



THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF  
**ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, GORDON**  
ADVENT SUNDAY  
3 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

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 Day is 21 December, St Thomas, Apostle and Martyr

Not Red Letter Days, but days of note are

6 December Nicholas of Myra, Bishop and Philanthropist

7 December The Patriarchs, Prophets and Wise Men of the Old Testament and

8 December Conception of Mary, the Mother of the Lord

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, 3 December, First Sunday In Advent**

As a new church year begins, readings are now in Year B of the lectionary's reading cycle.

**7:30AM** Isaiah 51:1-11 Matthew 25:31-end

**8:00AM** 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 Mark 13:31-37

**9:30AM** Isaiah 63:15-64:12 Psalm 80:1-7 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 Mark 13:31-37

### **READINGS For Next Sunday, 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

The **WOMEN'S EVENING GROUP CHRISTMAS STALL** is open this morning after both services for your Christmas shopping. Note that there will be no stall in January. The ladies have also provided morning tea.



**ADVENT CAROLS** is tonight at 7:30PM. A carols service is a great way to introduce people to St John's and Christian worship, so come along and bring a friend. Homemade mince pies will be served afterwards.

The **LAST OP SHOP SALE OF THE YEAR** is Saturday the 9th from 9:00AM. Come find a bargain, perhaps a one-of-a-kind Christmas present for someone hard to shop for, and help find homes for the last of the 2017 donations. Be reminded that the Op Shop stocks books, too.



### **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.  
This is a fun and very casual service.  
Contact Father Keith.

## This Week In The Parish

<b>SUN 3</b>	<b>7:30AM</b>	8AM Singers' rehearsal, Tower Room <u>No</u> 11:30AM Parish Choir rehearsal
	<b>6:30PM</b>	Choir Rehearsal
	<b>7:30PM</b>	Advent Carols with Parish Choir, 8AM Singers, <i>Voces Joannis</i> , members of Evensong Choir
<b>MON 4</b>	<b>Noon</b>	Women's Evening Group Christmas Party, Gordon Golf Club
<b>TUE 5</b>	<b>Morning</b>	Op Shop sorts and prices
<b>WED 6</b>	<b>10:00AM</b>	Wednesday Morning Bible Study with Father Keith, church office
	<b>11:00AM</b>	Bible Study for Chinese speakers, led by Father Ernest, Crypt
<b>THU 7</b>	<b>Morning</b>	Op Shop sorts and prices
	<b>5:00PM</b>	Social Activities for Chinese speakers, hosted by Father Ernest, Hall
<b>SAT 9</b>	<b>9:00AM</b>	Op Shop Sale, last one of the year
	<b>7:00PM</b>	Carols In The Park, Bicentennial Park, West Pymble

*See front page for recurring Sunday and weekday worship services.*

## Upcoming Events

<b>MON 11</b>	<b>Noon</b>	St John's Kitchen Monthly Community Luncheon, Christmas Luncheon (revised date)
<b>SUN 17</b>	<b>7:30PM</b>	Nine Lessons and Carols with Parish Choir, 8AM Singers, <i>Voces Joannis</i> , members of Evensong Choir

*See Page 4 for Christmas services*

Donations are sought for **FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH AT CHRISTMAS**. Envelopes may be handed to Jan Kneeshaw or Jan McLachlan Sunday mornings or sent to the church office, marked for that purpose—or perhaps you could share hydrangeas, agapanthus or Christmas bush from your garden.



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

### **Sunday, 3 December—First Sunday In Advent**

8:00AM Choral Communion with 8AM Singers

9:30AM Choral Eucharist with Parish Choir

7:30PM Advent Carols Service, mince pies served afterwards

### **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



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.

Parishioners who longer drive or are unable to drive at night would like **A RIDE TO CHURCH** for Nine Lessons and Carols. If you have room for one more in your car, call the church office.

The **PRAYER LIST CLIPBOARD** is in the narthex on the table closest to the steps down to the Crypt and church office. Feel free to submit names, even your own, if you require prayer.

**CAROLS IN THE PARK** is Saturday, 9 December at Ku-ring-gai Bicentennial Park, West Pymble, from 6:00PM. St John's is pleased to sponsor this annual free holiday event, along with the other churches on the Ku-ring-gai Combined Churches Committee.

**CAROLS  
IN THE  
PARK**

*Tim Handing  
Quiz Worx  
Australian Waratah Girls Choir*

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December, from 6pm**

Ku-ring-gai Bicentennial Park off Lofberg Road West Pymble

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

## Services and Rosters

### TODAY, 3 DECEMBER, FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

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

Sidesmen: John Ross Edwards, Peter Lyons and John McLean  
 Welcoming: Alan Tilley  
 First Reading: Chris Russell

#### 9:30AM CHORAL COMMUNION (APBA)

Sidesmen: Kathy Helm and Hugh Keithly  
 Welcoming: Rita McColl  
 First Reading: Lucinda Winter  
 Prayers Of the People: Antony Pitts  
 Offertory Procession: Rita McColl and Leanne Winter  
 Morning Tea: Women's Evening Group

#### 7:30PM ADVENT CAROLS SERVICE

### NEXT SUNDAY, 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: Reece McCormack and Brian Wood  
 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

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