



THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF
ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, GORDON
THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT
10 DECEMBER 2017



W E L C O M E T O S T J O H N ' S

I was glad when they said unto me, We will go into the house of the Lord. Psalm 122:1

S U N D A Y S E R V I C E S

7:30AM MORNING PRAYER, BCP

8:00AM HOLY COMMUNION, BCP service with APBA readings

9:30AM HOLY COMMUNION, APBA

WEEKDAYS

7:00AM Morning Prayer, Monday to Thursday, Book of Common Prayer—
last Morning Prayer of the year Thursday, 14 December,
resumes Monday, 5 February 2018

10:00AM Thursday, Midweek Holy Communion Service with Healing, Book of Common Prayer

CHORAL EVENSONG

4:00PM Second Sunday of the month, March through November,
next Evensong 11 March 2018

RED LETTER DAYS occurring Monday to Friday are observed
with a service of Holy Communion following 7:00AM Morning Prayer.
No observances on Saturdays or Public Holidays.

The next Red Letter Days are 21 December, St Thomas, Apostle and Martyr
Tuesday, 26 December, Saint Stephen, First Martyr
Wednesday, 27 December, Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist
Thursday, December 28, The Innocents

The **CHURCH IS OPEN FOR PRAYER** at varied times during the week.

VISITORS, you are welcome to receive Communion at St John's if you receive at
your own church and your church discipline allows.
Scan this QR code to go to the church website.



Notices

READINGS For Today, 10 December, Second Sunday In Advent

7:30AM Isaiah 64 2 Timothy 3:14-4:8

8:00AM 2 Peter 3:8-14 Mark 1:1-8

9:30AM Isaiah 40:1-11 Psalm 85:8-13 2 Peter 3:8-14 Mark 1:1-8

READINGS For Next Sunday, 17 December, Third Sunday In Advent

7:30AM Malachi 3:1-5 Matthew 11:2-19

8:00AM 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 John 1:6-8, 19-28

9:30AM Isaiah 61:1-7 Magnificat 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 John 1:6-8, 19-28

CHRISTMAS EVE MASTERMINDS REQUIRED, one **INDOORS**, directing the Nativity play at the 5:00PM Christmas Eve family service and one **OUTDOORS**, organizing the after-service BBQ and games. Contact Father Keith immediately.

We have a new **SIDESMAN** at 9:30AM today, **JIM BIERER**.

The last **WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY** of the year is this Wednesday, resuming 7 February.

The last **MORNING PRAYER** service of the year will be held Thursday, 14 December, resuming Monday, 5 February.

Donations are sought for **FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH AT CHRISTMAS**. The Flower Guild would be grateful for hydrangeas, agapanthus or Christmas bush from your garden. Envelopes may be handed to Jan Kneeshaw or Jan McLachlan Sunday mornings or sent to the church office, marked for that purpose.

SCRIPTURE CLASSES at Gordon East Public School have wound up for the year. **Natalie Maschmeyer**, Scripture Co-ordinator, would like to thank **Jan McLachlan** for covering absences and **Peter Mury** for performing the required observation of Scripture teachers in action. Without their support, it would be very difficult to carry on this vital ministry to the local children. **Apart from Natalie, there are currently no teachers from St John's**. Please prayerfully consider whether this ministry, which is in direct obedience to the Great Commission, might be something for you. You could team up with your spouse or a friend. Training and materials are provided. Natalie says, "It's a bit like child-rearing—when you look in from the outside it just looks like a lot of hard work, but when you are in relationship with the children, it becomes glorious and fun!" Natalie may be contacted at n.a.maschmeyer@iinet.net.au. More information can also be found at www.youthworks.net.

This Week In The Parish

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| SUN 10 | 7:30AM | 8AM Singers' rehearsal, Tower Room |
| | 11:30AM | Parish Choir rehearsal, stalls |
| | 6:30PM | Choir Rehearsal |
| MON 11 | Noon | St John's Kitchen Monthly Community Luncheon, Christmas Luncheon (revised date) |
| | | Scripture Classes at Gordon East Public School have finished for the year |
| TUE 12 | Morning | Op Shop sorts and prices |
| WED 13 | 10:00AM | Wednesday Morning Bible Study with Father Keith, church office, last for the year, resumes 7 February |
| | 11:00AM | Bible Study for Chinese speakers, led by Father Ernest, Crypt |
| THU 14 | Morning | Op Shop sorts and prices |
| | 5:00PM | Social Activities for Chinese speakers, hosted by Father Ernest, Hall |

See front page for recurring Sunday and weekday worship services.

Upcoming Events

*A listing of Advent, Christmas and Epiphany services and events
may be found on Page 4*

Copies of **THE CATHEDRAL SINGERS' CD, LO! THE STAR**, carols for the Annunciation and Advent, Christmas Eve, Christmas and Epiphany, are available in the narthex or from Jan Kneeshaw—\$10 each or two for \$15, three for \$20.

