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Bicentenary 2019-2024



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RECTOR'S REPORT TO THE 2020 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**Reflection**

As is the case for many Anglicans of my generation and above, part of the preparation for Confirmation included engagement with the Catechism—a ritualised instruction on the Christian faith. If you have not seen it before, it begins on page 814 of *A Prayer Book for Australia*.

One of the questions in the Catechism asks: “What do you mean by the word ‘sacrament’?”, to which the response is: “...an outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual grace...”. Grace, in this instance being divine unconditional love that brings us into fellowship with God and each other, thereby facilitating renewal, nourishment, joy and peace.

The two Great Sacraments are Baptism and Holy Communion, which are provided for all Christians. There are also five ‘lesser sacraments’ that have a pastoral emphasis, being: Confirmation, Confession, Matrimony, Ordination, and Anointing with Holy Oil. In all of these things we have the opportunity to receive God’s grace through the life of the Church.

Of course, it is possible to imagine many opportunities of receiving God’s grace in our lives—including through friendship, the creative arts, intellectual and spiritual enlightenment, and the natural world. As a lecturer from my college days said “...there are thousands and thousands of sacraments through which we may experience the grace of God”. Theologically, these experiences are called ‘sacramentals’.

In this respect, the church itself is called to be a sacrament to the world—not only an institution with sacraments but more fully a sacramental institution. Well, that is the theory at least, we know that the institution fails to be what God has called it to be; nevertheless, it is still meant to be a place of renewal, nourishment, joy and peace to those who encounter it. It therefore needs to be less a human institution and more a mystical communion making Christ present to the world.

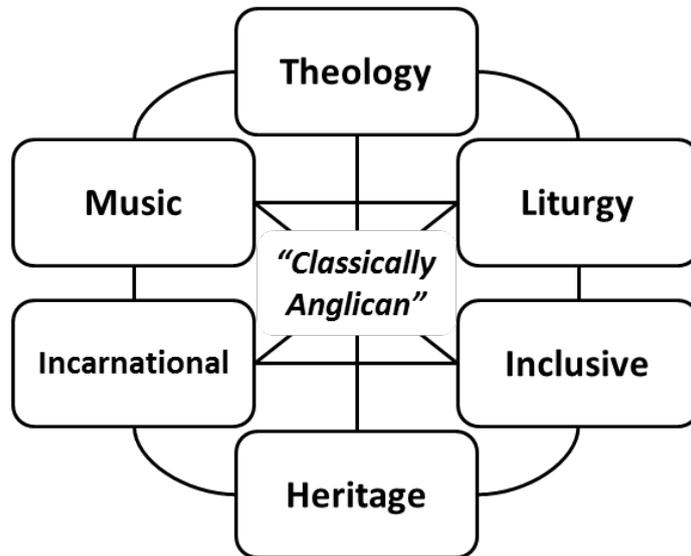
This is our calling at St James’; to make Christ present through our worship, teaching, pastoral care and outreach. It is the working out of the theological principle of incarnation (or God in humanity) in our own times. The Christian faith is not merely a set of structures, ideas and practices, but rather it is a set of dynamic relationships between people and God. In this way we seek to be Christ’s presence to the world and therefore be a sacrament to others. It is a grand vision with eternal consequences.

The sentiment is captured in William Turton’s 1881 hymn ‘O thou, who at thy Eucharist didst pray...’ which ends with the following verse:

*So, Lord, at length when sacraments shall cease,
may we be one with all thy Church above,
one with thy saints in undivided peace,
one with thy saints in one unbounded love;
more blessèd still, in peace and love to be
one with the Trinity in Unity.*

Strategic Plan

This year is the last in our current five-year St James’ Strategic Plan. During 2020 the Parish Council will be reviewing the plan and amending it to reflect the goals and objectives for the Parish through to 2025. The Strategic Plan helps Parish Council and the staff to set priorities and provide resources for the activities of the Parish. The current plan is expressed in the following diagrams and statements.



