



THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF
ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, GORDON
THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT
9 DECEMBER 2018



Blessed Lord,
who hast caused all **HOLY SCRIPTURES** to be written
for our learning,
grant that we may in such wise
HEAR THEM,
READ,
MARK,
LEARN
AND INWARDLY DIGEST THEM,
that by patience, and comfort of thy Holy Word,
we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life
which thou hast given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

(Book of Common Prayer, Collect for The Second Sunday In Advent)

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

Second Sunday of the month, 4:00PM, March through November,
Next Evensong 10 March 2019

The next **RED LETTER DAY** is Friday, 21 December, St Thomas, Apostle and Martyr.

Red Letter Days falling Monday through Thursday are observed with
a service of Holy Communion immediately following 7:00AM Morning Prayer.

The **Red Letter Days** of St Stephen (26 December), St John (27 December), The Innocents (28 December)
and The Naming and Circumcision of Our Lord Jesus Christ (1 January) **will not be observed.**

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, 9 December, Second Sunday In Advent

8:00AM Philippians 1:3-11 Luke 3:1-6

9:30AM Isaiah 40:1-11 Philippians 1:3-11 Luke 3:1-6

New American Standard Bible Sunday Mornings, King James Version at Evensong

READINGS For Next Sunday, 16 December, Third Sunday In Advent

8:00AM Philippians 4:4-7 Luke 3:7-18

9:30AM Zephaniah 3:14-20 Philippians 4:4-7 Luke 3:7-18

New American Standard Bible Sunday Mornings, King James Version at Evensong, Reading Cycle Year C

Group and activity leaders, this is third notice that **REPORTS FOR THE PARISH REVIEW** should be e-mailed to office@stjohnsgordon.org.au.

CHRISTMAS SERVICE TIME CARDS have been made—this year, for the first time ever, printed in English and Chinese, and mailed to every address within the Gordon 2072 postcode. Parishioners living in adjacent suburbs, you are asked to take a few to letterbox drop on your street.

The **WOMEN'S EVENING GROUP CHRISTMAS RAFFLE** will be drawn 16 December after the 9:30AM service. Stop by their table to see the two hampers on offer and buy a few raffle tickets.

The **ST JOHN'S KITCHEN MONTHLY COMMUNITY LUNCHEON** for December, the Christmas luncheon and final luncheon of the year, is tomorrow at noon. Come enjoy a delicious and extra festive meal.

Contributions for **FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH AT CHRISTMAS** would be gratefully accepted—cash donations or the promise of blossoms from your garden. Please speak to either of “the two Jans”, Kneeshaw or McLachlan, or cash donations may be sent to the church office, marked for that purpose.

James Winter is taking names for **CHRISTMAS LUNCH AT ST JOHN'S**—for those who wish to attend and for those who can help with preparation. Reach him at james.winter@au.gt.com or 0411 752 802.

Notices to run in **THE JANUARY ISSUE** of the pew bulletin to be published Sunday, 30 December should be submitted now if possible, certainly no later than noon on Christmas Eve via e-mail to sjgpewbulletin@gmail.com.
Make sure your group or activity's “last of 2018” and “first of 2019” dates will appear on the calendar within the pew bulletin that will stand for the month of January.

This Week In The Parish

SUN 9	7:30AM	8AM Singers' rehearsal, Tower Room
	11:30AM	Choir rehearsal, stalls
MON 10	Noon	St John's Kitchen Monthly Community Luncheon, Christmas luncheon
TUE 11	Morning	Op Shop sorts and prices
WED 12	10:00AM	Wednesday Morning Bible Study with Father Keith
	11:00AM	Bible Study led by Father Ernest, Upper Room <u>No</u> Women's Bible Study Group, finished for the year
THU 13	Morning	Op Shop sorts and prices
	5:00PM	Social Activities, hosted by Father Ernest, Hall
SAT 15	9:00AM	Op Shop Sale

Regular Sunday and weekday worship services are listed on the front page.

**See Page 5
for a complete listing
of all ADVENT, CHRISTMAS AND EPIPHANY
EVENTS AND SERVICES.**

Upcoming Events

SUN 23	7:30PM	Nine Lessons And Carols with Parish Choir, 8AM Singers, members of St John's Evensong Choir and The Cathedral Singers
	11:00PM	Midnight Mass with <i>Voces Joannis</i>
MON 24	8:00AM	Christmas Day Festal Choral Communion with 8AM Singers and Parish Choir
TUE 25	10:00AM	Christmas Day Festal Choral Eucharist
	Noon	Christmas Lunch

IVENG CHANG was commissioned as Lay Pastoral Assistant last Sunday. We can look forward to hearing more of her interesting life story in the upcoming Parish Review.