The latest **NEWSLETTER** from **THE CATHEDRAL SINGERS** has been e-mailed to all on the pew bulletin e-mail mailing list. Paper copies are in the narthex.

ADDITIONAL INTERCESSORS at the 9:30AM service would be welcome in the new year, as would be **WELCOMERS** for the 8:00AM service, third Sunday of each month. Let Cynthia Keithly know you are willing and able.



*There was no room for them
in the place where travelers
lodged*

ADVENT, CHRISTMAS AND EPIPHANY at St John's, Gordon

Sunday, 17 December—Third Sunday In Advent

8:00AM Choral Communion with 8AM Singers

9:30AM Choral Eucharist with Parish Choir

7:30PM Nine Lessons and Carols with Parish Choir, 8AM Singers,
Voces Joannis and members of Evensong Choir

Sunday, 24 December—Fourth Sunday In Advent and Christmas Eve

8:00AM Choral Communion with 8AM Singers

9:30AM Choral Eucharist with Parish Choir

5:00PM Family Christmas Eve Service, BBQ to follow

11:00PM Christmas Eve Choral Communion "Midnight Mass"
with *Voces Joannis*

Monday, 25 December—Christmas Day

8:00AM Festal Choral Communion with 8AM Singers and Parish Choir

10:00AM Festal Choral Eucharist with *Voces Joannis* and/or cantors,
to be confirmed

Sunday, 31 December—First Sunday After Christmas

8:00AM Communion sans choir

9:30AM Sung Eucharist with *Voces Joannis*

Saturday, 6 January—Epiphany

7:30PM Sung Eucharist sans choir



ANGLICAN BOARD OF MISSION ADVENT APPEALS

The ABM is supporting the **Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) Program** in eight newly identified communities in **Vanuatu**. The program assists with the installation of water tanks, Ventilation Improved Pit (VIP) toilets, and repairs to established gravity-fed water systems. Running water is currently non-existent in many communities and the water is often collected from miles away. The only available toilets are open pits, which pose the constant threat of disease and injury, especially to young children. With the help of the Anglican Church of Melanesia in Vanuatu's (ACOMV) volunteers, the ABM will continue to support this work and the staff members to help increase access to clean water and sanitation facilities. Hygiene awareness, skills development training for youth and safe hygiene practices training will be provided within the eight communities. Your support will help thousands of people gain access to clean water and hygiene facilities.

Across Australia, hundreds of **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglicans** are responding to the call of God's mission in their own local communities. They are proclaiming the love of Christ, baptising and nurturing new believers, responding to the cries of the sick and imprisoned, challenging injustice and caring for God's creation, their country. The ABM supports this ministry by making **small grants** available to help equip and enable Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in ministry. ABM is proud to support people like the Reverend Gloria Shipp, pictured on donation envelopes, who takes church to the people with the activities of **Walkabout Ministries** in central New South Wales. Your gift to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Mission Fund helps to provide resources to Anglican churches as they respond to the specific circumstances of their own communities.

Donation envelopes have been inserted into your pew bulletin. Please consider making a donation to the Anglican Board of Mission this Advent.

Copies of Partners, the magazine of the Anglican Board of Mission Australia, are in the narthex. The cover story of the latest edition, Spring 2017, is "How ABM Responds In Times Of Emergency".

Services and Rosters

TODAY, 10 DECEMBER, SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

8:00AM CHORAL COMMUNION (BCP, readings from APBA)

Sidesmen: Leonie Hayne, John Brandon and Alan Tilley
 Welcoming: John McLean
 First Reading: Jan McLachlan

9:30AM SOLEMN CHORAL EUCHARIST (APBA)

Sidesman: Jim Bierer and John Marshall
 Welcoming: Mary Mewett
 First Reading: Robertson Wright
 Prayers Of The People: Nicola Chau
 Offertory Procession: Elizabeth Kelly and Jennifer Lum
 Morning Tea: The Friday Group

NEXT SUNDAY, 17 DECEMBER, THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

8:00AM CHORAL COMMUNION (BCP, readings from APBA)

Sidesmen: Sue Talbot, Chris Russell and Bob Talbot
 First Reading: Catherine Barker

9:30AM CHORAL COMMUNION (APBA)

Sidesmen: John Marshall and JK Seo
 Welcoming: Ruth Myers
 First Reading: Zac Tucker
 Prayers Of the People: Cynthia Keithly
 Offertory Procession: Mary Mewett and Ruth Myers
 Morning Tea: Janet Long, Deb Marshall and Youngjee Lee

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| Pew Bulletin | Cynthia Keithly | In the office Thursdays 10:00AM to 5:30PM Deadline is end of the day Tuesday pewbulletin@stjohnsgordon.org.au |