Five Outcome Areas were identified in the current plan that focus on the needs of the individual, the community and the Parish institutional structure. They are:

- Renewal of minds,
- Renewal of hearts,
- Hospitality,
- New Connections, and
- Thriving.

Our Vision

St James’ Church exists to be part of God’s presence and blessing to the people of Sydney both individually and corporately.

Our Mission

Our mission is to be a transformational community built on the love of God and worked out in the ministries of word, sacrament and incarnation.

Governance

Parish Council. The role of Parish Council is to set policy, allocate resources for ministry, and create a structure by which the Parish's ministry can be facilitated. The Council is made up of the Rector, three Wardens, and eight elected or appointed members. The following staff members also attend Parish Council but are not members of it: the Associate Rector, the Director of the St James' Institute, the Head of Music and the Parish Secretary, and the Parish Treasurer also attends and reports to the meetings.

Parish Executive. The Parish Executive consists of the Rector, Wardens and Parish Treasurer. Its responsibility is to oversee the use of property, finances and parish staff. The Facilities Manager and Parish Secretary also attend meetings of the Executive.

I thank the Wardens and members of Parish Council for their hard work and dedication to the welfare of the Parish. In 2019, the Parish Council was made up as follows:

Rector's Warden:	Chris Lock
People's Wardens:	Holly Raiche and Sid Blairs
Treasurer:	Keith Carpenter *
Education Coordinator:	Roger Pitcher
Mission & Outreach Coordinator:	Holly Raiche
Pastoral Care Coordinator:	Christine Cheetham
Worship Coordinator:	Stephen Samild
Strategic Planning Cttee Chair:	Christopher Day
Other members of Parish Council:	Liz Barton, Nixon Gill, Alan Melrose & Carol Webster

* While the Treasurer attends and reports to Parish Council, he is not a voting member.

St James' Hall Board of Management. In addition to the Council and Executive, the Parish has a Board of Management to advise on the oversight of the building. Members of the Board are appointed by Parish Council and are Stuart Westgarth (Chair), Chris Breach, Tim Edwards, Robert Koch, and Ian Williams. Non-voting attendees are the Rector, Wardens, the Parish Treasurer, a representative from the ACPT, and James Balfour (who is Secretary of the Board). The Parish is very appreciative of the service given by members of the Board of Management.

The current St James' Hall Ordinance will expire at the end of June this year and a committee has been established to prepare a new ordinance to be presented to the Standing Committee of the Diocese.

St James' Trustees. As a feature of its unique history, St James' Church has its own trustees for the oversight of the building. Much of what the Trustees might do have been devolved to the Wardens, but they remain in place as a backstop to the good management of the church building. The current trustees are Geoffrey Bray, Timothy Edwards, Robert Marriott, John Wotton and Fiona Balfour.

Staff and Organisational Structure. A chart outlining the governance and operational structure of the Parish is at Annex A and a 2019 Parish Directory is at Annex B.

Parish Council Activities

Rebranding and New Website and Database. In 2019, as part of our Bicentenary celebrations, the Parish instituted a new website, a new database, and adopted a new logo and style as part of the Parish brand. I especially acknowledge the hard work of Brooke Shelley and Christopher Waterhouse in driving these projects.

Policies. The following policies were adopted during 2019:

1. An amended Alcohol Policy to clarify the guidelines for the responsible service and consumption of alcohol within parish grounds,
2. An Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Policy to set guidelines for the storage and use of information on the Parish database, and
3. A Crypt Use Policy to set guidelines and priorities on the use of facilities in the Crypt.

Bequests. A bequest of \$40,000 was received from the Estate of the Late Angela Monica Gibson, the proceeds of which have been set aside for the new pipe organ project.

Memorial Plaques. The Parish Council approved the erection of memorial plaques for Bishop Ken Mason, Fr John Spooner and Ms Paula Ginns.

