THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF
ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, GORDON
FOR THE DAYS BEFORE AND AFTER
11 SEPTEMBER 2022
THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

"I declare before you all that my whole life whether it be long or short shall be devoted to your service and the service of our great imperial family to which we all belong."
From a speech given by then-Princess Elizabeth on her 21rst birthday, 21 April 1947

HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II
21 April 1926—8 September 2022

Daughter — Princess — Sister — Wife — Mother – Queen—
Defender of the Faith – Grandmother — Great-Grandmother

May she rest in peace

The Pharisees and scribes observed Jesus eating
with people they judged to be sinners
and they grumbled in disapproval.
Jesus told the parable of the lost sheep,
how a shepherd having a hundred sheep
and losing one would leave the ninety-nine
and go look for the one lost sheep
and rejoice when he found it.
"Just so, I tell you, there will be
more joy in heaven
over one sinner who repents
than over ninety-nine righteous persons
who need no repentance."

Matthew 18:12-14 and Luke 15:3-7

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

<u>Sunday 8:00AM</u>, Holy Communion, Book of Common Prayer
<u>Sunday 9:30AM</u>, Holy Eucharist, A Prayer Book for Australia
(also live-streamed via Facebook
and available the following day on YouTube)
<u>Thursday 10:00AM</u>, Holy Communion, Chapel

<u>Second Sunday of the month, March to October, 4:00PM</u>, Evensong
Evensong TODAY

NEXT SUNDAY, 18 SEPTEMBER,
WE CELEBRATE OUR SESQUICENTENNIAL
WITH ONE COMBINED SERVICE AT 9:00AM.

All are welcome at church.

Scan this to go to
the church website.

P A R I S H N O T I C E S

The **OP SHOP** needs support.
Please **FINANCIALLY SUPPORT** the Op Shop Renovation Project.
Until $45,000 is raised and the work is done, each sale day the Op Shop needs **PHYSICAL SUPPORT** to set up and dismantle temporary sale tables.
CULINARY SUPPORT is requested, home baked goods for hungry shoppers to purchase and enjoy with a cup of tea or to take home for evening dessert.
The next Op Shop sale is Saturday, 10 September.

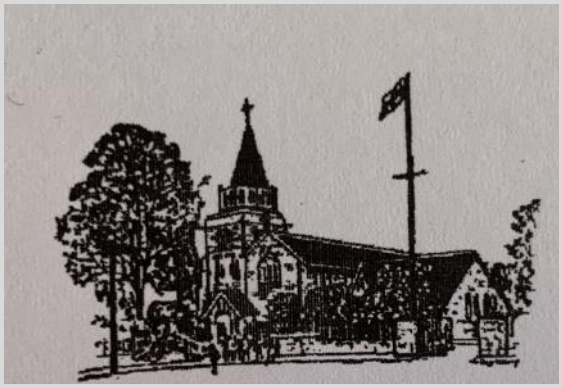
The Anglican Diocese of Sydney's **SYNOD** will take place 10, 12, 13, 14, 19 and 20 September. Father Robert, Jen Lum and Nigel Hubbard will represent St. John's, Gordon. Pray for all who will attend, for matters discussed and decisions made.

EVENSONG today at 4:00PM will be sung by The Cathedral Singers, our choir in residence, and conducted by Jim Abraham. The canticles will be sung to a setting in E Minor by the English composer David Purcell, younger brother of the famous composer Henry Purcell. Then, in observance of Sunday's theme of Salvation and Forgiveness, the anthem for the service will be *The King of Love my Shepherd is*, set to music by the romantic composer Edward Bairstow. The service will end with a *Fantasia* by the early-Baroque Flemish composer Abraham van den Kerckhoven.

The **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUP** will <u>not</u> meet this Wednesday as leader Jen Lum will be attending Synod. Be advised that the start time for future meetings will change from 4:00PM to 4:15PM. All interested women of the parish are invited to join the group as they study the Gospel of John.

The September **LADIES' GAMES AFTERNOON** is this coming Friday, 16 September, from 1:00PM to 4:00PM in the crypt. The ladies have been playing Mah-jong, growing in proficiency, and would continue to welcome additional players, experienced or not. Other games are also possible.

Thank you to the devoted dozen who showed up last Saturday morning for the **CHURCH CLEAN UP**. Brass items, the church pews and more are much cleaner and just in time for the Sesquicentennial service. There is, however, more that could be done. If you were unable to be part of the clean up and can now spare some time, please speak to Father Robert, Bill Killinger or Chris Russell.



Our SESQUICENTENNIAL SERVICE is next Sunday, 18 September

There will be **only one worship service** that morning, at 9:00AM.

Parking will be very restricted, as spaces will be reserved for visiting dignitaries and persons with physical needs. Please contact Philip Bradfield, e-mail pbradfie@bigpond.net.au, or the church office if you need to reserve a space. Consider carpooling, coming via public transport or getting dropped off.

We look forward to welcoming **Archbishop Kanishka Raffel** to Gordon and hearing him preach.

The service will be live-streamed to benefit shut-ins and out-of-town friends of the parish, but the hope is that parishioners will **come and fill the church**, celebrating our 150th birthday in person.

