



THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF  
**ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, GORDON**  
THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY  
**1 OCTOBER 2017**

Dear Friends,

It's OK to, as our Archbishop has asked us, vote "No" in the Same Sex Marriage poll and if after prayerful consideration you believe that you should vote "Yes" it is also OK to do that. I understand the conflict that Christian men and women are feeling at the moment. We have Bible-believing, prayerful, faithful members of this parish who tell me that that they have voted for each option. I respect each and every one.

To adopt the Biblical perspective and vote, "No" doesn't make a person homo-phobic or uncharitable. To see the Marriage Act belonging to Caesar and to vote to allow equality under the law of the land is not saying that we disagree with God.

This issue is far too complex to bring down to a Yes/No question but this is what we have been given.

I am grateful for the Biblical faithfulness, charity, and sincerity within this parish; all I ask is that each person prays before voting.



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 NEXT SUNDAY 8 October

**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 Wednesday, 18 October, St Luke the Evangelist.

A day of note is Wednesday, 4 October, St Francis of Assisi.

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, 1 October, Sixteenth Sunday After Trinity**

**7:30AM** Ecclesiastes 11:9-12:7 Luke 12:1-21

**8:00AM** Philippians 2:1-13 Matthew 21:23-32

**9:30AM** Ezekiel 18:26-32 Psalm 25:1-9 Philippians 2:1-13 Matthew 21:23-32

### **READINGS For Next Sunday, 8 October, Seventeenth Sunday After Trinity**

**7:30AM** Job 23:1-12 2 Corinthians 1:1-22

**8:00AM** Philippians 4:4,6-9 Matthew 21:33-45

**9:30AM** Isaiah 5:1-7 Psalm 80:8-19 Philippians 4:4, 6-9 Matthew 21:33-45

**4:00PM** Jeremiah 35 Luke 8:26-56

There is **NO WOMEN'S EVENING GROUP STALL** this morning as we lead up to the Fête. The group is providing refreshments after both services.

**FÊTE FLYERS** were attached to the e-mail "zap-out" of this week's pew bulletin. You are encouraged to invite friends to the our Fête by forwarding them a flyer. Printed Fête flyers are also in the narthex to hand to friends over the next two weeks.

The October **PARISH PRAYER MORNING** will be held Saturday morning from 9:00AM to approximately 10:00AM, consisting of a service of Morning Prayer followed by prayers for the parish from clergy and worshippers present.

Father John Spooner will preach at the October **EVENSONG** next Sunday afternoon at 4:00PM, and the Brabyn Singers will sing.

New boxes of **OFFERTORY ENVELOPES** are available in the narthex. Ask a sidesman.

Could you be an **OP SHOP** worker, helping sort donated goods on Tuesdays and/or Thursdays? See June Millar or Rita McColl.

Let the church know when you are **IN THE HOSPITAL** so that you may be visited and prayed for.

**AUSTRALIAN ANGLICAN CHURCH CALENDARS FOR 2018** may be ordered by writing your name and quantity desired on the sheet in the narthex. The cost is \$15 per copy; sales support the work of the Anglican Church in Australia and internationally.

## This Week In The Parish

<b>SUN 1</b>	<b>7:30AM</b>	8AM Singers' rehearsal, Tower Room
	<b>11:30AM</b>	Parish Choir rehearsal, choir stalls
<b>TUE 3</b>	<b>Morning</b>	Op Shop sorts and prices
<b>WED 4</b>	<b>10:00AM</b>	Wednesday Morning Bible Study with Father Rob, church office
	<b>11:00AM</b>	Bible Study for Chinese speakers, led by Father Ernest, Crypt
	<b>5:00PM</b>	Wednesday Evening Women's Bible Study, church office, studying Book of Deuteronomy
<b>THU 5</b>	<b>Morning</b>	Op Shop sorts and prices
	<b>5:00PM</b>	Social Activities for Chinese speakers, hosted by Father Ernest, Hall
<b>FRI 6</b>		Bargain Basement Book Stall books delivered to Crypt, help needed with delivery and sorting in days after
<b>SAT 7</b>	<b>9:00AM</b>	Parish Prayer Morning, Chapel

