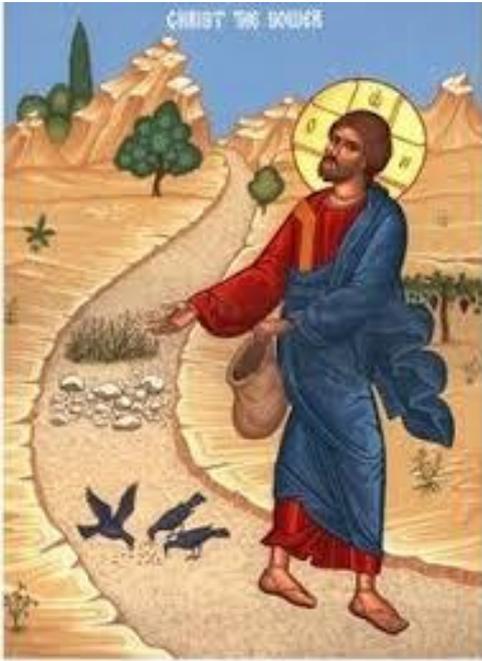




THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF  
ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, GORDON

FOR THE DAYS BEFORE AND AFTER  
12 JULY 2020  
THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY



Jesus told the Parable of the Sower:

Sometimes the seed will fall on the path  
and the birds will eat it up.  
Some falls on rocky places with shallow soil,  
and springs up quickly,  
but is scorched by the sun.  
Some falls among choking thorns.  
The seed that falls on good soil  
produces a crop,  
maybe a hundred times what was sown.  
Whoever has ears, let them hear.

Matthew 13:3-9

**The SUNDAY 8:00AM SERVICE has re-commenced.**

All attending in-person services on Sundays must be pre-registered.

If you have or have had any symptoms of cold or flu  
or are in any way unwell on Sunday or in the days preceding, please do not attend.

**The SUNDAY 9:30AM SERVICE  
continues to be live-streamed on Facebook  
and may also be watched at a later time.**

Orders of service are e-mailed and mailed to parishioners.

**EVENSONG TODAY at 4:00PM, live-streamed on Facebook.**

**The THURSDAY 10:00AM SERVICE remains in recess.**

Pre-registration and Sunday protocols also apply for the  
**ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING**  
next Sunday, 19 July.

If you can attend by Zoom, do that in preference to in-person attendance.  
If you are in an at-risk category or have been unwell, attend via Zoom.

**We all have to take careful precautions in the current situation.**  
**Please read Page 5 for further information.**



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## COVID-19 UPDATE

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7 July 2020

As you will be aware—the border has now been closed for anyone travelling from Victoria to NSW. Anyone travelling to NSW has to complete the same quarantine requirements as for overseas arrivals; hence for those attending our 8:00AM in-person service or intending to attend the AVM in person on 19 Jul, an additional declaration will be required that you have not visited Victoria or been in contact with anyone who has been in Victoria, in the last 14 days.

However, if you are well and not in a vulnerable group, we hope you will join us each Sunday as we wean ourselves off the on-line alternative. You will need to make the COVID-19 declarations when you apply each week by Thursday noon, preferably by e-mail ([office@stjohnsgordon.org.au](mailto:office@stjohnsgordon.org.au)) or via phone (9498 2744—leave a message if no answer).

As from 1 July—the 50 person limit on services has ended and a four square meter per person rule now applies. The effect of this is to raise the limit on attendees to 63 (based on the area of the nave of St John's), so there is currently plenty of capacity to increase our attendance and we encourage you to do so.

### [The Annual Vestry Meeting](#)

This year's delayed AVM will be held at 11:00AM or as soon as practical after the 9:30AM on-line service on 19 July. As previously advised—this meeting will be a combination of an in-person and on-line Zoom meeting (in both cases, based on pre-application). The agenda for the AVM will simply meet the governance requirements of the Ordinance and will be e-mailed separately. The meeting will be one hour in duration and any questions related to the reports should be e-mailed to the church office in advance of the meeting so that they can be considered and addressed either individually before the meeting or, if generally relevant to the meeting agenda, at the meeting.

As defined in the Parish Ordinance, if you have attended church either on-line or in person in the last three months, you are able to attend and vote in the elections. Please make that declaration in your application.

