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オーストラリア開教事務所が移転!

この度、オーストラリア開教事務所が15年間慣れ親しんだリンドフィールドを離れ、ゴードンの下記住所に移転することとなりましたのでお知らせ致します。

**732 Pacific Highway,
Gordon, 2072 NSW Australia**



Tel: (02) 9403 1256
ゴードン駅から約450mと近く、歩いて5、6分という便利な場所となります。

日曜日は、前のPacific Hwyや、北側のBushland Ave等に駐車が可能です。気楽にお参り下さいませ!

8月20日(日曜日)

寺基移転法要並びに盂蘭盆会、 祥月法要にお参り下さい!



(上下)新開教事務所内

8月20日(日曜日)午前11時より、新しい開教事務所での初めてのお参りとして、寺基移転並びに今年度の盂蘭盆会&祥月法要がお勤めされます。どうぞお誘い合わせの上、皆様でお参り下さいませ。 合掌

引っ越しのお手伝い大歓迎!

7月30日(日)に引っ越しをするにあたりまして、この日も手が空いていましたら、お手伝いを宜しくお願い致します! また翌31日は今の事務所のお掃除を致します。運搬、差入れ、お掃除大歓迎です!



新開教事務所はゴードンの駅を西側に出てSt Johns AveをPacific Hwyまで出て、信号を渡りシティ向きに300mほど歩いたところにあります。左隣(南側)の高いアパートが目印です!

来る8月20日に今年度の盂蘭盆会法要が勤められます。浄土に生れて往かれた方々を偲ぶ中で阿弥陀様への感謝のお念仏を申しませう。お昼は持寄りです。宜しくお願い申し上げます! 合掌

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★ お寺の予定表 - Calendar ★

July 30 (Sun)	7:00 am HBMA relocate to Gordon/引っ越し	< 休座 - No Service >
Aug 6,13 (Sun)	< 休座 - No Service - >	
20 (Sun)	11:00 am 寺基移転法要、盂蘭盆会、祥月法要	→お昼は持ち寄りです! Re-Opening, Obon & Shotsuki Service →Potluck Lunch
21 (Mon)	〔 本願寺報発行 / New Bulletin Issue 〕	
27 (Sun)	11:00 am 日曜礼拝/Sunday Service	
Sep 3 (Sun)	11:00 am 九月祥月法要/September Shotsuki Memorial Service	
10 (Sun)	11:00 am 日曜礼拝/Sunday Service	
17 (Sun)	< 休座 - No Service - >	
24 (Sun)	10:00 am Service of Respect at Cowra War Cemeteries	



31 Woodlands Rd の現開教事務所 最後のお参りを致しました！



現開教事務所での最後のお参りの日に集まった皆さん (左から) 頰君、
亜美ちゃん、エマーソンさん、奥山さん、三井さん、渡部開教使、由信
君、鈴ちゃん、由紀美。(16/07/17)

7月16日に、現在のリ
ンドフィールドにある
開教事務所、最後の
日曜礼拝を行いました。この
日、いつもお参り下さる、奥
山さん、三井さんの他、ブラ
ジルの別院にて以前勤務して
いたという、エマーソン・ペレ
イラ・ダ・シルバさんが初めて
お参りして下さいました！ま
た、来月からは新しい開教事
務所



でお会いできることを楽しみに
しています！

しばらくの間、ご迷惑をおかけ
致しますが、どうかご理解の程、
宜しくお願い致します。合掌



ようこそシドニーへ

7月11日(火曜日)

7月11日に日本から旅行でオーストラリアを訪れて

いた福島さんご
夫妻と、友人の
中里さんが開教
事務所をお参り
して下さいまし
た。福島里織
(さおり)さん
は、本願寺派の
僧籍を持ってお
られ、法味豊か
な会話を共にひ
ととき楽しませ
て頂きました。
またの来豪をお
待ちしていま
す！ 合掌



日本からお参り下さった(左から)福島義雄
さん、中里真理子さん、福島里織さん



八月の祥月法要

August Shotsuki Memorial Service

Hashimoto, Mikinosuke	橋本	ミキ/助	様 (1964)
Iriguchi, Ritsuko	入口	律子	様 (1984)
Tanaka, Yasushi	田中	泰	様 (2011)

上記の方々が8月に祥月を迎えられます。ご家
族、或はご縁のございます方は、来月8月20日午
前11時に、お盆法要と一緒に勤められます祥月
法要にどうぞお参り下さいませ。

ご 懇 念 録

Expression of Dana/Gratitude



この一ヶ月間で、下記の方々より総計 712.45ドルのご懇志をご進納頂きました。また、お費銭箱には、計16.40ドルが
浄財として参拝者より喜捨頂きました。この浄財は本願寺設立基金へ進納されました。有り難うございました。合掌

