



THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF
ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, GORDON
TRINITY SUNDAY
27 MAY 2018



**R E C T O R ' S
M E S S A G E**

Dear Friends, Today we celebrate the Feast of the Trinity. It is becoming more trendy to try and interpret the Trinity in new ways. For example, I have heard the Lord's Prayer commencing "Our Mother in Heaven".

When it comes to the Trinity, there are attempts to take out the patriarchal imagery. The reason for it is that patriarchy is wrong, and it can be. However, there is a huge difference in applying sinful and fallen human patriarchal categories to the Godhead. God reveals Himself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit but this does not mean God is male. It is true that Jesus is the second person of the Trinity and He takes our resurrected transformed humanity into the Godhead as the true God-man. However, that simply gives us hope for our future with God. When we change images of the Trinity, we make God in our own image, thereby breaking the first commandment and we impoverish our understanding of God because we make God like us.

With every blessing to you, 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

Weekday Morning Prayer in recess until July

10:00AM Thursday Holy Communion, Chapel

CHORAL EVENSONG

4:00PM Second Sunday of the month, March through November,

Next Evensong 10 June

The next **RED LETTER DAY** is Monday, 11 June, St Barnabas.

The church is open for prayer on weekdays

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, 27 May, Trinity Sunday

8:00AM Romans 8:12-18 Matthew 28:16-20

9:30AM Isaiah 6:1-8 Psalm 29 Romans 8:12-17 Matthew 28:16-20

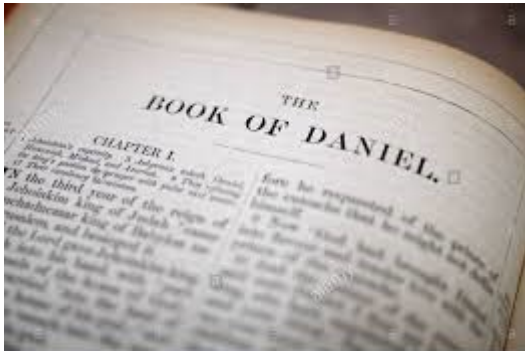
READINGS For Next Sunday, 3 June, First Sunday After Trinity

8:00AM 2 Corinthians 4:6-12 Mark 2:23-3:6

9:30AM Deuteronomy 5:12-15 Psalm 81:1-7 2 Corinthians 4:6-12 Mark 2:23-3:6
New American Standard Bible Sunday Mornings, King James Version at Evensong

While Father Keith and Alice are away, from now through 1 July,
FATHER ROB IS PRIEST-IN-CHARGE, the one to call in case of
emergency.

We welcome **BISHOP RICHARD HURFORD OAM**.



The **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUP** will commence studying the Book of Daniel Wednesday, 30 May. The meeting time is still 4:00PM. The group will have a five weeks' break from 27 June to 25 July, returning 1 August, with a later starting time of 5:00PM.

EVENSONG at 4:00PM on 10 June marks Her Majesty the Queen's official birthday. The Queen is the head of the Anglican Communion and we join with many other churches in prayer for her. The Cathedral Singers lead the music in the Office and repertoire from her coronation features, as does the music of Handel and Stanford. A sumptuous afternoon tea follows. All welcome.

The first **FÊTE** planning meeting took place this past Tuesday evening and was well attended. Penny Sutherland will co-ordinate the Fête from her desk in the church office, assisted by Chris Russell and Bill Killinger. One of the first orders of business will be to **FUND THE RAFFLE GRAND PRIZE**. Donations of any size are sought and would be gratefully received.

WEEKDAY MORNING PRAYER, RED LETTER DAY OBSERVANCES
and **FATHER KEITH'S WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY** are in recess.



This morning, after both services,
we will take up a
RETIRING COLLECTION
TO AID ST LAURENCE HOUSE

St Laurence House
provides transitional accommodation and support
for 13 to 18 year olds
leaving crisis care in the eastern suburbs of Sydney,
as well as support programs
for 18 to 24 year olds
who are experiencing homelessness,
but may be accommodated in other services.

St Laurence House is committed to
serve,
teach life skills
and provide a better ongoing quality of life
to disadvantaged, homeless and at-risk youth.

Monies collected will be sent
IN MEMORY OF FATHER JOHN SPOONER.

St Laurence House was dear to Father John's heart.
Father Keith and Barbara Spooner have chosen this date
to co-incide with Father John's birthday this week.

Please give generously,
in aid of St Laurence House
and in memory of Father John.