Bicentenary Activities 2019-2024

In October 2019 the parish commenced a four-and-a-half-year celebration of the Bicentenary of the church. This will be a major focus for the parish and there are many activities connected with it.

Community Recognition Statement. Our State Member of Parliament, Mr Alex Greenwich, spoke of the St James' Bicentenary in Parliament House on 16 October. He subsequently sent the Parish a Community Recognition Statement outlining the content of his speech.

Bicentenary Orchestral Mass. To commence our celebrations, on Sunday 6 October an Orchestral Mass using Haydn's *Creation Mass* was held. The guest of honour was Her Excellency the Honourable Margaret Beazley AC QC, Governor of NSW, and her husband Mr Dennis Wilson. The preacher was The Most Reverend Peter Carnley AC, former Primate of Australia, Archbishop of Perth, and server at St James'.

Bicentenary Community Celebration. On the next day, Monday 7 October, a celebration was held in Queen's Square involving a Welcome to Country with smoking ceremony, music, drama, recitations and prayers to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the Laying of the Foundation Stone. It was followed by a reception in the Crypt, while the Queen's Square Guild of Bellringers performed a full peal on the St James' bells.

Bicentenary Dinner. A very successful Bicentenary Dinner was held in the church on Friday 15 November. Around 170 people attended with the Guests of Honour being Her Excellency the Governor and Mr Dennis Wilson. Official Guests were the Honourable Shane Mallard MLC (representing the Premier), the Honourable Andrew Bell (Acting Chief Justice), and Archbishop Glenn Davies. The Guest Speaker was musician and broadcaster Christopher Lawrence. Around \$150,000 was raised for the new Dobson Pipe organ, which included a \$50,000 grant from the NSW State Government.

The Bicentenary celebrations will continue until the 200th anniversary of the Consecration of the church on 11 February 2024. Other major activities during this time will include:

- A Camino pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela (April/May 2020),
- Performance of the St James' Orchestral Mass composed by Gabriel Jackson (July 2020),
- A cultural celebration of the History of St James' in the presence of the Archbishop of Canterbury (October 2020),
- Installation of the new Dobson Pipe Organ (mid 2022),
- The St James' Parish History Project,
- Composition and performance of morning and evening canticles,
- Establishment of a school of music (the Academy of St James'), and
- Establishment of an annual St James' Lecture.

New Pipe Organ Project. An Appeal Committee established by the St James' Foundation is chaired by Robert Marriott. Around \$1.4M has been raised through donations and pledges at this stage and the Parish has secured \$800K for the project, but there is still a long way to go. The Parish is appreciative of the Foundation for its support of this project.

St James' History Project. Professor Mark Hutchinson continues his work on the history of the Parish, with three chapters having now been completed.

The Academy of St James'. A proposal for the establishment of a school of music remains on the agenda for the Parish. The timing of this proposal will be contingent on funding both for the school itself and completion of the Dobson Pipe Organ.

Vice-Regal Patronage. I am pleased to advise that the new Governor on NSW, Her Excellency the Honourable Margaret Beazley, AC, QC, has agreed to be the Patron of the Benefactors of St James' Church.

Worship

I thank the many volunteers who are involved in conducting worship each week. We encourage people to be involved as musicians, bell-ringers, sacristans, servers, lay assistants, readers, intercessors, sidespersons, flower arrangers, brass and silver cleaners, hospitality groups and in many other ways. Worship attendance summary for 2019 is as follows:

Number of Sunday services conducted:	170
• Total Sunday attendance:	14,377
Number of week-day services conducted:	577
• Total Week-day attendance:	3,805
Number of week-day seasonal services conducted:	18
• Total seasonal service attendance:	2,920
Number of special/civic services conducted:	6
• Total special/civic service attendance:	432
Total number of services conducted:	771
• Total attendance at services for the year:	21,534
	(Average / week = 412)

These figures do not include pastoral offices such as baptism, weddings and funerals.

