

**National Christian Heritage Sunday is a project of Christian History Research.**

**Celebrating the Gospel of Jesus Christ arriving on Australia's shores.**

**Australia's first minister, Reverend Richard Johnson arrived on the first fleet. The first Christian service in Australia was held on 3rd February 1788.**



Johnson, Richard (1753 - 1827)

**We invite Churches Australia wide, to participate in celebrating National Christian Heritage Sunday on the first Sunday in February each year.**

**An invitation and a suggested script to be read by ministers can be found on the website:  
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**You can also participate in the following ways:**

- 1. Sharing about your own Church's history.**
- 2. Sharing about the beginnings of Christianity in your area.**
- 3. How missions grew in your area and beyond.**

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*"The Lord who sends thee hence  
will be thine aid:*

*In vain at thee the lion Danger  
roars;*

*His arm and love shall keep thee  
undismayed On tempest toss-ed  
seas, and savage shores.*

*"Go, bear the Saviour's name to  
lands unknown, Tell to the southern  
world his wondrous grace;  
And energy Divine thy words shall  
own And draw their untaught  
hearts to seek his face.*

*"Many in quest of gold or empty  
fame Would compass earth, or  
venture near the poles:*

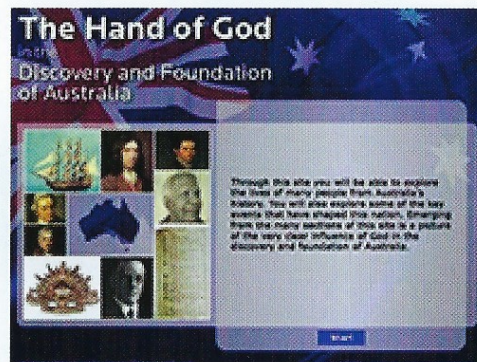
*But how much nobler thy reward  
and aim To spread his praise and  
win immortal souls."*

A hymn about Australia's first Chaplain Richard Johnson. Written by, John Newton, to the tune; "Woodlands" (Tell out my soul)

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