



THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF  
**ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, GORDON**  
26 DECEMBER 2021  
“THE JANUARY ISSUE”



The angel said to the shepherds  
keeping watch over their flocks by night:  
**FEAR NOT.**  
**I BRING YOU TIDINGS OF GREAT JOY,**  
**WHICH SHALL BE TO ALL PEOPLE.**  
**FOR UNTO YOU IS BORN THIS DAY**  
**IN THE CITY OF DAVID A SAVIOUR,**  
**WHICH IS CHRIST THE LORD.**

Suddenly there was with the angel  
a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, saying,  
**GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST,**  
**AND ON EARTH**  
**PEACE, GOOD WILL TOWARD MEN.**

The shepherds came with haste and found Mary and Joseph and the babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. Luke 2

## WORSHIP SERVICES

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

**Note only one service 26 December—9:00AM**

**Masks** are required in all indoor settings, by order of the State Premier.  
At press time, this mandate is in effect from Christmas Eve through 27 January.  
**Checking-in** with QR codes or manually with sidesmen is, at press time, required.

**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  
and instructions from the State Premier, NSW Health and the Archbishop.  
Parishioners will be kept informed via e-mail.**

Scan this QR code to go to the church website.



## PARISH NOTICES

The **CHURCH OFFICE** will be **CLOSED** on Monday, 27 December and Tuesday, 28 December. Meg McDonald will take the week of 3 to 7 January off. The communication schedule of e-mails, Facebook and website postings will be adjusted accordingly.

Father Robert advises that the **THURSDAY 10:00AM SERVICE** of Holy Communion will continue every Thursday throughout December and January.

Because items are dropped off outside our **OP SHOP** every single day and quite a lot is received during school holidays, the Op Shop crew will continue sorting and pricing as usual. They would welcome additional helpers; drop by some Tuesday or Thursday to volunteer.

**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

People watching our live-streamed services are needed to **SHARE CHURCH** with parishioners at home who possess only a basic telephone, no computer or smart phone. Kind volunteers, e-mail [pastoralcaresjohnsgordon@gmail.com](mailto:pastoralcaresjohnsgordon@gmail.com).

Congratulations to **BARBARA WARD** and **SIMON LENNON**, who on 21 December were declared by the Ku-ring-gai Council as having been **ELECTED** as Councillors for the Gordon Ward.

At year's end, after consulting the **ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER** each week while compiling the intercessions page, the sheer number of times **DIOCESES IN NIGERIA** appeared in the cycle demanded a count. Find out that large number and see the diocese names and provinces as part of this week's intercessions page. Although a different diocese or world area is assigned to each day of the year, our intercessions page generally only lists the one appointed for Sunday, plus any in Australia and New Zealand. Expect to see on 2022 intercessions pages all Nigerian dioceses, whatever day of the week they fall in the cycle. The Holy Spirit has moved the people of Nigeria to establish many churches. Let us pray for their continued vibrancy.



## C A L E N D A R

**Sunday, 26 December, St. Stephen's Day / Boxing Day,  
only one worship service, 9:00AM**

**Church office** closed Monday, 27 December and the week of 3 to 7 January

**SJG Gals** gathers, via Zoom, 30 December, New Year's Eve Eve, 5:30PM to 7:30PM

**Op Shop** continues to sort and price on Tuesday and Thursday mornings

**Young Adults Bible Study** has finished for the year,  
resumption date to be determined

**Thursday 10:00AM Holy Communion services** to continue without break

**English as a Second Language classes** have finished for the year,  
will resume 10 February 2022, after Chinese New Year