All the reports related to the meeting have been e-mailed or mailed and other than the Acting Rector's report, Treasurer's and Wardens' reports, will be taken as read and not spoken to at the meeting and a resolution that they be received will be put.

### Financially ...

The financial report and budget have now been distributed and will be addressed at the AVM.

We should all be appreciative that the parish appears to have come on board with the on-line replacement options for the service collections and as mentioned by the Treasurer, we have seen the offertory return to similar levels as for last year in recent months. The Churchwardens are cognisant that on-line or remote offertory is out of the comfort zone of a number of parishioners and are grateful for the flexibility they have shown in continuing the financial support via one of the more remote methods we have offered.

We would encourage as many of you as are able to convert to a direct debit programme—however, all the banking details to enable you to directly deposit your offertory into the church account are shown on the back page of the pew bulletin.

### Finally ...

In reviewing the year whilst preparing for the AVM—there is no doubt this is a year requiring flexibility, patience and a sensitivity to the needs of the community in the face of a silent adversity not encountered previously in our lifetimes. The Churchwardens, like everyone, are very unsure that we will continue on an upward path to normality in a world which seems to be in many cases spiralling towards greater tragedy and economic loss. We will, therefore, continue to stay informed, take advice, monitor and at all times support the

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Acting Rector in his spiritual care of the parish whilst ensuring we take all and any required action to minimise any risk to our congregation or indeed to the wider community.

Remember that if there is anything the parish can help you with—we have the support infrastructure in place thanks to our staff and supporting volunteers. All you have to do is let Father Ernest, the church office or any of the Churchwardens know.

### **The Churchwardens**

Chris Russell AM  
JK Seo  
James Winter

## **--- C A L E N D A R ---**

**Sunday 8:00AM in-person services** have resumed—  
within parameters set by the government and church authorities,  
by reservation, e-mail or telephone church office, see Page 5

**Sundays 9:30AM Eucharist, live-streamed** via Facebook continues

### **Bishop Michael's Lectio Bible Study**

Thursdays at 7:30PM via Zoom, contact Chris Russell to attend

**Evensong** today, 4:00PM, live-streamed via Facebook

**Annual Vestry Meeting** to be held Sunday, 19 July, 11:00AM,  
a combination of  
in—person in the church hall, reservations required,  
and via Zoom

## REGARDING ATTENDING 8:00AM IN-PERSON SERVICES—

**To ensure occupancy remains below the legal limit,  
you need to make a reservation** to attend the service.

There are **no standing reservations**; you will need to **reapply each week**.  
It's a good idea to e-mail or telephone the church office **early in the week**  
to secure your spot in the (socially distanced) pews and avoid disappointment.

**A new addition to the health questions** is  
“Have you travelled to or from Victoria in the past fourteen days?”

**Parishioners over the age of 70 or in a higher risk category**  
are encouraged to worship at home,  
either by watching the 9:30AM service live-streamed via Facebook  
or self-guided worship using the orders of service sent via mail and e-mail.  
Parishioners over the age of 70 or in a higher risk category  
wishing to attend the service must acknowledge they do so  
despite the Churchwardens' recommendation.

**Stay home if you are unwell**  
or if anyone in your household is unwell.

Please make use of the **hand sanitizer** as you check in.

**Face masks and gloves**  
are in the narthex for anyone who would like them.

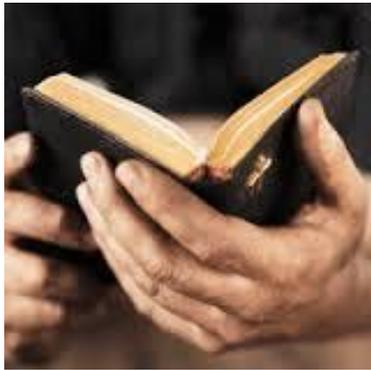
Thank you for keeping the **sadly necessary silence during the service**.

There is **no offertory collection** during the service.  
The Treasurer requests direct debit or a deposit made at your bank  
rather than an envelope brought to church.

Please take your **order of service** home with you.

To avoid crowding, **after-church visiting** needs to happen outside  
in the fresh air (still socially distanced)  
rather than in the narthex or on the porch.