Let Father Keith know if you will need **CHRISTMAS COMMUNION** brought to you or someone in your family.

FINISH YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING AT CHURCH TODAY— and for \$5 per household— The Cathedral Singers' CD, Lo! The Star, with carols for the Annunciation and Advent, Christmas Eve, Christmas and Epiphany have been reduced in price to \$5 each. CDs are available in the narthex or see Jan Kneeshaw. Other of the choir's titles have also been reduced to \$5.

The December newsletter for **THE CATHEDRAL SINGERS** has now been published and copies have been placed in the narthex. Help yourself to a copy.

John Brandon puts out the call for **ADDITIONAL SIDESMEN**, increasing coverage from two to three persons all Sundays at 9:30AM and the fifth Sunday of the month at the 8:00AM service. Telephone him at 0427 255 451 or e-mail johnbrandon@bigpond.com.

Feel free to stop by the church any Thursday evening from 5:00PM to 9:00PM to **PLAY PING PONG** with Father Ernest and friends. Thursday Evening Social Activities were originally advertised as being for Chinese speakers, but really, it's for anyone who would like to play ping pong, Mah Jong or other games.

The **WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUP** has met for the last time this year. They resume on 6 February at 4:00PM. The group extends a warm welcome to all women to join them next year in studying the Book of Daniel.

Volunteers are needed for **ALTAR GUILD** work, specifically **LAUNDERING PURIFICATORS**. You would not be required to do this every week, but join a roster. See Father Keith.

CHURCH DUTY ROSTERS will soon be compiled for the first six months of the new year. Additional **WELCOMERS** are needed for the 8:00AM service and one or two more **INTERCESSORS** for the 9:30AM service would be welcome. Indicate your willingness by e-mailing james.winter@au.gt.com or telephoning 0411 752 802.

Dear 9:30AM worshippers: If **ORDER OF SERVICE COVERS** of any season, for any saint's day, have followed you home, please bring them back to church. You may hand them to the sidesmen or leave them in the Chapel, on the small table near the candle rack.



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

Sunday, 16 December –The Third Sunday In Advent

- 8:00AM Choral Communion with 8AM Singers
9:30AM Choral Eucharist with Parish Choir

Sunday, 23 December—The Fourth 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
and members of the Evensong Choir

Monday, 24 December—Christmas Eve

- 5:00PM Family Christmas Eve Service, BBQ to follow
11:00PM Midnight Choral Eucharist, “Midnight Mass”
with *Voces Joannis*

Tuesday, 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
Noon Christmas Lunch

The **Red Letter Days** of St Stephen (26 December), St John (27 December),
The Innocents (28 December) and The Naming and Circumcision of Our Lord Jesus Christ
(1 January) **will not be observed.**

Sunday, 30 December, First Sunday After Christmas

- 8:00AM Communion Service, no choir
9:30AM Sung Eucharist with *Voces Joannis*

Sunday, 6 January, The Epiphany or The Manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles

- 8:00AM Communion Service, no choir
9:30AM Sung Eucharist, no choir

Services and Rosters

TODAY, 9 DECEMBER, THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

8:00AM CHORAL COMMUNION with 8AM Singers

Sidesmen: Leonie Hayne, John Brandon and Alan Tilley
 Reader: Leonie Hayne

9:30AM CHORAL EUCHARIST with Parish Choir

Sidesman: Brian Wood
 Welcoming: Mary Mewett
 First Reading: Junhee Seo
 Intercessions: Ann or Robertson Wright
 Offertory Procession: Kathy Helm and Rita McColl
 Morning Tea: The Friday Group

NEXT SUNDAY, 16 DECEMBER, THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

8:00AM CHORAL COMMUNION with 8AM Singers

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

9:30AM CHORAL EUCHARIST with Parish Choir

Sidesmen: John Marshall and JK Seo
 Welcoming: Ruth Myers
 First Reading: Rob Shaw
 Intercessions: James Winter
 Offertory Procession: Jennifer and Nigel Hubbard
 Morning Tea: Youngjee Lee, Janet Long and Deb Marshall



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