This Week In The Parish

SUN 27	7:30AM	8AM Singers' rehearsal, Tower Room
	11:30AM	Choir rehearsal, stalls
TUES 29	Morning	Op Shop sorts and prices
WED 30		<u>No</u> Bible Study with Father Keith
	11:00AM	Bible Study led by Father Ernest, Upper Room
	4:00PM	Women's Bible Study led by Jen Lum, church office, new topic: Book of Daniel
THU 31	Morning	Op Shop sorts and prices
	5:00PM	Social Activities for Chinese speakers, hosted by Father Ernest, Hall

See front page for Sunday and weekday worship services.

Upcoming Events

June

SUN 3	Morning	Women's Evening Group Stall
SUN 10	4:00PM	Evensong with The Cathedral Singers, observing the Queen's birthday, afternoon tea follows <u>No</u> June Women's Evening Group meeting
SAT 16	9:00AM	Op Shop Sale
MON 18	Noon	St John's Kitchen Monthly Community Luncheon
WED 27		<u>No</u> Women's Bible Study Group, five weeks' break
FRI 29	9:00AM	Op Shop Sale

July

No St John's Kitchen Monthly Community Luncheon
No Women's Bible Study Group, resumes 1 August

The **WOMEN'S EVENING GROUP** will not meet in June due to the Queen's birthday long weekend. The stall will be open as usual on the first Sunday of the month and the ladies will provide and serve morning tea after the 8:00AM service that day.



ANGLICARE has written, seeking donations for their **2018 WINTER APPEAL**. Their goal is \$1.6 million. Donations to help provide financial assistance to people below the poverty line and to run their Mobile Community Pantry may be made through their website, anglicare.org.au, by telephoning 9421 5333 or 13 26 22, or by writing to Post Office Box 284, Castle Hill 1765.



ANGLICAN OVERSEAS AID is an overseas aid and development agency of the Anglican Church of Australia, with a stated vision of a peaceful, just and sustainable world for all. Anglican Overseas Aid works with Anglican and like-minded agencies to create and strengthen partnerships in developing countries to overcome poverty, injustice and disaster.

They support projects in countries across Africa, Asia, the Middle East and the Pacific. Of the funds raised during this **END OF FINANCIAL YEAR APPEAL**, twenty percent will go towards supporting internally displaced persons in Syria. Anglican Overseas Aid, in their letter to us, states: “Every dollar you give now means we are eligible to receive \$5 from the Australian Government next year, and in the following years, up to the limit of the Government grant. This means that you enable us to deliver five times the impact of our work. Conversely, if the amount of support we receive goes down, so does our contribution from the Government.” Donate on-line at anglicanoverseasaid.org.au or Freecall 1800 249 880 or mail to Post Office Box 389, Abbotsford, Victoria 3067.



The **ANGLICAN BOARD OF MISSION** has written to remind us that **NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK** is 27 May to 3 June. They have sent us a poster of the “Statement From The Heart”, from the 2017 National Constitutional Convention, calling for the

establishment of a First Nations Voice in the Constitution. “In 1967 we were counted, in 2017 we seek to be heard.” The poster—words on a red, black and white drawing titled “Treaty” by the Rev’d Glenn Loughrey, a Wiradjuri man—has been posted on a bulletin board in the Upper Room.

Services and Rosters

TODAY, 27 MAY, TRINITY SUNDAY

8:00AM CHORAL COMMUNION with 8AM Singers

Sidesmen: Belinda Howell, John East and Bill Killinger
 Welcoming: Linda Killinger
 Reader: Chris Russell

9:30AM SOLEMN CHORAL EUCHARIST with Parish Choir

Sidesmen: Helen and Robert Plant
 Welcoming: Rhonda Miller
 First Reading: Jennifer Hubbard
 Intercessions: Nigel Hubbard
 Offertory Procession: Mary Mewett and Cynthia Keithly
 Morning Tea: Ladies' Fellowship Group

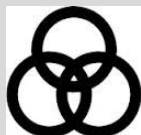
NEXT SUNDAY, 3 JUNE, THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8:00AM CHORAL COMMUNION with 8AM Singers

Sidesmen: John Dickson, John Ross Edwards and Peter Lyons
 Welcoming: Alan Tilley
 Reader: Jan McLachlan

9:30AM CHORAL EUCHARIST with Parish Choir

Sidesmen: Kathy Helm and Hugh Keithly
 Welcoming: Jennifer Lum
 First Reading: Richard Gideon
 Intercessions: Antony Pitts
 Offertory Procession: Seo Family
 Morning Tea: -



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NOW THROUGH THE END OF JUNE.

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Usually in the office on Thursdays,
 deadline for notices is sunset Tuesday