**Thank you for your patience**  
as we obey regulations and keep each other safe.



## B I B L E R E A D I N G S

**Sunday, 12 July** Isaiah 55:10-11 Psalm 65:10-14 Romans 8:18-23 Matthew 13:1-23

**Monday, 13 July** Isaiah 1:10-17 Psalm 50:8-9, 16-17, 21, 23 Matthew 10:34-11:1

**Tuesday, 14 July** Isaiah 7:1-19 Psalm 48:2-8 Mathew 11:20-24

**Wednesday, 15 July** Isaiah 10:5-7, 13-16 Psalm 94:5-10, 14-15 Matthew 11:25-27

**Thursday, 16 July** Isaiah 26:7-9, 12, 16-19 Psalm 102:13-21 Matthew 11:28-30

**Friday, 17 July** Isaiah 238:1-6, 21-22, 7-8 Isaiah 38:10-12, 16 Matthew 12:1-8

**Saturday, 18 July** Micah 2:1-5 Psalm 10:1-4, 7-8, 14 Matthew 12:14-21

**Sunday, 19 July** Wisdom 12:13, 16-19 Psalm 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16 Romans 8:26-27  
Matthew 13:24-43

**Monday, 20 July** Micah 6:1-4, 6-8 Psalm 50:5-6, 8-9, 16-17, 21, 23 Matthew 12:38-42

**Tuesday, 21 July** Micah 7:14-15, 18-20 Psalm 85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8 Matthew 12:46-50

**Wednesday, 22 July St Mary Magdalene** Song of Songs 3:1-4 or 2 Corinthians 5:14-17  
Psalm 63:2-6, 8-9 John 20:1-2, 11-18

**Thursday, 23 July** Jeremiah 2:1-3, 7-8, 12 Psalm 36:6-11 Matthew 13:10-17

**Friday, 24 July** Jeremiah 3:14-17 Jeremiah 31:10-13 Matthew 13:18-23

**Saturday, 25 July St James, Apostle** 2 Corinthians 4:7-15 Psalm 126:1-6  
Matthew 20:20-28

Readings are from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, [uscbb.org/bible/readings](http://uscbb.org/bible/readings).

Occasionally, Scripture other than Psalms are used as Responsorial Psalms.

It is possible to have the daily readings e-mailed to you.

Note that the readings arrive around 8:00PM Sydney time.



**EVENSONG TODAY** is live-streamed at 4:00PM and available to be watched subsequently on the “St John the Evangelist Gordon” Facebook page. The music will include the *Gordon Service*, originally composed for our Evensong Choir, but here adapted to be sung by a cantor; and an anthem by Beethoven, in honour of the 250th anniversary of his birth this year. We hope you can join us on-line.



## Annual Vestry Meeting

### **NEXT SUNDAY, 19 JULY, STARTING AT 11:00AM REGISTER NOW**

The meeting will be, for the first time ever,  
**a combination of in-person in the church hall—  
and live-streamed via Zoom**  
where people may **watch via the Internet** or  
**listen over the telephone.**

**A maximum of sixty persons may attend in-person,**  
given the size of the hall and government restrictions on indoor meetings.  
If demand exceeds capacity,  
the church is prepared to limit attendance  
to one person per household.

**If you wish to attend in-person, you must register in advance.**

E-mail or telephone the church office no later than 5:00PM Monday, 13 July.  
Invitations will be confirmed starting Tuesday, 14 July.

Persons intending to **attend the meeting via Zoom,**  
it would be appreciated if you would indicate that to the church office.

Per government and diocesan restrictions,  
**no materials will be printed** for the meeting.

Reports were e-mailed to all on the e-mail mailing list Monday, 6 July.

Attendees may wish to print and bring those.

If you are unable to print at home or no friend or relative can do that for you,  
telephone the church office.

Reports were mailed to parishioners without e-mail Tuesday, 7 July.



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Our **OP SHOP** is closed until further notice.

No donations at this time, please, as no sales are scheduled.

The **ANGLICARE** bins in our parking area are being emptied weekly.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL, HORNSBY** is accepting donations  
at their back gate daily from 9:00AM to 3:30PM.

The **SALVATION ARMY, GORDON** has a donation pick-up service,  
telephone 9498 4290.