

# 20 June 2021

## CELEBRATING JOHN THE BAPTIST OUR PATRON SAINT



### Today's Services

**Readings** : Isaiah 49.1-6, Ps 139.1-11, Acts 13.22-26, Luke 1.57-66,80

**8 am**            **Sung Eucharist**

**9.30 pm**        **Sunday@9.30** Holy Communion in the Hall  
- kids@church and Youth Group

**11.15 am**      **Eucharist (BCP)**

**6 pm**            **stjohns@6**

**10 am**          **Wednesday BCP Holy Communion & KJV Bible**

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# Welcome to St John's

## Covid Check In

Please register your attendance on the **Check In CBR App** before entering the church.

## Holy Communion

All baptised members of Christian denominations are welcome to receive communion. Covid restrictions mean the sacrament is in one kind only. Gluten free wafers are available.

Communion is received standing, then exit through the side door and return to your seats through the main door, thus ensuring one way traffic. If you are unable to come forward, please let a sidesperson know so the sacrament can be brought to you. You are most welcome to come forward for a blessing if you would prefer not to receive communion.

## Visitor? New Parishioner?

Are you a newcomer or a visitor? Please make yourself known to a member of the clergy or a sidesperson. If anyone has any pastoral need or concern, or would like to discuss any issues from today's services or any other matter, a member of the clergy would be pleased to meet with you. Please contact the Parish Office to arrange an appointment.

## Hearing Loop

An induction loop has been fitted into the left hand side of the Church as you enter. Please use the appropriate setting on your hearing aid.

## First Aid

First Aid kits are located in the church sanctuary, vestry and kitchen. A defibrillator is located in the hall foyer. Alert a sidesperson if needed.

## How to Give

A regular donation or one-off transfer from your bank account via the Internet or use your debit or credit card via our Tap donation point:

<b>BSB</b>	<b>702 389</b>
<b>ACCOUNT</b>	<b>0520 9450</b>
<b>NAME</b>	<b>St John the Baptist Reid</b>

## Safe Communities of Faith

St John's places a high priority on ensuring our faith community is safe for all who worship and visit here. We follow diocesan guidelines and encourage everyone to help promote a safe environment. To report any form of child abuse ring 1800 070 511.

## St John's Care Basket

Each Sunday there is a food bin at the front of the Hall. This provides an easy way to make donations of food to St John's Care.

## Schoolhouse Museum, built in 1845

Canberra's first school and schoolmaster's residence is open Wednesdays 10 am -12 noon, Saturdays and Sundays 2-4 pm. School and other groups welcome by arrangement Monday to Friday.

Contact: Diana Body 0427 430 158.

## Christian Meditation

**Wednesday 5 pm** – 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month in the Robertson Room (with Zoom), and Zoom online on alternate Wednesdays. Email Joan to request the Zoom link [jarmitage@grapevine.com.au](mailto:jarmitage@grapevine.com.au)

## 'mainly music'

Do you have a child under school age who loves to sing and dance? Meets on Tuesday mornings during school terms. Contact:

[y.p.minister@stjohnscanberra.org](mailto:y.p.minister@stjohnscanberra.org)

## Bellringing

is on hold indefinitely due to Covid restrictions and social distancing regulations.

## Working Bees

are held in the Church grounds on the first Saturday morning of each month from 9.30 am. All helpers welcome.

## Sunday's Newsletter

can be downloaded from the parish website, [www.stjohnscanberra.org](http://www.stjohnscanberra.org), on the preceding Thursday afternoon. The deadline for newsletter contributions is noon Wednesday.

## St John's on YouTube

Every Sunday one of the services is recorded for those unable to attend. It is linked to the parish webpage during Sunday.

## Toilets & Baby Change Facilities

including a toilet for those with a disability, are available in the Hall foyer.

## St Mark's National Theological Centre Library

We have a parish membership of the library and encourage you to avail yourself of this wonderful resource at 15 Blackall Street, Barton.

## WELCOME REV'D JOHN KURUVILLA



### **This week we welcome John to our St John's family**

John was born and brought up in Kerala, India. Hailing from the ancient Mar Thoma Church which is believed to have been established by St Thomas in AD 52, John decided to follow Christ at the age of 16. In the years that followed he became active in the Church and its activities in various capacities and was never ashamed to share his faith with everyone around him.

Having trained as an Electrical Engineer, he worked in Mumbai, India for 7 years, before leaving for UAE and later to the Sultanate of Oman. After 13 years, in the Middle East, he went back to India in late 2000 and worked there for over 3 years. In 2004, he left for Ireland and lived there until he migrated to Australia in 2006 and has lived in Australia ever since.

John's experience ranges from the following industries and fields: Power generation, Power Distribution, Military, Petroleum, Mining, Process control, Food production, Printing, Maintenance, Consultancy,

Teaching and Training. In all, John has lived and worked in 5 countries and worked in 9 industries, learning different languages and befriending people from many nations.

