THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF
ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, GORDON
THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
23 JULY 2017

Dear Friends,

It has been another week of shocking news—shocking for people and families and communities. Again, it is the supposed innocents who appear to have been the victims.

We can be tempted to give up hope, to give up trusting God. It is to such a world that St Matthew and St Paul were writing. Their message is we can still hope and trust in God's power and grace.

Jesus wept. Through funerals and ministry with the bruised, abused and dying we are not called upon to ignore the sadness or the reality of this world's pain.

In this world's darkness, the light of God's perfect love and life shine brightest. God offers His chosen "the treasures of darkness where faith's greatest riches are stored."

Blessings, *Rob*

W E L C O M E T O S T J O H N ' S

I was glad when they said unto me, We will go into the house of the Lord. Psalm 122:1

S U N D A Y S E R V I C E S

7:30AM MORNING PRAYER, BCP
8:00AM HOLY COMMUNION, BCP service with APBA readings
9:30AM HOLY COMMUNION, APBA

WEEKDAYS
7:00AM Morning Prayer, Monday to Wednesday
10:00AM Thursday, Midweek Holy Communion Service with Healing, BCP

CHORAL EVENSONG
4:00PM Second Sunday of the month, March through November,
next Evensong 13 August

RED LETTER DAYS occurring Monday to Wednesday
observed with Holy Communion after 7:00AM Morning Prayer,
occurring Thursdays observed at the 10:00AM service.
Next Red Letter Day is Tuesday, 25 July, St James, Apostle and Martyr

The **CHURCH IS OPEN FOR PRAYER** at varied times during the week.

VISITORS, you are welcome to receive Communion at St John's
if you receive at your own church and your church discipline allows.
Scan this QR code to go to the church website.

Notices

READINGS For Today, 23 July, Sixth Sunday After Trinity
7:30AM Ezekiel 37:1-14 Acts 8:4-25
8:00AM Romans 8:26-30 Matthew 13:24-43
9:30AM Isaiah 44:2-8 Romans 8:26-30 Matthew 13:24-43
READINGS For Next Sunday, July 30
7:30AM Nehemiah 4:7-end Matthew 6:1-18
8:00AM Romans 8:28-31 Matthew 13:44-52
9:30AM I Kings 3:5-14 Romans 8:28-31 Matthew 13:44-52

The funeral of **JAN WINTERBOTHAM** is on Monday 24th July 11:30AM.

Pat Gaudry "remembers Jan for her outstanding involvement in the **Women's Evening Group** for many years. The **Card Day** which ran for many years was organised by Meg Kremer and Jan Winterbotham going through their lists of friends and phoning and bringing thirty to forty friends each. Without Jan's friends (and Meg's) there would not have been one Card Day, let alone twenty or more organised to benefit missions." Pat adds that she "personally remembers Jan for her friendliness, always happy to have a chat and interested in people and what they were doing. She was a very generous writer of cheques for the Fête Raffle and other church causes. She worked tirelessly on stalls for the Women's Evening Group."

Other friends remember her as "a very faithful woman", "a staunch member of the Women's Evening Group when I arrived thirty years ago" and as "never complaining about these past difficult times".

Jan, pictured here working at the October 2014 Fête, did much for this parish and she will be missed.

This Week In The Parish

SUN 23	**7:30AM**	8AM Singers' rehearsal, Tower Room
	11:30AM	Parish Choir rehearsal, choir stalls
TUE 25	**Morning**	Op Shop sorts and prices
WED 26	**10:00AM**	Wednesday Morning Bible Study with Father Rob
	5:00PM	Wednesday Evening Women's Bible Study, church office, studying Book of Deuteronomy
THU 27	**Morning**	Op Shop sorts and prices
FRI 28	**9:00AM**	Op Shop Sale

See front page for current schedule of Sunday and weekday worship services.