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

## Upcoming Events

### October

		<u>No</u> Women's Evening Group meeting in October
<b>SUN 8</b>	<b>4:00PM</b>	Evensong
<b>SAT 14</b>	<b>9AM-2PM</b>	<b>ANNUAL CHURCH FETE AND RAFFLE, OP SHOP OPEN DURING FÊTE</b>
<b>MON 16</b>	<b>Noon</b>	St John's Kitchen Monthly Community Luncheon
<b>SUN 22</b>	<b>3:00PM</b>	Guild of Church Musicians' Annual Festival Service
<b>FRI 27</b>	<b>9:00AM</b>	Op Shop Sale



Supporters of the **BUSH CHURCH AID**, please leave your **COLLECTION BOXES** at the church now or hand to Alan Tilley. Parishioners willing to become supporters of Bush Church Aid would be very welcome.

Donations can be tax-deductible on request. New or replacement collection boxes are available from Alan Tilley, telephone 9498 4169.



# 2 weeks to go!

## **ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH FÊTE AND SPRING MARKET**

**9:00 am TO 2:00 pm**

**SATURDAY 14 OCTOBER 2017**

### ***Children's activities***

In addition to the jumping castle, the children's area in front of the church hall will host face painting, the "matching ducks" game, and water pistol painting.

And we can now announce 2 more attractions:

- The Butterfly Balloon Burst game, and
- A game of skill that will suit aspiring basketballers!

Don't forget that Zoe Spooner and her pet snake will be in the narthex, showing an audio-visual presentation on her job as a zookeeper at 9:15 am, 10:15 am and 11:45 am.

So bring the children and grandchildren to the Fête this year!

### ***Spring market***

This year, we welcome 20 external stallholders, located between the church and the rectory, selling cosmetics, fashion, jewellery, toys, homewares and gifts.

There will be something for everyone at the St John's Gordon Church Fête!

### ***Chocolate wheel and treasure stall***

Thank you for the wonderful array of donated prizes for the chocolate wheel that we have already received. Bottles of wine would nicely round out our range of prizes, and can be delivered to the church office.

Likewise, china, glass, silver, jewellery, art and other household decorative items for the Treasure stall would be gratefully accepted at the church office.

### ***Raffle ticket booklets***

"I love deadlines. I love the whooshing noise they make as they go by!"

*(Douglas Adams, The Salmon of Doubt)*

If you are still holding raffle ticket books, please sell the unsold tickets and return the ticket stubs and ticket money ~~and any unsold tickets~~ (of course, you've just sold them!) to the parish office immediately, for inclusion in the draw.

Tickets will be available on Fête day, and the draw will take place in the Church Hall at 2:00 pm.

As they say, "You have to be in it to win it!"

### ***Book stall***

Pat Gaudry is appealing for helpers for the following tasks:

- Moving books from her home to the crypt on Friday 6 October 2017
- Sorting the books in the crypt from Monday to Friday, 9-13 October 2017
- Selling the books on Fête day
- Packing up any unsold books on Sunday 15 October 2017 and Monday 16 October 2017
- Moving any unsold books to Turramurra Uniting Church on Thursday 26 October 2017.

Please contact Pat on 9498 7773 or [patgaudry@yahoo.com](mailto:patgaudry@yahoo.com).

### ***Fête flyers***

We have arranged for Fête flyers to be delivered to all residences in Gordon.

Additional flyers will be available in the narthex this Sunday. For Gordon residents, please take some flyers and distribute them to local businesses, or take a break from delivering flyers and volunteer to help in the book stall instead! For residents of other suburbs, please distribute flyers in your suburb.

### ***The Fête Committee***

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





The **NATIONAL PRAYER BREAKFAST** in Parliament House, Canberra is on Monday, 16 October at 6:30AM. There is also a service on Sunday evening and a seminar after the breakfast. In 2015, Father Rob was the presenter for the seminar. This year, Rev'd Dr John Dickson is the presenter.

St John's and Warrior Welcome Home are again considering putting a table of eight together for this event. The cost is \$50 per head for the breakfast and \$50 per head for the seminar (the church service is free). If any are interested in joining the St John's / Warrior Welcome Home table, please let Father Rob or the parish office know this weekend.



The **GUILD OF CHURCH MUSICIANS** will hold its Annual Festival Service at St John's (which is the Guild church) on Sunday, 22 October, commencing at 3:00PM.