In 2012, John quit his fulltime job with the Canberra Times Newspaper to study in Charles Sturt University and completed a degree in Theology, a Masters in Christian Ministry, and is currently pursuing a Doctorate. He also did two Cert IV courses and an Advanced Diploma in the meantime, in addition to multiple other industry specific courses which he needed to become a Licenced professional. While studying Theology, he worked as a teacher in the Canberra Institute of Technology until late 2019.

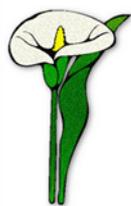
John was ordained as a Priest in the Anglican Church in 2017. Before taking up the ministry in a rural setting, John served as an Asst. Priest at Arawang Parish at Kambah. From March 2018, he is Priest-in-Charge, in the rural parish of South Monaro in NSW. He will be in the parish on the 1st and 3rd Sundays.

Among other interests, John used to co-host a talk show program known as *Faith & Culture* on Canberra's 1 WAY FM Radio. John is actively involved in helping new migrants to integrate into the host country through a mentor program known as *Pathfinder*. John and his wife Molly have 3 adult children and 4 grandchildren.

*Our vision is to be a vibrant Christ-centred community that engages  
and transforms the heart and soul of Canberra.*

## PARISH NOTICES

### VALE AUDREY EILEEN TURNER



Long term, well known parishioner Audrey Turner died last week. Members of St John's attended her funeral at the crematorium on Wednesday.

Rest eternal grant unto her, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon her.

### CUPPACOMALONG

Come and join us for a cuppa and a chat in the Robertson Room on **Monday 28 June between 2 & 4 pm**. Refreshments provided. Contact Ailsa Curtis 6247 9363



### 8AM MORNING TEA



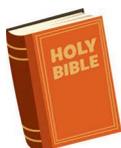
Please join us on **Sunday 4 July** for morning tea out on the deck following the 8am service. This is an opportunity for parishioners to decide if and when they want to recommence regular morning teas.

### 9.30 SERVICE MORNING TEA ROSTER

Seeking a new volunteer to organise the roster - and two more people who are willing to serve morning tea once a month. There has not been a morning tea after the 9.30 service for the last couple of weeks. Please let Canon Margaret know if you can help.

### WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Led by Rev'd Vicky Cullen, from this week the study will be covering Joshua and Judges. Later it will be James. Join us on Wednesday morning 11.00 am -12.30pm in the Robertson Room.



### 2021 HERITAGE FUND APPEAL

Parishioners and friends are invited to donate to this year's Heritage Fund Appeal which aims to raise funds for the internal refurbishment of the Rectory. The project is substantial, and the work has to be carried out before the arrival of our new Rector.

Donations of \$2 or more to the Heritage Fund are tax deductible. Your support for this project would be greatly appreciated. Randall Wilson, Chair of Trustees



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### CHURCH OPEN ON SUNDAY AFTERNOONS

In conjunction with the Schoolhouse Museum, St John's welcomes visitors back for private prayer, to contemplate and to explore Canberra's oldest church between 2 & 4 pm on Sunday afternoons. Please consider rejoining us at one of our services as set out on our website. [www.stjohnscanberra.org](http://www.stjohnscanberra.org)

### RECYCLING INTO COMPOST

St John's leaves, lawn cuttings, SJC food scraps etc. are recycled by Colin Lendon into rich compost. Bags are available now, and your donations are put towards the tree replacement fund for replenishing our lovely old precinct. Colin @ 0431 198 260.

### I'VE ALWAYS WONDERED...

Got a burning question, profound or mundane? Please ask during notice time at each service.

If possible we'll answer quickly on the spot or will take it on notice for an answer.

## Escape from tragedy

I met a young lady yesterday who stood aloof from our Centre. I introduced myself and asked how I could help. Whilst on our way to a warm place to have a private conversation, G began to tell me about her life.

G had just turned 21 and had moved to Canberra from South Australia two months earlier. She had grown up in Adelaide with her parents and brother and had lived an uneventful life until her father was killed in a motor vehicle accident when she was 16.

Following the accident, G and her family struggled to overcome their grief, and never fully recovered. G's brother was accepted to study at the Australian National University, so he packed his belongings and moved to Canberra.

Their mother who never recovered from the loss of her husband, fell into a deep depression. This was especially hard for G to experience; she had lost one parent and she was determined to avoid losing a second. Concerned about her mother's health, G booked her mother in for a general check-up at the local GP. After several visits to the doctor, and multiple blood tests, she was diagnosed with stage 4 breast cancer and given approximately 12 months to live.

Unexpectedly, G assumed the role of her mother's carer, spending most of her time at home providing support for her. As her mother's condition deteriorated further, the time and costs associated with supporting her grew significantly. The family began using the small inheritance their father had left them to pay for the medical costs.

After battling cancer for almost 13 months, G and her brother laid their mother to rest in the same cemetery that their father was buried in only 2 years earlier.

With little left in Adelaide, G packed her things and accompanied her brother to Canberra where they found a small 1 bedroom + study apartment. Although G was not working, the siblings were getting by on his basic income, and their combined savings.