**Bishop Michael's Bible Study Group** has finished for the year,  
resumption date to be determined

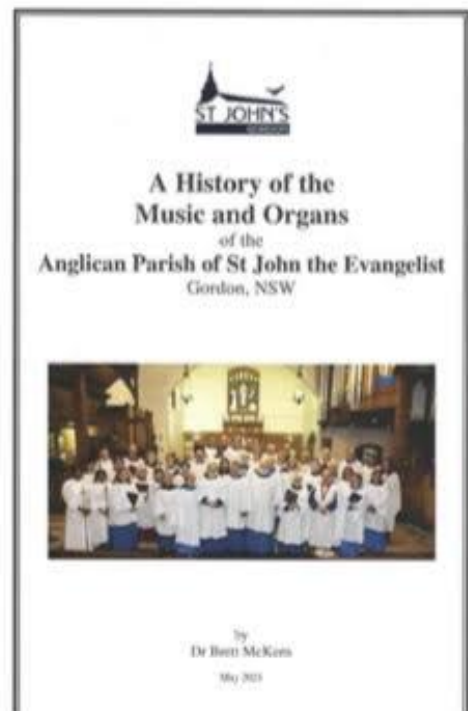
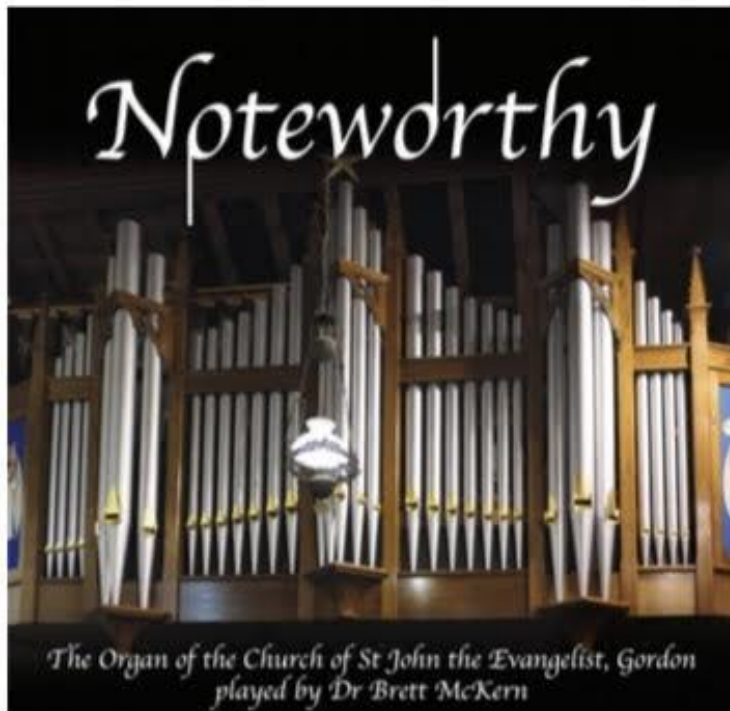
**Epiphany** to be observed on the day at the Thursday 10:00AM service  
and Sunday morning, 9 January.

First **Op Shop Sale** of the year Saturday, 8 January, from 9:00AM

**2022 Op Shop Sale Dates**, all Saturdays, 9:00AM to Noon

January 8 and 29	February 12 and 26	March 12 and 26
April 9 and 30	May 14 and 28	June 11 and 25
July 9 and 30	August 13 and 27	September 10 and 24
October 15 and 29	November 12 and 26	December 10

**Fête** 15 October 2022



**The NOTEWORTHY CD and HISTORY OF THE MUSIC AND ORGAN BOOKLET, newly released by the St. John's Music Association, are available for purchase—separately or together**

- \* In the **narthex** after church services
- \* In the **church office** during open hours
- \* By personal delivery or post upon receipt of a completed **order form** with payment (an order form has been inserted within these pages)

The CD may also be **downloaded** from the Southwright website — a physical CD may also be ordered this way.

The link is: <https://soundwright.com.au/?product=noteworthy>.



### **ST. STEPHEN'S DAY, 26 December**

Grant, O Lord, that, in all our sufferings here upon earth for the testimony of thy truth, we may steadfastly look up to heaven, and by faith behold the glory that shall be revealed, and being filled with the Holy Ghost, may learn to love and bless our persecutors by the example of thy first Martyr St. Stephen, who prayed for his murderers to thee, O blessed Jesus, who standest at the right hand of God to succour all those that suffer for thee, our only Mediator and Advocate. Amen



### **ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST'S DAY, 27 December**

Merciful Lord, we beseech thee to cast thy bright beams of light upon thy Church, that it being enlightened by the doctrine of thy blessed Apostle the Evangelist St. John may so walk in the light of thy truth, that it may at length attain to the light of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



### **THE INNOCENTS' DAY, 28 December**

O Almighty God, who out of the mouths of babes and sucklings hast ordained strength, and madest infants to glorify thee by their deaths; mortify and kill all vices in us, and so strengthen us by thy grace, that by the innocency of our lives and constancy of our faith even unto death, we may glorify thy holy Name, though Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



### **THE CIRCUMCISION OF CHRIST, 1 January**

Almighty God, who madest thy blessed Son to be circumcised and obedient to the law for man; grant us the true circumcision of the Spirit, that our hearts and all our members, being mortified from all worldly and carnal lusts, we may in all things obey thy blessed will, through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



### **EPIPHANY, 6 January**

O God, who by the leading of a star didst manifest thy only-begotten Son to the Gentiles; Mercifully grant that we which know thee now by faith may after this life have the fruition of thy glorious Godhead, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

## AS 2021 ENDS, THANK YOU

To all who **PRAYED**  
To all who **SANG**  
To all who **LIVE-STREAMED**  
To all who **GAVE**  
To all who **WORKED**  
To all who **SHOWED LOVE AND CARE.**  
You made a difference. You are appreciated.

## AS 2022 DAWNS,

Let us pray for the church, the world and each other.  
Happy New Year.

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Father Robert's day off is Wednesday

### **CHECK CALENDAR FOR CHURCH OFFICE CLOSURES** **AFTER CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S**

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*Thank you, John Ross Edwards, for proofreading the pew bulletin this year. CMK*