The service has been drawn up by Father Michael Deasey OAM, is entitled "The Joy of the Gospel" and, in the year of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, features selected texts from both Martin Luther and Pope Francis. The 40th anniversary of establishment of the Uniting Church in Australia also will be acknowledged.

Guild Sub-warden Bishop Richard Hurford OAM KStJ will lead the service, which will commence with an academic procession. Service music is a mix of congregational hymns, choral anthems, instrumental ensemble and organ music. The 2017 combined choir comprises members of "The Mater Chorale" and the parish choirs of St Paul's Anglican Church, Burwood and St Stephen's Uniting Church, Macquarie Street, all directed by St Paul's Burwood Director of Music Sheryl Southwood. Four members of Consort 8 will provide meditative instrumental interludes and Dr Brett McKern, the Guild's Director of Studies, is the accompanist for the service and will provide the postlude.

Guild Chair Madeleine Rowles extends a very warm invitation to all St John's parishioners to come to the service and fellowship with Guild members and service participants over afternoon tea in the hall following the service.

For further information, speak to Guild Secretary Don Yorath.



**BIBLE SOCIETY**  
1817-2017

The **BIBLE SOCIETY**  
is conducting a drive to  
**DELIVER BIBLES**  
**THROUGHOUT MONGOLIA.**

Their appeal letter introduces Bayarmagnai Bayardalai, known as Magnai, a missionary with the Mongolian Union Bible Society serving a church spread over a vast landscape fraught with extraordinary challenges. Distance and isolation are familiar to Australians, but Mongolia has an enormous expanse of lonely terrain. Outside of the capital, Ulaanbaatar, isolated communities are spread out over 21 provinces. Roads connecting these communities are usually muddy rutted dirt tracks, often barely visible due to dust storms, snow and ice.

Reaching a population that is one-third nomadic is a struggle. Outside of urban centres, following their ancient nomadic tradition, families pack up their ger (Mongolian for a yurt) and follow their livestock from one pastureland to another. Churches that meet in gers have to cope with serving a people on the move.

**The Bible Society seeks funds to provide and operate a sturdy four wheel drive vehicle** so Magnai and his team can deliver Bibles across Mongolia, helping to strengthen and grow the church on the Steppe. They **aim to distribute 10,000 Bibles across the 21 provinces this year.**

When communism made way for a democratic form of government in 1990, there were just a few known Christians in Mongolia. By 2000, the numbers of believers had increased to nearly 10,000 and by 2010 it reached 40,000. Now there are at least 50,000 believers meeting in around 600 churches around the country. The Bible Society reports these new Christians, 2% of Mongolia's population, but a growing number, are desperate for Bibles. Magnai says, **"Our mission is to provide a Bible to every family."**

Bible Society Mongolia Appeal

Telephone 1300 BIBLES, 1300 242 537

Website [biblesociety.org.au/equip](http://biblesociety.org.au/equip)

Bpay Biller code 120353, Please call 1300 242 537 for Bpay reference numbers

## Services and Rosters

### TODAY, 1 OCTOBER, SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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

Sidesmen: John Ross Edwards, Peter Lyons and John McLean  
 Welcoming: Alan Tilley  
 First Reading: Jan McLachlan

#### **9:30AM SOLEMN CHORAL EUCHARIST (APBA)**

Sidesmen: Kathy Helm and Hugh Keithly  
 Welcoming: Rhonda Miller  
 First Reading: Nicola Chau  
 Prayers Of The People: Ann Wright  
 Offertory Procession: Rita McColl and Leanne Winter  
 Morning Tea: Women's Evening Group

### NEXT SUNDAY, 8 OCTOBER, SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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

Sidesmen: Leonie Hayne, John Brandon and Alan Tilley  
 Welcoming: John McLean  
 First Reading: Catherine Barker

#### **9:30AM CHORAL COMMUNION (APBA)**

Sidesmen: Reece McCormack and Brian Wood  
 Welcoming: Ruth Myers  
 First Reading: Cynthia Keithly  
 Prayers Of the People: Antony Pitts  
 Offertory Procession: Elizabeth Kelly and Jennifer Lum  
 Morning Tea: The Friday Group

#### **4:00PM EVENSONG**

Sidesmen: Alex Surmon and Simon Lennon  
 Readers: Simon and George Lennon

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