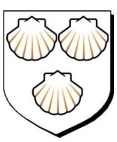
Upcoming Events

August

SAT 12	**9:00AM**	Op Shop Sale
SUN 13	**4:00PM**	Choral Evensong with The Cathedral Singers
MON 14	**7:30PM**	Parish Council Meeting, church office
MON 21	**Noon**	St John's Kitchen Monthly Community Luncheon
FRI 25	**9:00AM**	Op Shop Sale

September - Music Month

FRI 1	**7:00PM**	**Music Month** begins with Big Hymn Sing
SAT 2		Big Hymn Sing continues
SUN 3		Big Hymn Sing concludes at the end of the 9:30AM service
SAT 9	**9:00AM**	Op Shop Sale
SUN 10	**11:30AM**	Organ recital, Brett McKern
	4:00PM	Evensong with St John's Evensong Choir
FRI 15	**7:30PM**	Memorial service marking 13 September 1914, the sinking of AE1, Australia's first submarine
SUN 17	**9:30AM**	The Joubert Singers present
MON 18	**Noon**	St John's Kitchen Monthly Community Luncheon
SUN 24	**9:30AM**	The Brabyn Singers present
FRI 29	**9:00AM**	Op Shop Sale



Tuesday is the **RED LETTER DAY** for St James, Apostle and Martyr. A service of Holy Communion will immediately follow 7:00AM Morning Prayer.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY with Father Rob, filling in for Father Keith, resumes this week. All are welcome to join the group.

The next **OP SHOP SALE** is Friday morning.

GORDON VILLAGE FÊTE
AND SPRING MARKET
9:00AM to 4:00PM - SATURDAY, 14 OCTOBER 2017

This year's Fête promises to be bigger and better than ever!

We will be complementing our traditional parish stalls with even more external stalls. This will attract larger crowds to this year's Fête.

The success of the Fête relies upon the involvement and assistance of all parishioners.

How can I help?

There are 3 areas. You can:
- Donate goods.
- Volunteer your time.
- Donate money.

Every contribution is appreciated, large and small.

Donate goods

Cake Stall It's always a sell out! Cakes and biscuits and slices are required. Contact Rhonda Cramer (9488 8405, vcramer@optusnet.com.au) and let her know what you can bring.
Chocolate Wheel Please donate suitable prizes, such as chocolates, wine, household items and gadgets, toys, beauty products and shop vouchers. Some of the keenest "punters" are in the 10 to 12 year old age bracket, and donated goods can be delivered to the church office.
Collectables Stall China, glass, silver, jewellery, art and other household decorative items are the usual items for this stall. Start looking in your cupboards, and drop your "treasures" off to the church office.
Bargain Basement Book Stall The Fête book stall can take all the books you wish to provide. Please bring books to the entrance to the crypt in the area just above the stairs.
Plant Stall Start potting up the plants that grow well in your home gardens, and contact Natalie Maschmeyer (0414 564 535) to let her know what you can donate.

Volunteer your time

Other tasks include:

- Distributing Fête flyers
- Setting up before the Fête
- Assisting on one of the above stalls on Fête Day
- Packing up after the Fête.

Donate money

Please contact Reece McCormack (0407 431 799, stjohnschurchgordon@gmail.com) to discuss.

We gratefully accept donations! Donations can be made at the church office, or by EFT to St John's Church, Westpac Bank, BSB 032-083, account 81-0055. Please use your name and "Fête donation" as the reference.

Some of these donations will be used to buy packaging materials for the cake stall (to comply with food safety regulations) and to buy raffle prizes.

The Fête Committee

The parish is grateful to Pat Gaudry for serving as Fête Chairman for the past four years. Pat has retired as Fête Chairman, but she will not sit this Fête out - she will run the Bargain Basement Book Stall—and more.

Any questions and comments and offers of assistance relating to the Fête can be directed to Reece McCormack (0407 431 799, stjohnschurchgordon@gmail.com) on behalf of the Fête Committee.