Special Services. Apart from the usual seasonal services there were numerous special liturgies held during the year. They included the following:

13, 20 & 27 Jan:	Orchestral Masses
29 Jan	Law Term Service
17 Apr:	Chrism Eucharist
28 Jul:	Patronal Festival Sunday
6 & 7 Oct:	Commemoration of the 200 th Anniversary of Laying the Foundation Stone
	- Orchestral Mass
	- Community Celebration
19 Oct:	Order of St John Investiture
11 Nov:	Remembrance Day Service

Visiting Preachers. The visiting preachers during 2019 were: The Reverend Elaine Farmer, The Reverend Dr Gregory Seach (Warden, Wollaston College, Perth) for Holy Week and Easter, The Right Reverend Dr Murray Harvey (Bishop of Grafton), The Right Reverend Stephen Pickard (Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture, Canberra), The Right Reverend Richard Hurford OAM for Patronal Festival, The Most Reverend Dr Peter Carnley (Former Primate & Archbishop of Perth), The Reverend Canon Professor Scott Cowdell (Charles Sturt University) and The Right Reverend Dr Peter Stuart (Bishop of Newcastle).

Parish Funerals. There was a number of funerals and memorial services held for parishioners during the year, including: Bishop Ken Mason, Paula Ginns, Daphne Dunn, Winston Nolutshungu, Jean Wilson, Ruth McCance, Ian Gosling, Judith Farrar, Theodore Lillicrap, and Warren Ball.

Music. I thank the Music Department for its dedication in providing for the musical needs of the Parish, acknowledging the work of Head of Music, Warren Trevelyan-Jones; Organist, Alistair Nelson; Organ Scholar, Titus Grenyer; and the members of The Choir of St James' and The St James' Singers.

At the end of the year we farewelled Organ Scholar, Titus Grenyer, and welcomed interim scholar Stacey Xiaoyu Yang. We also farewelled long-standing Choir member, Owen Elsley, who has taken up postgraduate studies at Cambridge University and to sing with the Choir of Kings College.

Education

St James' Institute. The vision of the St James' Institute is to help people be 'more informed, more articulate, and more confident about their faith'. This is met through a series of seminars, bible studies, discussion groups and a retreat. I express my appreciation of the ministry of Mr Christopher Waterhouse as Director of the St James' Institute and the support given by the Institute Board and the Advisory Committee.

Kids @ Church. Likewise, our children's programme is a vital part of nurturing young people in the Christian faith through worship, teaching and fellowship. I thank John Wiltshire for his dedication to his role as Children's Ministry Coordinator and those that assist him.

Parish Library. The Parish Library continues to provide a ministry to parishioners on Sunday mornings. Because of ill-health, Julie Shepherd had to resign as Coordinator during the year and we thank her for her dedicated service to the Library. I am pleased to advise that Anna Green has agreed to take over this position.

Pastoral and Liturgical Team

The pastoral care programme is overseen by Fr John Stewart with the assistance of Christine Cheetham and the other clergy. I thank them for their care and support of the Parish in this way. It is a central part of what we do at St James' and is greatly valued.

The Parish Pastoral and Liturgical Team consists of the following personnel:

Rector:	The Reverend Andrew Sempell
Associate Rector:	The Reverend John Stewart
Honorary Associate Clergy:	The Reverends John Deane, Eric Hampson, Ron Henderson, and Glenn Maytum
Children's Ministry Coordinator:	John Wiltshire
Parish Readers:	Deacon John Carroll, Christine Cheetham, Assoc Prof Michael Horsburgh AM & Christopher Waterhouse
Sister Freda Coordinators:	David & Robyn Carver
Worship Committee Coordinator:	Stephen Samild
Head Server:	Christine Cheetham

Sadly, we farewelled John and Sue Carroll in November, as they moved to the central coast. I thank them for their dedicated service to the Parish in many ways and over many years.

Administration

Staff. On behalf of the Parish, I thank our administrative staff Tony Papadopoulos, Dianne Ward, Michelle Chan, and Brooke Shelley; the vergers Gilbert Santayana and James Farrow; and the archivists Gordon Cooper and Colin Middleton.