G was eager to begin nursing and contribute towards the household bills but was unable to afford the registration fee. She reached out to a support agency who suggested she visit us at St John's Care.

We gave G some groceries, complete with fresh meat, dairy, fruit, and vegetables. St John's Care was also able to contribute towards her energy and phone bills – putting her in the credit for next quarter's bills. I sat down with G and led her through the registration process, before paying the registration fee.

G was in disbelief as she stared at me with tears rolling down her cheeks. She is now in the process of applying for full time nursing positions in the ACT, with hopes of gaining employment in the coming weeks.

St John's Care has truly changed the trajectory of this young lady's life and empowered her to continue striving to reach her goals. We would like to send a big thank you to our supporters and donors for allowing us to make a real difference in the lives of our clients.

Robbie Speldewinde, Programs Coordinator

**Items required:** 1 Litre Full Cream Long life Milk, Pasta Meals, 1 Litre Lactose Free Long life Milk

## FROM THE BISHOP - Media Release 9 June 2021

### ANGLICAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA TAKES A LEADERSHIP ROLE IN PREVENTING AND RESPONDING TO INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE

The Anglican Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn has welcomed the Standing Committee of the Anglican Church of Australia's decision to examine the prevalence of Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) within the broader Anglican community and the measures developed to prevent and address the issue.

IPV is defined as behaviour within an intimate relationship that causes physical, sexual or psychological harm, including physical aggression, sexual coercion, psychological abuse and controlling behaviours.

The Australian Institute of Family Studies notes IPV is the most common form of family violence used against women in Australia and takes place across all cultures and faith groups.

Convenor of the Anglican Church of Australia's Family Violence Working Group, The Reverend Tracy Lauersen said the Church has deliberately taken the lead on a broader societal issue.

"We embarked on a two-year research project to better understand the nature and prevalence of IPV in our community and develop and implement more effective responses," she said. The research, commissioned by the Church and conducted by NCLS Research, produced 28 top line findings, which included:

- The prevalence of IPV among Anglicans was the same or higher than in the wider Australian community.
- Women were much more likely than men to have experienced IPV.
- Most Anglican victims of IPV did not seek help from Anglican Churches, but for those that did most reported that it positively changed the situation or helped them feel supported.

- Clergy and lay leaders were well-informed about breadth of IPV and understood that it was more men who commit violence.
- Most clergy felt that having women on the pastoral team equips the Church to better respond to IPV.
- Clergy confidence in their personal capacity to respond to IPV was low to moderate.
- Perpetrators' misuse Christian teachings and positional power.

The Bishop of the Anglican Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn, The Right Reverend Dr Mark Short said the research has shone a light on the scourge of IPV within the Anglican faith community.

"Any form of family violence is contrary to the teachings and example of Jesus. These findings are a wakeup call to the church to ensure that our words are matched by actions and that we prioritise the well-being of victims and survivors in our churches."

The Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn was an active participant in the research project. All clergy trained in the Diocese must take a course in recognising and responding appropriately to domestic and family violence. Through its welfare arm Anglicare it offers support and accommodation to women and children feeling family violence.

In response to the research findings, the Anglican Church has developed and endorsed 10 Commitments to improve the way IPV is addressed within its faith community. They are focused on cultural change, education, training and support.

"We are forever grateful to those that took part in our research project, from members of the Clergy and lay leaders to survivors and victims across the country, for they are helping to drive change in the Anglican Church and, we hope, more broadly across Australia," Reverend Lauersen said.

To find out more about the research, visit: <https://anglican.org.au/our-work/family-violence/>



**Next week Sunday 27 June**

**- Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Readings : 2 Samuel 1.1, 17-27, Ps 130, 2 Corinthians 8. 7-15, Mark 5.21-43**

**7 am Eucharist (BCP)**

**8 am Sung Eucharist**

**9.30 am Sunday@9.30 Holy Communion in the Hall  
- kids@church and Youth Group**

**6 pm stjohns@6**

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### **Prayer for a new Rector**

**Bountiful God,  
give to this parish a faithful pastor  
who will faithfully speak your word  
and minister your sacraments;  
an encourager who will equip your people for ministry  
and enable us to fulfil our calling.  
Give to those who will choose, wisdom,  
discernment and patience,  
and to us give warm and generous hearts,  
for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.**

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## PARISH CONTACTS

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website: [www.stjohnscare.org](http://www.stjohnscare.org)

### School House Museum

Diana Body	0427 430 158	<a href="mailto:schoolhouse@stjohnscanberra.org">schoolhouse@stjohnscanberra.org</a>
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### Friends of St John's

Acting Chair: The Rev'd Vicky Cullen		<a href="mailto:friendsofstjohnscanberra@gmail.com">friendsofstjohnscanberra@gmail.com</a>
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**Parish Office Hours: Mon - Thurs 9.30 am - 2.30 pm**

**Ph: 6248 8399** For more information [www.stjohnscanberra.org](http://www.stjohnscanberra.org)