



THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF  
**ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, GORDON**  
19 TO 25 DECEMBER 2021  
FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT  
THROUGH CHRISTMAS DAY

## VENITE ADOREMUS DOMINUM



**O COME LET US ADORE HIM, CHRIST THE LORD**

## W O R S H I P S E R V I C E S

SUNDAY 8:00AM, Holy Communion, Book of Common Prayer  
SUNDAY 9:30AM, Holy Eucharist, A Prayer Book for Australia -  
The 9:30AM service is live-streamed via Facebook  
and available to view the following day on YouTube.  
THURSDAY 10:00AM, Holy Communion, Chapel

All are welcome, regardless of vaccination status.  
Masks are no longer required by law, although you may wish to wear one.

Congregational singing has returned.  
QR codes are still in place. Thank you for **checking-in**.  
The 9:30AM service is live-streamed via Facebook  
and available to view the following day on YouTube.

Restrictions may change, based on the public health situation,  
if instructed by NSW Health and the Archbishop.



Service NSW QR code check-in spots  
are at every entrance to the church.

Scan this QR code  
to go to  
the church website.



## PARISH NOTICES

Thank you to all who worked hard to make the 11 December **OP SHOP SALE AND MINI FÊTE** a success. Pat Gaudry reports that book sales alone netted over \$1,200 and “Folks were loaded down with more than they could carry. That is fact. Most made several trips to their car. Books on shelves (in crypt) are there for permanent sale. Always something good to read there.”



**LESSONS AND CAROLS** is tonight at 7:00PM with the St. John's choirs and The Cathedral Singers, in-person and live-streamed.

Do you have **CHRISTMAS BUSH** or **HYDRANGEAS** blooming at your place? The ladies of the Flower Guild could use Christmas bush trimmings and hydrangeas **TO GRACE THE ALTAR AT CHRISTMAS**. They will leave a container of water outside the flower room at church for Christmas bush and will gladly collect hydrangeas.

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People watching our live-streamed services are needed to **SHARE CHURCH**. You making a telephone call could help someone with no technology besides a basic telephone listen to Sunday worship, Lessons and Carols, and Christmas services. Kind volunteers, e-mail [pastoralcaresjohnsgordon@gmail.com](mailto:pastoralcaresjohnsgordon@gmail.com).



**SUNDAY, 26 DECEMBER,**  
St. Stephen's Day, Boxing Day,  
there will be **ONE SERVICE ONLY, AT 9:00AM.**

The **CHURCH OFFICE** will be **CLOSED** on Monday, 27 December.

**SJG GALS** will get together one last time this year—New Year's Eve Eve, 30 December, 5:30PM to 7:30PM, via Zoom.

The link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81812539940>

Meeting ID: 818 1253 9940



# C A L E N D A R

## December

<b>SUN 19</b>	<b>8:00AM</b>	Holy Communion
	<b>9:30AM</b>	Holy Eucharist, Morning Tea in Upper Room
	<b>7:00PM</b>	<b>LESSONS AND CAROLS</b> with St. John's Choirs and The Cathedral Singers, also live-streamed
<b>MON 20</b>	<b>Evening</b>	Young Adults Bible Study, via Zoom
<b>THU 23</b>	<b>10:00AM</b>	Holy Communion, Chapel (Father Robert confirms this service will take place, will advise regarding 30 December)
	<b>Day</b>	ESL Classes with Bowen Lau, via Zoom
	<b>5:00PM</b>	Table tennis, Hall, hosted by Father Ernest and Bowen Lau
	<b>7:30PM</b>	Bishop Michael's Bible Study, via Zoom, studying the Book of Genesis
<b>FRI 24</b>	<b>5:00PM</b>	<b>CHRISTMAS EVE YOUNG FAMILY SERVICE,</b> also live-streamed, sausage sizzle to follow
	<b>11:00PM</b>	<b>CHRISTMAS EVE MIDNIGHT MASS,</b> Festive Holy Communion with choir, also live-streamed
<b>SAT 25</b>	<b>8:00AM</b>	<b>CHRISTMAS MORNING HOLY COMMUNION</b> with choir, in-person only
	<b>10:00AM</b>	<b>CHRISTMAS MORNING HOLY COMMUNION</b> with choir, also live-streamed, <u>no</u> morning tea afterwards
<b>SUN 26</b>	<b>9:00AM</b>	<b>BOXING DAY / ST. STEPHEN'S DAY</b> <b>ONE WORSHIP SERVICE ONLY</b>
<b>MON 27</b>		Church office closed
<b>THU 30</b>	<b>5:30PM-7:30PM</b>	New Year's Eve Eve SJG Gals Get-Together, via Zoom