Staff Review. The Wardens have employed Mr Ken Pritchett to conduct a review of staffing at St James'. He has provided an interim report to all staff members and is conducting ongoing workshops and interviews. His review process has included:

- consultation with, and guidance by, the Rector and the Administration Warden,
- interviews with all staff, Wardens and the Treasurer,
- drawing out of concerns, issues, shortcomings, opportunities,
- examination of the governance behind the Office and how it impacts on the office operations and roles, and
- an approach that supports a collaborative process toward change.

Fr Glenn Maytum. Fr Glenn Maytum has agreed to be a part-time temporary stipended Assistant Priest in 2020 to cover those times when the Rector and Associate Rector will be absent.

St James' Foundation. I express my thanks to the St James' Foundation for its support of the Parish over the past year. Distributions were:

Music:	135,000
Building:	55,000
Organ Appeal:	<u>221,148</u>
Total:	411,148

Sydney Diocese

Diocesan Synod. The Diocesan Synod was held over the period from 15-23 October. Alan Melrose, James Balfour and I represented the Parish. The main matters were:

- A statement on the Diocesan view on gender identity,
- A statement on the diocesan view on marriage,
- Requested a special session of General Synod,
- Expressed support for the Confessing Anglican Church in New Zealand,
- Expressed support for legislation for 'freedom of religion',
- Criticised abortion reform legislation in NSW, and
- Passed a motion of thanksgiving for St James' Church, King Street as it celebrates its bicentenary.

Please Leave! The most controversial matter arising from the Synod was the Archbishop's Presidential Charge in which he encouraged those who sought to change the current position on marriage in the church to leave. I wrote a response to his position which was distributed to parishioners and the wider public. It is available on the Parish Website if people wish to read it.

Personal

International Deans and Rectors Conference

I attended the annual International Deans and Rectors Conference in Auckland from 22 to 26 May. The conference is principally a peer-support group with clergy of city parishes attending from New York, Toronto, London, Edinburgh, Paris, Cape Town, Hong Kong, Sydney and Auckland.

This year we looked at the New Zealand construct for the Anglican Church and the interrelationship between the Pakeha, Maori and Polynesian churches within the Anglican Communion. The main thing to note is that the New Zealand church is described principally in terms of relationship rather than belief and practice. This model allows for a high degree of autonomy as well as diversity of practice.

Of particular concern to those attending the meeting was the agenda of the Global Anglican Futures Conference (GAFCON) which has been establishing breakaway churches in many parts of the world where it disagrees with the policies of the local Anglican province. The latest GAFCON move is in New Zealand where a schismatic church is being constructed out of several parishes that disagree with the recent decision of the New Zealand General Synod to allow clergy to bless same-sex marriages. Sydney Diocese has said that it will fund this activity.

Activities in the Wider Church and Community. During the year I attended and participated in many activities in the wider church, including:

- Preached at the Patronal Festival of St John's Church, Stroud,
- Attended the Consecrations of Dr Keith Joseph as Bishop of North Queensland, Fr Donald Kirk as Bishop of Riverina, and Fr Mark Calder as Bishop of Bathurst,
- Attended the Deaconing of Kate Ross (former Head Server),
- Attended the Installation of Fr Jeff Parker as Rector of Enmore,
- Celebrated and Preached at the Patronal Festival of St Aidan's Church, Black Springs,
- Preached at the Sydney City Bible Society Service at Pitt Street Uniting Church,
- Spoke at an Ecumenical Seminar on 'Ut Unum Sunt',
- Preached at the World Day of Prayer service at Wesley Centre,
- A speech on 'The Stuart Dynasty' to the UUSC

Appointments. I advise that I stepped down as President of Anglicans Together at its AGM in September, However I continue to be Deputy Chairman of the St Paul's College Council at the University of Sydney, and the Honorary Chaplain to the Royal Australian Armoured Corps Association. In June 2019 I was appointed by the Standing Committee of the General Synod as a Director of the Anglican Board of Mission.