As the Fête approaches, Jan Kneeshaw, also known as "Jam" Kneeshaw, is trying to get ahead with the **JAM MAKING**, preparing jars to sell on Fête Day, which is difficult as it keeps getting sold out at the monthly Women's Evening Group stalls! She would welcome donations toward the costs of fruit for jam making. Dried apricots, raspberries, strawberries and rhubarb are popular jam flavours, but can be expensive to buy. Find her around or at the 9:30AM service or you may leave an envelope in the church office.

St John's Anglican Church Gordon

Gordon Village Fete
&
Spring Market

Saturday 14 October 2017

9am to 2pm

- Homemade cakes
- Arts and crafts
- Chocolate wheel
- Raffles
- Bargain books
- Jumping castle
- Face painting
- Coffee and cakes
- Barbeque
- Op shop

Market stalls selling arts, craft, fashion, jewellery and homewares

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EXCITING NEW MINISTRY at St John's with FATHER ERNEST CHAU

At the Vestry meeting in March, Father Keith welcomed into our parish family Father Ernest and May Chau, parents of our wonderful Nicola. Father Ernest retired last year after serving as Rector at Artarmon, where he, May and Nicola had been building a strong and inclusive ministry in their local community for those from a Chinese speaking background. Father Keith and Father Ernest also spoke briefly at our Vestry meeting about our planning for a ministry at St John's to our significant and growing Asian heritage community in Gordon.

Just before Father Keith went on leave, he and Father Ernest agreed on the first steps in this ministry. In August, Father Ernest will commence leading a Wednesday daytime Bible study and teaching session, and on Thursday evenings in our hall we will be inviting locals from a Chinese speaking background to engage in social activities such as table tennis and Mahjong, perhaps have a meal and learn more about Christ.

Additionally, Father Ernest has begun assisting at the 9:30AM Sunday Eucharist.

This is an exciting step for our parish and genuine renewal. What Christ has established at St John's is a wonderful foundation from which we continue to develop and into which we open to open ourselves to a challenging and growing community. Please pray for Father Ernest and May as they help us to lead this important ministry and progression for our parish.

James Winter, Churchwarden

If you would like to **CHANGE YOUR GIVING** from envelopes in the plate to **ELECTRONIC** and automatic, Bill Killinger would be happy to help you get started. See him at church or telephone him at 0407 551 600. Givers may remain anonymous, if desired. The Rector, Churchwardens and Parish Council have a strong preference for parishioners to give electronically. Thank you for all who give to the church via any method.

Additional **OP SHOP WORKERS** are needed on Tuesdays and Thursdays for sorting and pricing donations and on Friday and Saturday to work sale days. See June Millar or Rita McColl. The money the Op Shop raises is vital to our budget.

Services and Rosters

TODAY, 23 JULY, SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8:00AM CHORAL COMMUNION (BCP, readings from APBA)

Sidesmen:	Belinda Howell, John East and Bill Killinger
Welcoming:	Linda Killinger
First Reading:	Jan McLachlan

9:30AM SOLEMN CHORAL EUCHARIST (APBA)

Sidesmen:	Richard Gideon and Robert Plant
Welcoming:	Mary Mewett
First Reading:	Rhonda Miller
Prayers Of The People:	Antony Pitts
Offertory Procession:	Jennifer and Nigel Hubbard
Morning Tea:	Ladies' Fellowship Group

NEXT SUNDAY, 30 JULY, SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8:00AM CHORAL COMMUNION (BCP, readings from APBA)

Sidesmen:	Jan McLachlan, John McLean and John Welch
First Reading:	Catherine Barker

9:30AM CHORAL COMMUNION (APBA)

Sidesmen:	Alex Surmon and Reece McCormack
Welcoming:	Ruth Myers
First Reading:	Elizabeth Kelly
Prayers Of the People:	Nicola Chau
Offertory Procession:	Mary Mewett and Ruth Myers
Morning Tea:	The Bakker Family

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