



THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF
**ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,
GORDON**

FOR THE DAYS BEFORE AND AFTER
1 DECEMBER 2024
FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT



**The days are coming, declares the Lord,
when I will fulfil the good promise
I made to the people of Israel and Judah.
In those days and at that time
I will make a righteous branch sprout from David's line.
This is the name by which it will be called:
The Lord our Righteous Saviour.**

Jeremiah 33:14, 15a, 16b



WORSHIP SERVICE TIMES
ALL ARE WELCOME

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

Parish Notices

The **30 November Op Shop sale** will feature vintage Corningware plus vintage Pyrex, Fire King, JAJ and Corelle. The main sale opens at 9:00AM as usual, with the special Corningware sale from 9:30AM. Step down to the Crypt for Devonshire and the cake stand.

Advent

Our annual **Advent Lessons and Carols** service is held tonight, 1 December, at 7:00PM. The service will include traditional carols and hymns for the season of Advent, sung by our choir. All are welcome.

Christmas postcards are now available and in the narthex. Please take a few for letterboxes on your street and to hand to friends when discussing Christmas plan.

Thank you in advance to the **sidesmen** who have volunteered to serve at the events and services of Advent and Christmas.

Sunday, 22 December at 7:00PM
Nine Lessons and Carols with The Cathedral Singers

A **cemetery working bee** has been called for Saturday, 7 December from 2:00PM. Kath Bradfield says: "Bring your own tools, wear appropriate clothing and come with enthusiasm." E-mail her to say you plan to come, pbradfie@bigpond.net.au.

The **final Op Shop sale of 2024** will be held Saturday, 14 December from 9:00AM.

Copies of the December-January-February edition of **Our Daily Bread** are now in the narthex.

Advent and Christmas 2024 at St. John's, Gordon



First Sunday In Advent

1 December

8:00AM Holy Communion, Book of Common Prayer

9:30AM Holy Eucharist, A Prayer Book for Australia

7:00PM Advent Carols



Second Sunday In Advent

8 December

8:00AM Holy Communion, Book of Common Prayer

9:30AM Holy Eucharist, A Prayer Book For Australia



Third Sunday In Advent

15 December

8:00AM Holy Communion, Book of Common Prayer

9:30AM Holy Eucharist, A Prayer Book for Australia



Fourth Sunday In Advent

22 December

8:00AM Holy Communion, Book of Common Prayer

9:30AM Holy Eucharist, A Prayer Book for Australia

7:00PM Nine Lessons and Carols with The Cathedral Singers



Christmas Eve

Tuesday, 24 December

5:00PM Children's Christmas Service

11:00PM Midnight Eucharist



Christmas Day

Wednesday, 25 December

8:00AM Carols and Communion,
Book of Common Prayer

10:00AM Carols and Sung Communion





C A L E N D A R

November

Sat 30 **9:00AM** Op Shop Sale

December

Sun 1 **8:00AM** Holy Communion, Book of Common Prayer
9:30AM Holy Communion, A Prayer Book for Australia
7:00PM Advent Carols Service

Tue 3 **Morning** Op Shop crew sorts and prices
7:00PM Bible Study, led by Father Robert, Rectory

Wed 4 **11:00AM** Bible Study for Cantonese speakers,
 led by Father Ernest, Upper Room
4:00PM Women's Bible Study, led by Jen Lum
 church back office

Thu 5 **7:30PM** The Cathedral Singers' choir rehearsal, church
Morning Op Shop crew sorts and prices
10:00AM Holy Communion, Chapel
5:00PM Table Tennis, Hall
7:30PM Zoom Bible Study class, led by Bishop Michael,
 link is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85438011698>,
 passcode is 657270

Fri 6 No ESL class today, in recess

Sat 7 **2:00PM** Cemetery Working Bee

Sat 14 **9:00AM** Op Shop Sale, final one of the year

Sun 22 **7:00PM** Nine Lessons and Carols
 with The Cathedral Singers

Tue 24 **Christmas Eve**
5:00PM Children's Christmas Service

11:00PM Midnight Eucharist

Wed 25 **Christmas Day**
8:00AM Carols and Communion, Book of Common Prayer
10:00AM Carols and Sung Communion

Prayer list names: Avril, C, Donna, Helen, Henny, Jennifer, Jenny M, Jo, John, Julia, Karen, Lorraine, Louise, Mary, Pat S., Rhonda, Sue and Cliff, Tom — and those known to God alone.



**Anglican Board of Mission's
Advent and Christmas Appeal 2024**
envelopes are in the narthex.

They write: “This Advent and Christmas, share peace and hope by supporting Anglican Board of Mission / Anglicans In Development’s work with disadvantaged children in Sri Lanka and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in Sydney, providing them with life-changing educational opportunities.

As we enter the Advent season, let us remember the angel’s message of peace, hope and reconciliation to the shepherds on that first Christmas Eve.

In Sri Lanka, the Diocese of Colombo uplifts impoverished children—many from war-affected or fisherfolk families—by offering essential educational support through its Oppuravillam Peace Centre. This includes computer and national exam preparation classes and critical life-skills sessions on topics such as drug awareness and responsible social media use. For pre-schoolers, the Centre provides vital nutrition to combat the country’s economic crisis impacts. The Centre funds a teacher teaching maths and history to 37 students so they can do the national exams and they are also giving scholarships to some students.

In Sydney, Gawura school provides Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander primary students with a culturally empowering education. At this year’s NAIDOC Assembly, students showcased cultural dances and celebrated Aboriginal heroes, drawing strength from their heritage. With ongoing support, Gawura enables these students to enter high school equipped to thrive, bolstered by dedicated mentors.”

You may hand the envelope back in to the church—
or make a bank transfer to
Account Name: Anglicans in Development Ltd
BSB: 032 135, Account :691271
or donate on-line via www.abmission.org/Advent2024
All donations are tax-deductible.

Sunday, 1 December

8:00AM Sidesmen: John Brandon and John Ross Edwards
Reader: Melinda Happer
9:30AM Sidesmen: Kathy Helm and Hugh Keithly
Reader: Cynthia Keithly
Intercessor: Jennifer Lum
7:00PM Sidesmen: Alex Surmon, Peter Kneeshaw, Kwok Family

Sunday, 8 December

8:00AM Sidesmen: Leonie Hayne and Alan Tilley
Reader: Catherine Barker
9:30AM Sidesmen: Pillai Family
Reader: Rhonda Miller
Intercessor: Sarah Pillai

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and on Op Shop sale days.