The Reverend Andrew Sempell

Rector of St James'

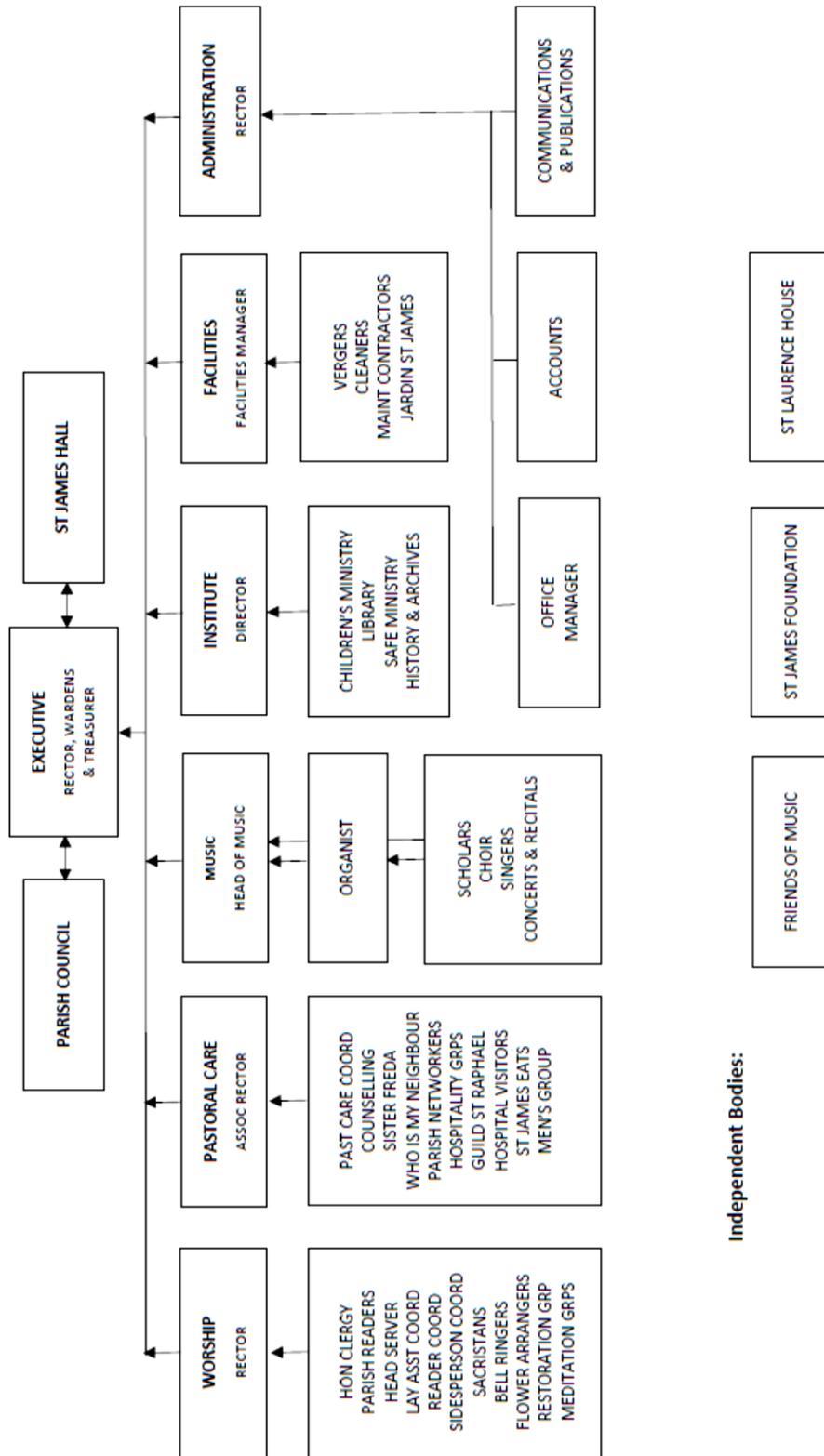
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SJKS ORGANISATIONAL CHART

