THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF
ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, GORDON
THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT
18 MARCH 2018

SEEKING JESUS

Dear Friends,
This week the Gospel is about Greeks seeking Jesus. Here are outsiders seeing in Jesus something they are looking for, something they are missing in their lives. The whole of human history has been about the search for that which is missing in our lives, and through the millennia people have sought in vain. However, now in the person of Jesus that wait is over. The Greeks recognised this in Jesus, whom they could see and reach out to. Now people can only reach out to the risen Jesus through the community of faith. The question that remains for us is this: Have we allowed the risen Jesus into our lives, into our community of faith, so that those seeking Him like those in the Gospel can find Him?

With every blessing to you all, Fr Keith

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
8:00AM HOLY COMMUNION, BCP service with APBA readings
9:30AM HOLY COMMUNION, APBA

WEEKDAYS
7:00AM Monday to Thursday Morning Prayer, Chapel
10:00AM Thursday Holy Communion, Chapel

CHORAL EVENSONG
4:00PM Second Sunday of the month, March through November,
Next Evensong 8 April

The next **RED LETTER DAY** is 10 April,
The Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
Not a Red Letter Day, but a day of note, Monday, 19 March, Joseph of Nazareth.

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, 18 March, The Fifth Sunday In Lent
8:00AM Hebrews 5:7-9 John 12:20-33
9:30AM Jeremiah 31:31-34 Psalm 51:1-10 Hebrews 5:7-9 John 12:20-33
READINGS For Next Sunday, 25 March, Palm Sunday
8:00AM Philippians 2:5-11 Mark 14:1-15:47
9:30AM Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 22:6-22 Philippians 2:5-11 Mark 14:1-15:47
New American Standard Bible Sunday Mornings, King James Version at Evensong

The **ST JOHN'S KITCHEN MONTHLY COMMUNITY LUNCHEON** for March is Monday. Twelve dollars buys you a hot lunch, with three main dishes to choose from, one of those always vegetarian, then a trip to the dessert table. These luncheons are a good chance to have a longer chat with church friends than is possible after Sunday worship services.

Father Keith calls for volunteers to help with **PALM CROSS TYING** Thursday after the 10:00AM service, in the Hall.

The **ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING** will be held next Sunday, 25 March at 11:00AM or as soon as possible after the 9:30AM service. Reports from groups and activities are in the narthex for your perusal.

From Father Keith, on **FINANCES**: On Monday night the Treasurer gave his final report to the Parish Council before the Annual Vestry Meeting. He was able to report that although the offertory is basically flat, he is comfortable with the financial position of the parish and will be able to present at the Annual Vestry Meeting a balanced budget for the end of the year and for the financial year and we are budgeting to spend less in the next financial year.

If you'd like to do something different this Easter, you might sign up to come to **EASTER LUNCH TOGETHER**.

With the retirement of some **BANKERS** over the last year, we are now in need of additional bankers to recount and check off the offertory on Mondays and deposit the cash at the parish's bank. You will be assigned a week per month to assist. Please let the office know if you can help.

Father Keith is calling for volunteers to **CLEAN THE CHURCH**—tidying dusting and vacuuming, removing wax from the carpet. This would be a once-a-month job.

This Week In The Parish

SUN 18	**7:30AM**	8AM Singers' rehearsal, Tower Room
	11:30AM	Parish Choir Rehearsal, choir stalls
MON 19	**9:00AM to Noon**	Father Keith available in office
	Noon	St John's Kitchen Monthly Community Luncheon
TUES 20	**Morning**	Op Shop sorts and prices
WED 21	**10:00AM**	Bible Study led by Father Keith, Crypt
	11:00AM	Bible Study led by Father Ernest, Upper Room
	5:00PM	Bible Study led by Jen Lum, church office
THU 22	**Morning**	Op Shop sorts and prices
	5:00PM	Social Activities for Chinese speakers, hosted by Father Ernest, Hall
FRI 23	**9:00AM**	Op Shop Sale

See front page for Sunday and weekday worship services.

Upcoming Events

March		
SUN 25	**11:00AM**	Annual Vestry Meeting, Hall
	HOLY WEEK AND EASTER, SEE PAGES 4 AND 5	
April		
SUN 8	**4:00PM**	Evensong with St John's Evensong Choir and The Order of St Lazarus
SAT 14	**9:00AM**	Op Shop Sale
MON 17	**Noon**	St John's Kitchen Monthly Community Luncheon
FRI 27	**9:00AM**	Op Shop Sale
SUN 29	**Morning**	Confirmation
	11:30AM	Anzac Commemoration Service with The Cathedral Singers

AUSTRALIA FOR CHRIST bca

Supporters of the **BUSH CHURCH AID**, please leave your collection box at the church this month. Other parishioners willing to become supporters of Bush Church Aid would be very welcome. Donations can be tax-deductible. New or replacement collection boxes are available from Alan Tilley, telephone 9498 4169.

ST JOHN'S GORDON

The Cathedral Singers Sydney

Stainer's *Crucifixion*

✠Good Friday
30 March 2018
2.30pm

St John's Church
Corner Pacific Hwy/St Johns Ave
Gordon

The Cathedral Singers
Daine Ellicott, Tenor
Craig Everingham, Baritone
Brett McKern, Organist
Jim Abraham, Choir Director

Free Entry
Donations to The Cathedral Singers encouraged

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

ST JOHN'S, GORDON

Palm cross typing Thursday, 22 March, after the 10:00AM service, Upper Room

PALM SUNDAY, 25 MARCH

7:00PM Lessons and Carols for Passiontide with parish choirs, supper follows

MAUNDY THURSDAY, 29 MARCH

7:30PM Sung Eucharist and Foot Washing

GOOD FRIDAY, 30 MARCH

9:00AM Stations of the Cross
2:30PM Stainer's *Crucifixion* with The Cathedral Singers and soloists

EASTER DAY, 1 APRIL

Note the time change happens in the small hours of 1 April. "Spring forward, fall back."
6:00AM Easter Vigil, Service of New Fire
8:00AM Easter Festal Choral Communion with 8AM Singers and Parish Choir
10:00AM Easter Festal Sung Eucharist
Midday Easter Lunch Together, Hall— all welcome, reservations essential

Services and Rosters

TODAY, 18 MARCH, THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

8:00AM CHORAL COMMUNION with 8AM Singers

Sidesmen:	Sue Talbot, Chris Russell and Bob Talbot
Reader:	Chris Russell

9:30AM SOLEMN CHORAL EUCHARIST with Parish Choir

Sidesmen:	John Marshall and JK Seo
Welcoming:	Rhonda Miller
First Reading:	Elizabeth Kelly
Intercessions:	Leanne Winter
Offertory Procession:	Kathy Helm and Hugh Keithly
Morning Tea:	Youngjee Lee, Janet Long and Deb Marshall

NEXT SUNDAY, 25 MARCH, PALM SUNDAY

8:00AM CHORAL COMMUNION with 8AM Singers

Sidesmen:	Belinda Howell, John East and Bill Killinger
Welcoming:	Linda Killinger
Reader:	Jan McLachlan

9:30AM SOLEMN CHORAL EUCHARIST with Parish Choir

Sidesmen:	Helen and Robert Plant
Welcoming:	Jennifer Lum
First Reading:	Ann Wright
Intercessions:	Nigel Hubbard
Offertory Procession:	Jennifer and Nigel Hubbard
Morning Tea:	Ladies' Fellowship Group

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Deadline for notices is end of day Tuesday