



THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF
ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, GORDON

FOR THE DAYS BEFORE AND AFTER
22 NOVEMBER 2020
CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY
THE SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE ADVENT
“STIR-UP” SUNDAY



**CROWN
HIM
LORD
OF
ALL**

WORSHIP DURING CORONAVIRUS

SUNDAY 8:00AM EUCHARIST, in-person

Telephone or e-mail the church office before Wednesday 5:00PM
for a reservation and to make health declarations you will confirm upon arrival.
Face masks are required.

The **SUNDAY 9:30AM EUCHARIST, live-streamed on Facebook,**
may also be watched at a later time.

EVENSONG will resume in the new year.

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



“Like” and follow St. John’s, Gordon on Facebook.
Watch our Sunday 9:30AM service
and monthly Evensong on Facebook—live or later.

Scan this QR code
to go to
the church website.



COVID-19 UPDATE & PARISH NEWS

19 November 2020

We give thanks to God for the successful surgery on Father Ernest. We are happy to report that he is recovering from this “minor repair work” and are delighted that he will return to our services very soon. He is very grateful for your prayers and good wishes and is looking forward to returning to full strength.

With increasing numbers now attending our in-person service—and the current “zero community transmissions” status—we have reviewed our church seating to allow us to seat more pre-registered attendees each week. Please ensure you continue to pre-register by Wednesday so we can plan for your attendance—and we welcome you back as soon as you are comfortable to do so. With some North Shore churches still not commencing in-person services—we have a number of outside visitors each week—so we welcome them also to our community of faith as we await a full opening of church services—presumably once the vaccine options become available generally next year.

[The Op Shop returns ...](#)

This week sees the welcome return of the St John’s Op Shop on Saturday at 9:00AM. Our thanks must go to Jan McLachlan who has put together and now rehearsed a COVID-safe plan to ensure that our many visitors on the day will be able to browse safely and that our Op Shop workers will also be well isolated. We have ten volunteer COVID marshals working on the day, maintaining queueing and social distancing—so we look forward to seeing our St John’s parish family meet with the greater community through the Op Shop for the first time since March.

[WEGS Shop ...](#)

The permanent WEGS shop is now also open for business on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00AM to 2:00PM. This shop will enable parishioners to purchase their jams, cakes, greeting cards, jewellery or other craft items

normally sold on the first Sunday after the service. Please have Eftpos cards available for your purchases to save handing of cash. If you would like to join WEGS and/or help these hard-working ladies either in baking, jam-making, homemade craft items or in manning the shop—please contact Rhonda Kramer or Robyn Kerr via the church office.

Christmas 2020 ...

The Wardens are looking at the Christmas services with the Acting Rector and at this stage we propose to have a midnight in-person service on Christmas Eve and then an 8:00AM in-person service on Christmas Morning followed by our on-line sung Eucharist at 9:30AM or 10:00AM. However, we will keep you informed when these decisions are made largely based on the Health Orders in place at the time as regards singing and social distancing.

Finally ...

This week marks one year to the day since “Patient Zero” - a 55 year old Chinese male—was first diagnosed with what is now known as COVID-19 in Wuhan, China. What a year has ensued! - upturning our lives and our worship. Whilst the usual excitement and celebration of our Advent Carol service and in-person pre-Christmas events may be restricted or absent this year—we urge you to keep in contact with each other, particularly those who still feel isolated by the scourge of COVID-19. Let us know via the church office or directly any distress or needs amongst those in our parish family who may need our pastoral or practical help.

The Churchwardens

Chris Russell AM
JK Seo
James Winter

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

Sunday, 22 November Christ The King Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17 Psalm 23:1-3, 5-6
1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28 Matthew 25:31-46

Monday, 23 November Revelation 14:1-5 Psalm 24:1-6 Luke 21:1-4

Tuesday, 24 November Revelation 14:14-19 Psalm 96:10-13 Luke 21:5-11

Wednesday, 25 November Revelation 15:1-4 Psalm 98:1-3, 7-9 Luke 21:12-19

Thursday, 26 November Revelation 18:1-2, 21-23, 19:1-3, 9 Psalm 100:1-5
Luke 21:20-28

Friday, 27 November Revelation 20:1-4, 11-21:2 Psalm 84:3-6, 8 Luke 21:29-33

Saturday, 28 November Revelation 22:1-7 Psalm 95:1-7 Luke 21:34-36

Sunday, 29 November Isaiah 63:16-17, 19, 64:2-7 Psalm 80: 2-3, 15-16, 18-19
1 Corinthians 1:3-9 Mark 13:33-37

Monday, 30 November St Andrew Romans 10:9-18 Psalm 19:8-11
Matthew 4:18-22

Tuesday, 1 December Isaiah 11:1-10 Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 Luke 10:21-24

Wednesday, 2 December Isaiah 25:6-10 Psalm 23:1-6 Matthew 15:29-37

Thursday, 3 December Isaiah 26:1-6 Psalm 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27
Matthew 7:21, 24-27

Friday, 4 December Isaiah 29:17-24 Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14 Matthew 9:27-31

Saturday, 5 December Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26 Psalm 147:1-6
Matthew 9:35-10:1, 5, 6-8

Readings are from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.



