



THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF
ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, GORDON

FOR THE DAYS BEFORE AND AFTER
8 NOVEMBER 2020

**OBSERVING ALL SOULS' DAY (TRANSFERRED) IN THE MORNING
AND REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY AT AFTERNOON EVENSONG**



Stay awake and be ready!
For you do not know on what day
your Lord will come.

Matthew 24:42, 44

Jesus told His disciples the parable of the wise and the foolish bridesmaids. When the bridegroom was long delayed, the five foolish bridesmaids ran out of lamp oil, left to buy more, and missed his entrance. They banged on the locked door, but were not admitted to the banquet as the five wise and prepared bridesmaids had been. Jesus said the Kingdom of Heaven is like this.

Matthew 25:1-13



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 TODAY](#) at 4:00PM, live-streamed on Facebook.

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.



From The Churchwardens

COVID-19 UPDATE AND PARISH NEWS

3 November 2020

Nothing has changed since the last update as regards the COVID protocols. Thank you for your patient compliance despite the annoyance and frustration of pre-registration, mask wearing and silent worship. So far it has kept us safe on the back of the “gold standard” conservative health approach and professional contact tracing of NSW Health which underlies our plan at St John’s. If you would like to return to our in-person service and can make the COVID declarations as regards your health and your lack of potential contact with COVID hot-spot areas—please do so—we would love to see you! Please pre-register by Wednesday each week by phone or e-mail to the church office.

Please also express your thanks to the sidespersons team if you get a chance! Not only have the same small volunteer group co-ordinated every in-person service, including weddings and funerals, without respite, since services recommenced—they have been unswerving in their implementation of the Churchwardens’ safety protocols and done it with a smile on their face and a spring in their step.

Thanks also to Father Ernest, James, Brett and Nicola for their care and determination in making the services meaningful and celebratory each week under challenging circumstances. We are very blessed at St John’s with the quality of our ministry and its supportive music programme.

The Op Shop

As reported previously, the Op Shop has been planned to recommence on 21 November under a conservative COVID plan that has been prepared by the Op Shop team and approved by the Wardens. A key element, however, is the

need for 10 COVID marshals to ensure the safety of the customers and staff on the day. If you are not in a COVID-vulnerable group (over 70, immune-compromised or suffering from a chronic disease), we would ask that you consider volunteering for this role.

The final briefing for these marshals will be on Tuesday, 17 November at 5:30PM at the church. So that we can make sure this sale day is a success and safe—**if you are able to help—please do it**—it won't be an onerous task ... please let Jan McLachlan know via phone on 0408 641 037 or on her e-mail at janmclachlan@bigpond.com.

The Churchwardens Chris Russell AM JK Seo James Winter

Today is our **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY EVENSONG** and the last Evensong of 2020. There will be an Act of Remembrance and appropriate solemn music, including *faux bourdon* settings of the canticles by Morley and the beautiful Mendelssohn anthem *O for the wings of a dove*. Tune in, via Facebook at 4:00PM, as we pay our respects to those who served our country.



*They shall not grow old,
as we that are left grow old.
Age shall not weary them,
nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun
and in the morning,*

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM.

LEST WE FORGET.

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

Sunday, 8 November Wisdom 6:12-16 Psalm 63:2-8 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Matthew 25:1-13

Monday, 9 November Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12 Psalm 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9
1 Corinthians 3:9-11, 16-17 John 2:13-22

Tuesday, 10 November Titus 2:1-8, 11-14 Psalm 37:3-4, 18, 23, 27, 29 Luke 17:7-10

Wednesday, 11 November Titus 3:1-7 Psalm 23:1-6 Luke 17:11-19

Thursday, 12 November Philemon 7-20 Psalm 146:7-10 Luke 17:20-25

Friday, 13 November 2 John 4-9 Psalm 119:1-2, 10-11, 17-18 Luke 17:26-37

Saturday, 14 November 3 John 5-8 Psalm 112:1-6 Luke 18:1-8

Sunday, 15 November Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31 Psalm 128:1-5
1 Thessalonians 5:1-6 Matthew 25:14-30

Monday, 16 November Revelation 1:1-4, 2:1-5 Psalm 1:1-4, 6 Luke 18:35-43

Tuesday, 17 November Revelation 3:1-6, 14-22 Psalm 15:2-5 Luke 19:1-10

Wednesday, 18 November Revelation 4:1-11 Psalm 150:1-6 Luke 19:11-28

Thursday, 19 November Revelation 5:1-10 Psalm 149:1-6, 9 Luke 19:41-44

Friday, 20 November Revelation 10:8-11 Psalm 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131
Luke 19:45-48

Saturday, 21 November Revelation 11:4-12 Psalm 144:1-2, 9-10 Luke 20:27-40

Readings are from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.



**You are very welcome to attend
the in—person Book of Common Prayer worship service
Sunday mornings at 8:00AM.**

So we (1) do not exceed our allowed capacity based on
the size of the church as coronavirus numbers fall and
parishioner confidence rises,

(2) have the list of attendees including contact tracing
details ready in case of spot inspection and

(3) avoid delays at the door asking for or looking up
contact details,

**please make a reservation each week
by Wednesday 5:00PM.**

There are no standing reservations. This can be done in two minutes at any
convenient time of the day or night by e-mailing or leaving a message on the
church answering machine—the numbers are on the back of the pew bulletin—
a little longer if you call during church office hours to say hello to Meg.

You merely need to state you / your family would like to attend, are well and
can make the relevant health declarations. Those health declarations are
included in the invitation / reminder e-mail Meg sends out at the beginning of
each week.

C A L E N D A R

Sundays 8:00AM in-person Eucharist

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

Remembrance Day **Evensong**, last Evensong of the year
Today, Sunday, 8 November, 4:00PM, live-streamed via Facebook

Op Shop COVID Marshal briefing
Tuesday, 17 November, 5:30PM at church
(note change of date from 4 November)

Op Shop Sale, first since coronavirus shut-down in March
Saturday, 21 November

Op Shop Sale Saturday, 12 December

Church Shop open when church office is open

Bishop Michael's Lectio Bible Study
Thursdays at 7:30PM via Zoom

English Classes, now via Zoom, have resumed.
Contact Bowen Lau.



The **CHURCH SHOP**
is now open
when the church office is open,
Mondays and Thursdays,

in the small space between the church office and the steps down to the crypt.
Come by for jams, greeting cards, beaded necklaces and knitted items.
Be prepared to pay with a card rather than cash.
Shop capacity is two persons at a time.



HELP WANTED—OP SHOP—URGENT—

The **OP SHOP'S COVID SAFE PLAN** calls for **TEN COVID MARSHALS** working Saturday, 21 November at their first **OP SHOP SALE** since the mid-March shutdown.

Volunteer to Jan McLachlan, telephone 0408 641 037, e-mail janmclachlan@bigpond.com. Note that the briefing session for COVID marshals has been changed to 17 November, 5:30PM, at church.

Being unable to run the usual café, **takeaway baked goods** will be sold at the event instead. Bakers, let Meg McDonald know what you can make and drop off the day before.

Please **continue holding off on donations** of household goods, books, et cetera until after the sale.



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