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We need your support

The cost of conserving our heritage-listed precinct is significant. As with all historic buildings, conservation is often difficult and expensive.



In St John's case, apart from buildings and structures, there is the need to conserve the churchyard, trees and the native grasslands that contain some rare and endangered fauna and flora including the Golden Sun Moth.

The trustees would like to build up the reserves of the Fund so as to enable a portion to be set aside to meet any substantial, unexpected or urgent conservation cost that might arise.



Our achievements

Through the generosity of donors, the Fund supported replacement of the church's asbestos cement tile roof in 2019 with long-lasting Welsh slate.

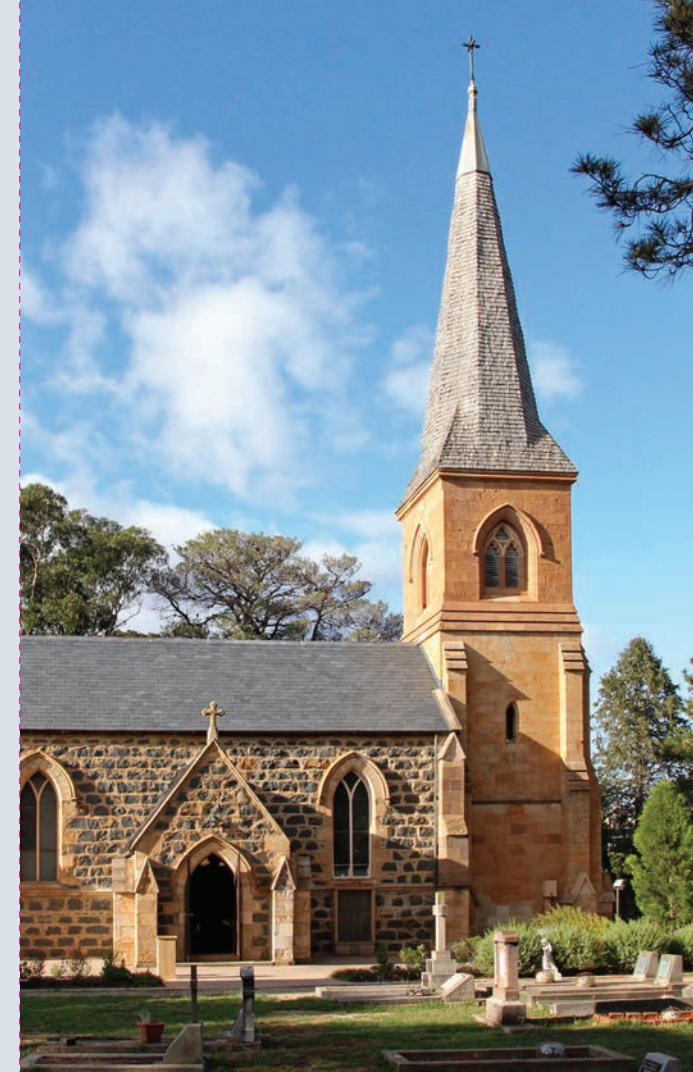
Other projects funded over the past decade include installation of closed-circuit TV cameras and smoke alarms in the church and the Schoolhouse Museum to improve security; upgrading the church's pipe organ; restoration of the west and east lychgates; and replanting of the avenue leading to the church.

Conservation of the church building is a continuing project.



How you can help

Your tax deductible donation to the Fund will enable the heritage precinct to be better conserved and managed for future generations of Australians. You may also wish to consider making a bequest to the Fund. Please see the tear-off slip for details.



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In the early months of 1841, the summer sun bore down on a low ridge that rose northwards from the Molonglo River valley in the Limestone Plains, some 200 miles to the south-west of Sydney. On a rounded hillock on this ridge, workmen were busy. Their picks and shovels glinted in the clear sunshine as they made ready the ground to receive the foundations of a small church building.

Extract from *Firm Still You Stand*
by A H Body, 1986



The foundation stone for the Anglican Church of St John the Baptist, Canberra was laid by the Rev’d Edward Smith on 11 May 1841 and the church building was completed in May 1844. It was consecrated on 12 March 1845 by the Rt Rev’d William Broughton, Bishop of Australia.

A building program between 1860 and 1872 led to the church being extended to its present size, with the tower being completed under the direction of well known colonial architect Edmund Blacket. The spire was finished in 1877.



The historic church and its surroundings have been a focus of religious and social life since the early years of European settlement. Since the late nineteenth century, the spire has been a familiar landmark in Canberra. Children of the district learned to read and write at the St John’s school, and many early settlers and their descendants are buried in the St John’s churchyard.

The heritage-listed precinct was placed on the ACT Heritage Register in 2004.

Help conserve our heritage

You are invited to donate to the National Trust – St John’s Heritage Conservation Appeal Fund to help us meet the cost of maintaining our heritage-listed precinct. This includes the church, the churchyard, the schoolhouse, the rectory and part of the surrounding landscape.

Donations of \$2.00 or more to the Heritage Conservation Appeal Fund are tax deductible.



Donations to the Fund will be spent on conservation of the heritage precinct or to meet the costs of administering the Fund.

The Appeal Fund is administered by trustees who serve in an honorary capacity, subject to the terms of a trust deed and trust law.

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I/we would like to donate to:

- General funds \$.....
- The Church \$.....
- The Churchyard \$.....
- The Schoolhouse \$.....

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Address

Donate online by credit card at
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Click on **About Us**, then go to **Giving**, then to **Heritage Fund** and donate through **GiveNow**.

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OR

Transfer your donation to our account at Anglican Investment Development Fund
BSB: 702-389 Account No: 05202626

If you use this option and would like a receipt, you must send an email to admin@stjohnscanberra.org

OR

Enclose a cheque payable to National Trust–St John’s Church Heritage Conservation Appeal Fund for \$.....

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