Our **ADVENT CAROLS SERVICE** will be live-streamed via the St John's Gordon Facebook page Advent Sunday, **Sunday, 29 November at 7:30PM** and available for subsequent viewing. This candle-light service of readings and music marks the beginning of the season of Advent and helps us set our hearts and minds to prepare for Christ's coming again. The order of service will be available for download from the parish website. Please log on and join us for this beautiful service and invite your friends to do so, too.

C A L E N D A R

Sundays 8:00AM in-person Eucharist

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

Church Shop open when church office is open

Bishop Michael's Lectio Bible Study

Thursdays at 7:30PM via Zoom

English Classes, via Zoom, contact Bowen Lau

Advent Carols Service

Sunday, 29 November, 7:30PM, live-streamed on Facebook

Op Shop Sale

Saturday, 12 December

Keep the **PARISH NOMINATORS**—

Elizabeth George, Belinda Howell,

Nigel Hubbard, Chris Russell and James Winter—

and their work in your prayers—and although we do not yet know his name,

PRAY FOR OUR NEXT RECTOR.

BOUNTIFUL GOD, give to this parish a faithful pastor who will faithfully speak your word and minister your sacraments, an encourager who will equip your people for ministry and enable us to fulfil our calling. Give to those who will choose wisdom, discernment and patience and to us give warm and generous hearts, for the sake of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen

Let us also give thanks for Father Ernest, our Acting Rector.

The latest newsletter from **THE CATHEDRAL SINGERS** has been sent to all on the pew bulletin e-mail mailing list and all who receive by mail.



If you are able, you are welcome to attend the in-person Book of Common Prayer worship service Sunday mornings at 8:00AM.

Attendance has been rising. For months, the numbers were in the teens and twenties. The past three Sundays, we have welcomed **over thirty** worshippers.

While the **sidesmen** do have a friendly greeting for you, they are **required to hear from you confirmation that the health declarations you made when making a reservation are still true.** They are **checking you off a typed list specific to that date** — present, check — mask, check—health declarations confirmed, check— so that list may be ready, with names and contact details of all in attendance, at the commencement of the service in case of spot inspection, and for the files should contact tracing be required.

There are **no standing reservations.** For every Sunday you wish to attend, please **make a reservation by Wednesday 5:00PM.** This can be done in **two minutes** at any time of the day or night convenient to you by e-mailing or leaving a message on the church answering machine—or you can telephone when you know someone will be in the church office if you want to say “hello”. You merely need to state you / your family wish to attend, are well and you can make the required health declarations. That list of health declarations is included with every e-mailed invitation to services plus posted in prominent places around the church.

Hand sanitiser and masks are **required.** Should you forget to bring a mask, the church has disposable ones for your use.

We take all these precautions both to keep the law and to keep clergy, staff, visitors and parishioners **safe.**

The **9:30AM service** may be watched either as it live-streams on Facebook or at a later date.



Our parishioner

PROFESSOR THOMAS MASCHMEYER
has been awarded the
**2020 PRIME MINISTER'S
PRIZE FOR INNOVATION**

Based in the School of Chemistry in the Faculty of Science at The University of Sydney Nano Institute, Professor Thomas Maschmeyer is a catalytic chemist. Over the past two decades he has invented an efficient process to convert renewable and plastic-waste inputs into their constituent chemical materials for re-use and re-imagined zinc-bromide chemistry to develop a completely new solar-energy battery technology. His catalytic thermal reactor efficiently converts mixed plastics into smaller hydrocarbon components that can be used to produce sustainable chemicals or as a sustainable fuel, while his energy storage platform uses safe, low-cost zinc-bromide battery technology to store renewable energy, reducing reliance on lithium-ion and lead-acid batteries.

Both these inventions are poised to transform how two of humanity's most pressing challenges are met—the need for more efficient commercial waste recycling and boosting the performance of renewable energy storage. The two companies he has founded, Licella and Gelion, have created more than seventy jobs in Australia.

To read more and to watch a two minute video, go to <https://www.sydney.edu.au/news-opinion/news/2020/10/28/PM-prize-science-innovation-2020-thomas-maschmeyer-gelion-licella.html>.

Congratulations, Thomas.



STIR UP, we beseech thee, O Lord,
 the wills of thy faithful people,
 that they, plenteously bringing forth
 the fruit of good works,
 may of thee be plenteously rewarded,
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.
 Amen



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