In the past month, donations to the amount of 712.45 were offered to the Amida Buddha through the Hongwanji Buddhist Mission of Australia.
HBMA members and attendants have also deposited \$16.40 in the donation box which also deposited to the Hongwanji Temple of Sydney Building
fund. The HBMA acknowledges the donors and would like to express our sincere gratitude to the following for their generous donations:

- * Mr Ryo Obe (Japan) – Special donation
- * Adelaide Jodo Shinshu Study Centre – Special donations
- * Mr/Mrs Fukushima, Ms Nakasato (Japan) – Special donations
- * Ms Akiko Minami – Family memorial service
- * Mrs Ayako Mitsui Browne – Donations
- * Japan Club of Sydney – Printing honourarium

Thank you very much in Gassho





BULLETIN

There is a famous Haiku (Japanese 17 syllable poem) which describes our human world as impermanent. It says "Chiru Sakura Nokoru Sakura mo Chiru Sakura (Cherry blossom falls, inevitably all blossoms fall)." There are no exceptions and no one can live this life forever.

As Rennyo Shonin also wrote in his letter: "We have not heard of anyone receiving human form which lasts for ten thousand years. The course of life ebbs away very rapidly. Can a person preserve his body for a hundred years at the present time? Not knowing whether death will come today or tomorrow, those who depart from us are as countless as the drops of dew."



Rennyo Shonin

Rennyo Shonin ended his message as follows: "Thus, we see that what man cannot control is the passing away of the young, and old alike. Therefore, we should all look to our future life and with deep reliance on Amida Buddha say the sacred Name."



In the Ullambana Sutra, we can find the origin of the Obon service.

I assume many people love their mother the best. One of the ten great disciples of Sakyamuni Buddha, whose name was **Mokuren** (Maudgalyayana) also loved his mother, because his mother loved him very much.

Mokuren tried to feed his mother but food was all burnt.

According to the Ullambana Sutra, one day Mokuren was reflecting upon his beloved mother who had already passed away. At that time, a question came to his mind,

"What is my mother doing right now?"

He had supernatural powers, which he had obtained through his hard practice, and that is why he was able to see people who had already died. So, Mokuren used this power to search for his beloved mother and he found her!

Alas! - It was a big and sad surprise for Mokuren that his mother was suffering in the hell of hungry demons. It was an unbearable scene for him. His mother was very skinny and almost just flesh and bone. Mokuren rushed to her trying to offer some food, but all of it caught fire in front of his mother. He tried many times but nothing worked. Mokuren had no idea what to do, so, he went to see Sakyamuni Buddha.

Buddha listened to the story, and then told Mokuren why his mother had to go to such a world:

"Mokuren, your mother is suffering right now, because she did something wrong when she was in the human world"

But, Mokuren could not believe it and said:

"She was always a very kind and wonderful mother, what did she do?"

Sakyamuni said,

"I know she was a really wonderful mother, but she was good only to you, not to others. Whenever she had something good, she hid it from others and gave it to you, Mokuren. Your mother never shared things with others."

Mokuren said, ***"Is it because of me?"***

"Yes, Mokuren." Buddha replied, ***"She loved you too much"***.

Mokuren then asked,

"What can I do for her?"

Buddha said,

"There is a way to save your mother. Because she did not share things with others, she went to the hell of hungry demons. Therefore, if you offer and share things with others on behalf of your mother, and if they are pleased, then your mother will be all right."



Sakyamuni Buddha

In accordance with Buddha's word, Mokuren prepared more than enough food and shared it with all of the Buddha's disciples on the last day of their summer study meeting on 15 August. They ate everything and all the disciples were very pleased. Then Mokuren was finally able to see his mother's peaceful smiling face. Mokuren was very happy as he jumped and danced with joy!

Since then, every year on the same day, the same thing was done. This is the origin of the Obon and the Obon dance.

As I write this article, I wonder if we are still doing the same thing as Mokuren's mother. Whenever we get something good, we don't share it with others, but only share it with our children. From the Buddha's point of view, all human actions are beset with selfishness. So we can't count how many selfish acts we make for the sake of our children, family or loved ones. These actions may commit us to the Hell of hungry demons. The only way for our salvation is to encounter the Vow of Amida Buddha; to encounter the teaching of the Nembutsu, and live the life of appreciation, embraced in the arms of Amida Buddha.

Let us recite Namu Amida Butsu showing our appreciation to Amida Buddha who works all the time for us all. - Namu Amida Butsu - .

Please join in for 2017 Obon on Sunday 20 August !



