



National Trust - St John's Church
Heritage Conservation Appeal Fund



May 2023

Dear Friends

St John's Church Stained Glass Windows Appeal

The Heritage Fund's 2022 Appeal raised funds to improve the appearance of the church's entrance porch. Work on the door and panelling to the side of the stairs is now close to being completed, and refurbishment of the Gruner cupboard and bookshelves will begin later this year, following consultation with siderspersons and others.

This year's Heritage Fund Appeal focuses on a major and important long-term project: the conservation of the church's 17 stained glass windows.

In 2015 we commissioned a conservation management plan for our main heritage structures. The report identified the opaque plastic protective sheeting over the east window and several windows on the north facade as being unattractive and detrimental to the view of the stained glass from outside and to the clarity of the stained glass from inside the church. A more detailed report was then commissioned to assess the condition of the stained glass in each of the windows. The report identified conservation work that would be required in the short term and beyond.

The oldest stained glass windows were installed in timber frames and the later windows into stone frames and walls. With this in mind, we propose to start the long-term project with the small window on the north side of the chancel which requires some re-leading and the replacement of the plastic protective sheeting with toughened glass. This will allow the church to establish a working relationship with the contractors before commencing the more complex and major work required on the two large timber-framed windows on the north side of the church.



This year's Appeal aims to raise enough money to complete the first window and commence work on the larger windows, with future appeals targeting the other windows on the northern facade and our glorious east window.

If you decide to donate to the Appeal, we encourage you to indicate a preference for either 'The Church' or 'General Funds'. This will allow the Fund's trustees to direct your donation to this year's project.

Although we have nominated one of the church's stained glass windows as the focus of this year's Appeal, you are free of course to donate towards further conservation work relating to the Churchyard, the Schoolhouse or the Rectory. The choice is entirely yours.

St John's Anglican Church Canberra

Corner of Constitution Avenue and Anzac Park Reid - www.stjohnscanberra.org - PO Box 219 Canberra ACT 2601

On behalf of the trustees of the Heritage Conservation Appeal Fund we thank everyone who has donated in the past. St John's is part of the spiritual heart and life of our nation's capital. Any support you can offer towards the conservation of our historic precinct is greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely



Eric Martin, AM
Trustee and Council Member
National Trust of Australia – ACT



The Reverend David McLennan
Rector

How to donate to our 2023 Appeal

Donate online by going to the St John's website www.stjohnscanberra.org:

- Click on **About Us** and then go down the page and click on **Giving**.
- Then click on **Heritage Fund**. This will take you to the **National Trust-St John's Church Heritage Fund** page on the **GiveNow** website.
- A receipt for your tax-deductible donation will be sent promptly to your email address.

Donations made this way are allocated by default to General Funds. If you would like your donation allocated to the Church, the Churchyard, the Schoolhouse or the Rectory, send an email to admin@stjohnscanberra.org, indicating your preferred allocation.

Donate by electronic funds transfer (EFT):

- Transfer funds to the Heritage Fund's account with the Anglican Investment and Development Fund (AIDF) using BSB: 702 389 and Account Number: 05202626.
- Then go to the St John's website www.stjohnscanberra.org.
- Click on **About Us** and then click on **Giving**.
- Then click on **Contact Us** and send an email admin@stjohnscanberra.org, giving your name and email address as well as the amount of your donation.

A receipt for your tax-deductible donation will be sent promptly to your email address. Donations made this way are also allocated by default to our General Funds. If you would like your donation allocated to the Church, the Churchyard, the Schoolhouse or the Rectory, indicate your preferred allocation in your email.

Post a cheque payable to the National Trust-St John's Church Heritage Conservation Appeal Fund to GPO Box 219, Canberra, ACT 2601.

- If you are donating this way and have received an electronic copy of the Heritage Fund brochure, make a copy of the tear-off slip and return it completed with your cheque. A receipt for your tax-deductible donation will be sent promptly to you either by email or by post.
- If you have received this letter in its printed form together with a Heritage Fund brochure, please fill in the brochure's tear-off slip and return it with your cheque. A receipt for your tax-deductible donation will be sent to you promptly either by post or, if you wish, by email.