a; Song of Mary; Hebrews 10.5-10; Luke 1.39-45 (46-55)*

- 7.00am: **Eucharist** (1662 Book of Common Prayer)  
8.00am: **Sung Eucharist**  
9.30am: **Family Eucharist** (School Holidays – Kids Church in recess)  
6.00pm: **stjohns@6** (Praise, Prayer & Proclamation)

### Each Wednesday

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

For more information: [www.stjohnscanberra.org](http://www.stjohnscanberra.org)



# 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 **12pm**, 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.

## 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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