In Gassho,
Rev Shigenobu Watanabe

Visitors from Japan!



Mrs Saori Fukushima (next to Rev Watanabe), her husband Yoshio, and a friend Ms Mariko Nakasato came to visit HBMA on 11 July to pay their respect to Amida Buddha. Thank you!

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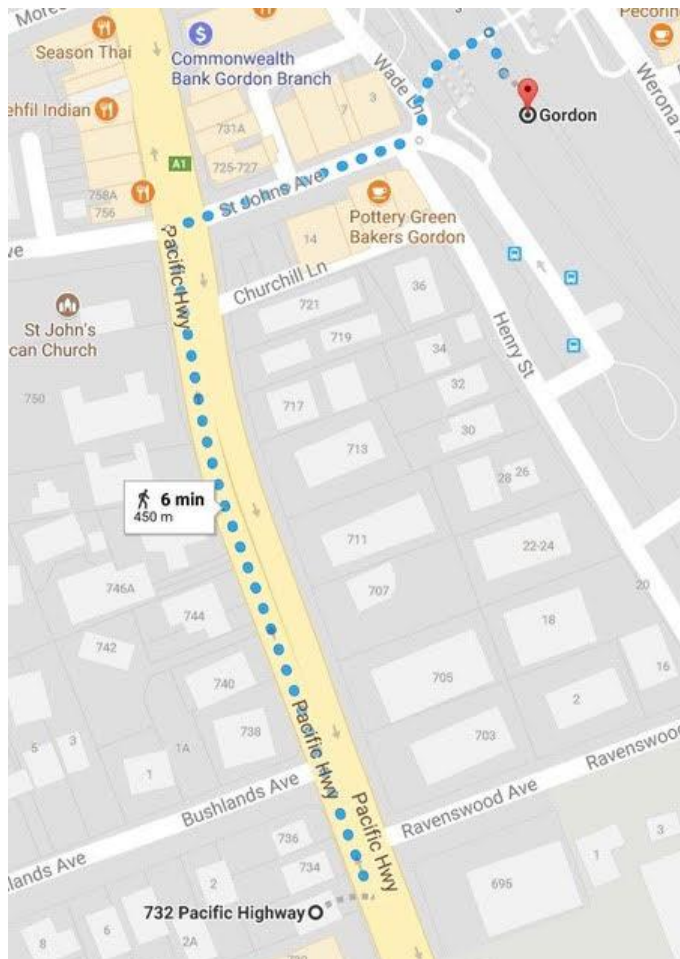
I would like to announce that our home of Amida Buddha is moving on **30 July**. And this time we are going to Gordon, two suburbs north from Lindfield. New place is very convenient for the visitor as it only takes about 5-6mins/450m from the Gordon train station. **IF YOU CAN HELP ON THAT MOVING DAY YOU ARE MOST WELCOME TO DO SO! YOUR HELP WILL BE MUCH APPRECIATED!**



The new address is as follows;

**732 Pacific Highway,
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We will be conducting a combined ceremony of the **Annual Obon service** and **Re-Opening ceremony** on **Sunday 20 August**. So please join in this commemorative occasion. We will be sharing our lunch together and celebrate the lives of all of our ancestors, praising Buddha's virtue on this Obon day.



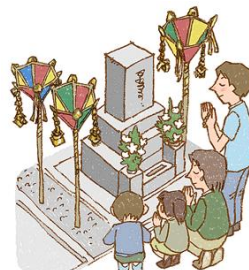
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Why do we commemorate Obon ?

Obon is a good time to reflect upon our loved ones who departed before us and show our appreciation to Amida Buddha who let them be born into the Pure Land saving everyone who encounters the teaching of nembutsu.

We all commemorate our loved ones who have already departed from us at this Obon time. However, as Jodo Shinshu followers, we shouldn't miss the essence of the Obon. Remember that if we only think about our ancestors at this time, it won't be a religious observance. Each one of us should be involved in this service. That is, we should think about and realise our own future lives. Because, we are also going to Amida Buddha's Pure Land where our ancestors are.



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**Let us celebrate
HBMA's Annual OBON
& RE-OPENING SERVICE !**

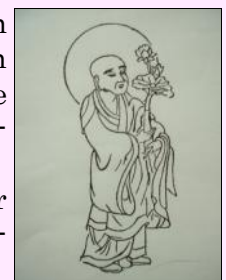


11 am~ Sunday 20 August 2017

Please come to our O-bon service, in commemoration of all who have gone before us, and show our appreciation to Amida Buddha.

Rev Watanabe will deliver Japanese and English messages.

Those who plan to attend the service, **please bring a dish to share with everyone just like Mokuren (Maudgalyayana) did in the Obon story!**



Mokuren