September 2018



Independent Bodies:

FRIENDS OF MUSIC

ST JAMES FOUNDATION

ST LAURENCE HOUSE

Parish Directory 2019**Clergy -**

Rector:	The Reverend Andrew Sempell
Associate Rector:	The Reverend John Stewart
Honorary Associate Priests:	The Reverends John Deane, Eric Hampson, Ron Henderson & Glenn Maytum

Worship Assistants/Coordinators -

Parish Readers:	Deacon John Carroll, Christine Cheetham, Associate Professor Michael Horsburgh AM, & Christopher Waterhouse.
Head Server & Pastoral Coord:	Christine Cheetham
Sacristans:	Jackie Dettmann, Peter Douglas, Ross Douglas, Leigh Hess & Ian McDonald
Lay Assistants Coord:	Vivien Whitfield
Readers/Intercessors Coord:	Martha McRae
Head Sidesperson:	John Carroll
Flower Coord:	Pippa Naivasha
Bell Tower Captain:	Jackie Dettmann

Director, St James Institute:

Mr Christopher Waterhouse

Music Staff -

Head of Music:	Warren Trevelyan-Jones
Organist:	Alistair Nelson
Organ Scholar:	Titus Grenyer

Vergers -

Gilbert Santayana & James Farrow

Other Ministries –

Kids @ Church Coord:	John Wiltshire
Safe Ministry Rep:	Christine Bishop
Meditation Coord:	Richard Cogswell
Sister Freda Mission Coords:	David and Robyn Carver
Parish Library Coord:	Julie Shepherd / Anna Green
Hospitality Coords:	Sue Mackenzie & Colleen Hodge

Administrative Staff -

Facilities Manager:	Tony Papadopoulos
Secretary/Office Administrator:	Dianne Ward
Communications & Media Manager:	Brooke Shelley
Accountant:	Michelle Chan
Hon Archivist:	Gordon Cooper
Archives Assistant:	Colin Middleton

WARDENS' NON-FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 2019

The primary responsibilities of the Wardens are the management of the Parish's finances, the management of the Parish's properties (Church Building, St James' Hall and the two clergy houses) and the appointment of paid staff. The Executive Committee of the Parish, comprising the Wardens, the Rector, the Facilities Manager and the Treasurer, meets monthly.

In an increasingly complex environment, the work of the Wardens is becoming more extensive and detailed. Managing this workload on a voluntary basis would not be possible without the strong support that we continually receive from Fr Andrew Sempell and Fr John Stewart. We are greatly blessed at St James' with two very hard-working, gifted and long-serving stipendiary clergy. We are also blessed with and acknowledge the hard-working staff and volunteers who enable the Parish to deliver its extensive schedule of worship and related activities. The Wardens greatly appreciate their dedication and commitment.

Finance

See separate *Wardens Financial Documentation* report.

St James' Hall

See separate *Wardens Financial Documentation* report.

St James' Foundation

The Wardens gratefully acknowledge the philanthropy of donors to the St James' Music Foundation for the major contribution this makes to the ongoing funding of music in the Parish. We are blessed with a beautiful heritage building in which to worship and the best of choral music.

The Wardens also gratefully acknowledge the philanthropy of donors to the St James' Building Foundation for the major contribution this makes to the ongoing funding of maintenance work to the church building.

The Wardens also acknowledge work of the Trustee in managing the two Trusts.

The Church Building

During 2019, we carried out more minor repairs and upgrades to the Church. These included painting all walls and ceilings in the crypt, changing external lights from old sodium globes to new LEDs more sympathetic to the sandstone façade, security upgrade of new alarm system and digital IP cameras with remote access capabilities.

Thanks to our benefactors, the floor of the hospitality room was retiled over the recent Christmas period.

