



THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF
ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, GORDON

FOR THE DAYS BEFORE AND AFTER
31 DECEMBER 2023
“THE JANUARY 2024 ISSUE”



When King Herod realized the Wise Men were not returning to report the birth location of the King of the Jews, he ordered the killing of all baby boys in and around Bethlehem. An angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and told him “Get up, take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt”.



Thus warned, the Holy Family fled to Egypt under cover of darkness. When Herod died, again an angel appeared to Joseph in a dream, now telling him to go to Israel. As Herod's son Archelaus was reigning in Judea after Herod's death, Joseph took them to the district of Galilee, to a town called Nazareth, fulfilling the prophecy that the Messiah would be called a Nazarene.

St. Matthew 2:1-23

Welcome to St. John's, Gordon

WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday 8:00AM, Holy Communion, Book of Common Prayer

Sunday 9:30AM, Holy Eucharist, A Prayer Book for Australia
(live-streamed on Facebook and YouTube)

Thursday 10:00AM Holy Communion, Chapel

Evensong usually second Sunday of the month,
March to November, 4:00PM

Parish Notices

This morning, 31 December, we have the pleasure of **Peter Kneeshaw** as **organist** for both worship services.

Our **choristers** take a **break** this time of year.



Happy Fifty-Eighth Wedding Anniversary
to our dear friends
Robyn and Alan Tilley,
married here at St. John's, Gordon
21 December 1965

Prayer request cards are in the narthex, along with a clear box in which to drop them.

Op Shop sale dates for 2024 are:

January 13 and 27	July 13 and 27
February 10 and 24	August 10 and 31
March 9 and 23	September 14 and 28
April 13 and 27	October 12 (Fête) and 26
May 11 and 25	November 9 and 30
June 8 and 29	December 14

Sale dates are also posted on the church website, www.stjohnsgordon.org.au.

If your nametag has gone walkabout, the church secretary would be happy to make a new one for you. Let her know by e-mailing sjgpewbulletin@gmail.com or handing a note to the Sunday morning sidesmen.

Running short of **summer reading material**? There are several full bookshelves in the Crypt, with a jar to in which to drop payment.

JANUARY 2024						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
						6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

Sunday morning worship services at 8:00AM and 9:30AM

Op Shop sorts and prices Tuesday and Thursday mornings

Thursday morning services of Holy Communion 10:00AM in the Chapel

Women's Bible Study Wednesdays, 4:00PM to 5:00PM in the church back office, resumes 10 January

Bishop Michael's Bible Study via Zoom, Thursday evenings at 7:30PM, link (every week) is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85438011698>, passcode is 657270, resumes 11 January

Op Shop Sales first of the year are Saturday, 13 January and 27 January, from 9:00AM to 12:00 Noon. All 2024 sale dates are listed on the church website.

Ladies' Games Afternoons mostly Mahjong, held monthly, resume Friday, 19 January, 1:00PM to 4:00PM in the Crypt

Table Tennis Thursdays from 5:00PM to 9:00PM in the Hall, resumes 25 January

Bible Study for Cantonese speakers Wednesdays from 11:00AM to 1:30PM in the Upper Room, resumes 7 February

The Cathedral Singers' choir rehearsals Wednesday evenings from 7:30PM to 9:00PM in the church, resume 7 February

English as a Second Language classes resume in February

Tuesday night Bible Study resumption date to be announced

Evensong returns in March



**Thank you
to all who
served the church
during 2023 —**

Altar servers
Lesson readers
Choristers
Altar Guild
Flower Guild
Sidesmen—Sundays, Evensong, Holy Week, Easter, Advent, Christmas
Live-streamers
Morning tea providers, Sundays
Bakers, Op Shop sale days cake stand
Op Shop crew
Banker
Church, cemetery and grounds tidying
Church cleaning bee workers
Referendum Day sausage sizzle workers
Christmas Eve sausage sizzle workers
Columbarium interment
Scripture teachers
Speaker at Women's Evening Group gatherings
Pew bulletin proofreader
Delegate at Synod - and more

Many church groups and activities take a short recess after Christmas.
Resumption dates are listed on the calendar on Page 3.