## January 2022

<b>THU 6</b>		<u>No</u> 10:00AM service, Epiphany will be observed on Sunday the 9th
<b>SAT 8</b>	<b>9:00AM</b>	First Op Shop Sale of the year

## **NOTEWORTHY** – CD recording of St John's new organ

Since its launch at the Op Shop big sale last Saturday, the CD recording of St John's new organ played by Dr Brett McKern has generated a great deal of interest and a pleasing number of sales.

The CD (running time a generous 71 minutes) contains twenty-four tracks of pieces from composers Johann Sebastian Bach, Aaron Copeland, Alexandre Guilmant, George Frederic Handel, Herbert Howells, Felix Mendelssohn, Sir George Thalben-Ball and Ralph Vaughan Williams, as well as some of Brett's own compositions and two improvisations by him.

Brett says that every stop on the organ was used somewhere in the recording, which was made over two late night sessions to minimise traffic noise from Pacific Highway.

St John's can be justly proud of the instrument. As most would know, it was designed by South Island Organ Company with professional input from Brett as Consultant to the project, primarily to assist and enhance our worship of Almighty God and to meet the specific requirements of St John's church building. This generation of parishioners has endowed the parish with a valuable asset that will be appreciated for many future generations.

In this beautiful recording Brett showcases the quality and versatility of the instrument to perfection. At just \$20 this CD will make a wonderful gift for all who enjoy the music of what Mozart called The King of Instruments.

### **A History of the Music and Organs of St John's Parish**

There have been several published histories of St John's parish, most recently the 125 Year History edited by the late John C Moon OAM. This is the first to focus on that aspect of parish life which perhaps has become the defining feature of the parish and certainly the aspect of parish life that parishioners consistently rate as the most highly valued – the traditional music and liturgy. (The recent practical demonstration of that value has been parishioners' generosity in donating to fully fund the chancel division [stage 1] of the SIOC organ.)

In this comprehensive (80 pp.) publication Dr Brett McKern has traced the growth and development of music from the parish's earliest days and recorded in great detail those who have influenced, led, participated in, and contributed in many ways, with descriptions of the parish's musical instruments through to installation of the new SIOC organ. The consistently large number of people directly engaged in the music programme underscores its lasting and significant role in the life of the parish.

Published on the eve of the parish's sesquicentenary this book, replete with many photographs, comprehensive footnotes and a bibliography, is a most valuable contribution to the historical record of the parish. Past, present and future parishioners and friends of the parish who browse its pages are sure to find the experience enjoyable and enlightening!

The parish is deeply indebted to Brett for producing both the CD and the Music History—a marvellous personal legacy from his time as St John's Director of Music.

**Both make wonderful Christmas gifts.**

**To buy your copies please use the enclosed order form  
or see a Music Association member after the service.**

(Sale proceeds go to defray production costs by the Music Association.)



**ST. JOHN'S CLERGY  
AND STAFF  
WISH YOU AND YOURS  
A BLESSED CHRISTMAS  
AND A HEALTHY 2022**

The Rector would be happy to take **CHRISTMAS COMMUNION** to any who would like it.

Please contact him directly— telephone 0402 950 724  
or e-mail [rector@stjohnsgordon.org.au](mailto:rector@stjohnsgordon.org.au).

HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY.  
*Jesus!*

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Father Robert's day off is Wednesday  
Meg is in the office Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10:00AM to 4:00PM  
Cynthia generally in the office on Fridays, but the day may vary.

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