A large **commemorative plaque** will be unveiled on the day.

A **brunch** will follow the service. You are invited to attend the brunch and are requested to bring a plate of food to share. Helpers are needed for setting up, serving and cleaning up. Speak to Jen Lum or jot down on one of the clipboards in the narthex what you can bring and/or do.

Brunch set-up will be Saturday, 17 September from 5:30PM.
Brunch food may be dropped off from 5:30PM Saturday.

Feel free to take one or several of the **Sesquicentennial flyers** in the narthex.

THE CELEBRATORY PARISH DINNER FOR ST. JOHN'S SESQUICENTENNIAL

will be held
Friday, 21 October, starting at 6:30PM

The dinner will be fully catered.
A string quartet will provide entertainment and the Hon. Paul Fletcher, our local MP, will be interviewed by Chris Russell.
Please dress for a nice dinner out.

Tickets are $50 each and may be purchased by cash, cheque or Eftpos (debit/credit card) when the church office is open—or as an electronic ticket, with a $2 per ticket fee. See the church website or the e-mail invitation for the link.

Direct any questions to Sesquicentennial Committee members Chris Russell, Jan McLachlan or Robyn Kerr.

This should be a great evening of food, fun and fellowship.

AUSTRALIAN ANGLICAN CHURCH CALENDARS FOR 2023 may now be ordered. Send your indication of interest to Cynthia Keithly.

You are encouraged to **WEAR YOUR NAMETAG** during worship services and at coffee hour, tossing it in the basket afterwards rather than rehanging it on the rack. If you do not have a nametag, let Meg McDonald know.

Names for the **PRAYER LIST** may be added by writing them on the clipboard in the narthex or e-mailing pastoralcarestjohnsgordon@gmail.com.

C A L E N D A R

September

Father Robert and lay delegates attend
Anglican Diocese of Sydney Synod
10, 12, 13, 14, 19 and 20 September

SAT 10	**9:00AM**	Op Shop Sale
SUN 11	**8:00AM**	Holy Communion, Book of Common Prayer
	9:30AM	Holy Eucharist, A Prayer Book For Australia
	4:00PM	Choral Evensong with The Cathedral Singers
TUE 13	**Morning**	Op Shop crew prices and sorts
WED 14	**11:00AM**	Bible Study for Cantonese speakers, led by Father Ernest, Upper Room, studying the Book of Malachi No Women's Bible Study this week Note that the start time will change from 4:00PM to 4:15PM
THU 15	**Morning**	Op Shop crew prices and sorts
	10:00AM	Holy Communion, Chapel
	Noon	ESL combined class, via Zoom
	5:00PM	Table tennis, Hall, hosted by Father Ernest and Bowen Lau
	7:30PM	Bishop Michael Bible Study group, via Zoom, studying Genesis
FRI 16	**1:00PM**	Ladies' Games Afternoon, crypt
SEPT 18	**9:00AM**	Sesquicentennial Service, a combined service Archbishop Kanishka Raffel to preach Commemorative plaque unveiled Brunch in the church hall to follow
SAT 24	**9:00AM**	Op Shop Sale

October

FRI 21	**6:30PM**	Parish Celebratory Sesquicentennial Dinner

Our friend and former Rector **FATHER ROB SUTHERLAND** writes:
"I am sorry that I won't be able to be with you on the 18th and also won't be able to join you for the dinner in October.

This coming week we will be running the first
WARRIOR WELCOME HOME—Canberra
in conjunction with St. John's, Canberra.

We have now run about five WWH programs on the Gold Coast despite COVID and other complications. Most of our Gold Coast programs have been for soldiers and some families, many who are still serving. We have the last WWH for the year on the Gold Coast in October.

In Canberra, most will stay at home each night and we will be able to run the program at St. John's utilising meeting room, hall and church. We hope to be able to establish strong connections to a local church. It will be nice to again have a parish community dinner and a closing church service as key components.

Each program is different but the overall model that we established through St. John's, Gordon remains. We are healing spiritual wounds through God's (and our) love.

We still give each participant one of John Ross Edwards' handmade pens.

I spend most of my time, still in Army, but working on a Department of Veterans' Affairs project to establish chaplaincy for veterans and families. It is much needed and there are wide calls for this chaplaincy; I am hoping that there will be funding for this in the upcoming Federal Budget. The greatest difficulty will be finding, or growing, suitable chaplains. This project takes me to many parts of the country, including to Darwin in October to support the Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide.

Brisbane is working pretty well for us. … … … Life surrounded by most of our children and grandchildren is never boring.

Grace and peace."

Rob

Principal Chaplain, CSC Veterans' Chaplaincy Project Officer
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11 SEPTEMBER, THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8:00AM	Sidesman:	Leonie Hayne and Alan Tilley
	Reader:	Chris Russell
9:30AM	Sidesmen:	-
	Reader:	Robert Shaw

18 SEPTEMBER, FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY AND SESQUICENTENNIAL SERVICE

9:00AM	Sidesmen:	Belinda Howell, John Brandon, John Ross Edwards and Alan Tilley
	Reader:	Steve Allan

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