Consider joining in a new-to-you group or activity in the new year
or attending a Thursday morning service or Evensong if you don't usually.

Sunday, 31 December, First Sunday After Christmas

8:00AM	Sidesmen:	Jan McLachlan and Alan Tilley
	Reader:	Gillian Russell
9:30AM	Sidesman:	John East
	Reader:	Cynthia Keithly

Sunday, 7 January, Sunday After Epiphany

8:00AM	Sidesmen:	John Brandon and John Ross Edwards
	Reader:	Steven Allan
9:30AM	Sidesmen:	Kathy Helm and Hugh Keithly
	Reader:	Robert Shaw

Sunday, 14 January, Second Sunday After Epiphany

8:00AM	Sidesmen:	Leonie Hayne and Alan Tilley
	Reader:	Melinda Happer
9:30AM	Sidesmen:	Pillai Family
	Reader:	Jennifer Lum

Sunday, 21 January, Third Sunday After Epiphany

8:00AM	Sidesmen:	Sue and Bob Talbot, Chris Russell
	Reader:	David Barker
9:30AM	Sidesmen:	John East and Peter Kneeshaw
	Reader:	Rhonda Miller

Sunday, 28 January, Septuagesima

8:00AM	Sidesmen:	Belinda Howell and Philip Bradshaw
	Reader:	Belinda Howell
9:30AM	Sidesmen:	Joanna Wong and Peter Kneeshaw
	Reader:	Sarah Pillai

Ash Wednesday	14 February 2024
Good Friday	29 March
Easter	31 March

Think Ash Wednesday is early? The earliest date it can occur is 4 February, which happened in 1598, 1693, 1761 and 1818 and will next occur in 2285.



Born a King on Bethlehem's plain
Gold I bring to crown Him again.
King for ever, ceasing never,
Over us all to reign.

Frankincense to offer have I.
Incense owns a Deity nigh.
Prayer and praising,
All men raising,
Worship Him, God most high.

Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume
Breathes a life of gathering gloom.
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
Sealed in the stone cold tomb.

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST Parish Directory



754 Pacific Highway (P.O. Box 295)
Gordon NSW 2072
9498 2744

Website www.stjohnsgordon.org.au
Facebook www.facebook.com/stjohnsgordon
and www.facebook.com/musicatstjohnsgordon



Rector	Rev'd Robert Happer	rector@stjohnsgordon.org.au , 0401 950 724
Assistant Priest	Rev'd Ernest Chau	revechau@tpg.com.au , 0414 549 082
Parish Missioner	Rt. Rev'd Dr Michael Hough	anathoth.hough@gmail.com
Pastoral Chaplain	Jennifer Lum	jennifer.lum@bigpond.com
Director of Music	Gareth Baard	music@stjohnsgordon.org.au
Honorary Assistant Organist	Nicola Chau	
People's Warden	Jan McLachlan	janmclachlan@bigpond.com , 0408 641 037
Rector's Warden	Chris Russell AM	chris@clRussell.com.au
Warden, Treasurer	James Winter	james.winter@au.gt.com
Parish Council Secretary	Dr. Janet Long	parishcouncil@stjohnsgordon.org.au
Parish Council	John East, The. Hon. Patricia Forsythe AM, Elizabeth George, Jan Kneeshaw, Alicia Lennon, Dr. Janet Long, Prakash Pillai, Barbara Ward	
Safe Ministry	Alicia Lennon	lennons@bigpond.net.au
Music Association	Dennis Wood	0414 462 201, musicassociation@stjohnsgordon.org.au
Parish Secretary, Pew Bulletin Editor, Website, Pastoral Care	Cynthia Keithly	office@stjohnsgordon.org.au sjgpewbulletin@gmail.com (preferred) and.pastoralcares@stjohnsgordon.org.au

Usually in the office Monday, Wednesday and Thursday

Westpac Bank Account Name: St Johns Church Gordon / BSB: 032083 / A/C: 810231

Eftpos machines available at church Sundays, in the church office on weekdays
and on Op Shop sale days.

Thank you, JRE, for your diligent proofreading this year. CMK