In 2020 we plan to renovate the toilets in the crypt and the hospitality room, using reserves accumulated over some years from previous distributions made by the St James' Building Foundation. A development application for these works is in progress.

Clergy Residences

A Development Application for a potential future upgrade of the Paddington Rectory to meet Diocesan Standards was approved by the local Council in early 2019.

The original gas-fired heating system at the Associate Rector's residence in Chatswood failed. The non-availability of service spare parts for the obsolete gas-fired system necessitated its replacement, giving the opportunity to install a reverse cycle ducted air conditioning system. The new Mitsubishi Heavy Industrial system will provide 12.5KW of cooling in the summer and 15KW of heating in the winter months.

New Pipe Organ

See separate *Wardens Financial Documentation* report.

Staffing

Our Parish Administrator Dianne Ward, at her request, now works only two days per week. Brooke Shelley now works five days per week, still managing the marketing and website, with additional responsibility for editing publications as well as providing support for the Organ Fundraising Committee. Sue Mackenzie stepped down as Publications Editor at the end of January. Michelle Chan continues to manage the Parish accounts and provide assistance to the Parish Treasurer. Christopher Waterhouse is working an additional day per week (increased to four days per week) in recognition of the work he undertakes for the Parish, additional to his duties as Director of the St James' Institute.

Office

The office staff has been reorganised to achieve efficiencies and work towards achieving a balanced budget for the Parish. The Parish office is now closed Mondays and Fridays, allowing staff members to concentrate on their own responsibilities.

The accounting software package, Mind Your Own Business used by the Diocese is to be superseded by a Cloud-based subscription from September 2019. Provision is being made to acquire the new MYOB accounting software, A new Information and Communications Technology Policy has been developed for the Parish.

The Parish has recently updated its policy for the responsible serving of alcohol on Parish premises.

Facilities

The Facilities Manager has responsibility for the day-to-day maintenance of the Church Building and Clergy Residences. Current and ongoing maintenance matters are reported at monthly meetings of the Executive.

Tony Papadopoulos manages our facilities day-to-day. He keeps a close eye on all aspects of maintenance and refurbishment, cleaning and security, as well as liaison with the Jardin St James café. He has been instrumental in reviewing and efficiently administering our many service contracts including IT.

Tony is supported in the running of the Church building by the principal verger, Gilbert Santayana, who replaced Graeme Reid in the middle of the year. Gilbert is assisted by assistant verger James Farrow.

Music

Warren Trevelyan-Jones continues his impressive leadership of music in our Parish with inspiring worship settings and an increasing number of outstanding performances by The Choir of St James'. He is very well supported by our Organist, Alistair Nelson, who is responsible for The St James' Singers, and the Organ Scholar, Titus Grenyer.

St James' Institute

Christopher Waterhouse has completed another very successful year as Director of the St James' Institute. The growing range of informative and interesting programmes and the useful networks that he is developing reflect his innovative and creative approach to this role, as well as his abiding interest in Anglicanism.

Jardin St James

See separate *Wardens Financial Documentation* report.

Clergy

In October, we welcomed Fr Glenn Maytum (formerly of the Diocese of Riverina) as Honorary Assistant Priest, to join our (stipendiary and honorary) clergy team. Fr Glenn is serving as an Assistant to Fr John during the period of Fr Andrew's long service leave.

The Wardens feel particularly blessed to be able to work alongside gifted and faithful servants. We believe that together they will lead our Parish to great things for the glory of the Kingdom through to our Bicentenary.

Any Questions?

The Wardens feel privileged to serve the Parish and are happy to answer any questions related to their role.

Sidney Blairs, Holly Raiche, Chris Lock

Wardens

March 2020

ST JAMES' INSTITUTE**2019 Attendance and Activities**

The following table shows a summary of attendance at our events and activities (29 in all) during the calendar year January-December 2019. The overall annual attendance is our highest on record (an increase on our 2018 attendance of 1,166).

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Presenter</i>	<i>Attendance</i>
13.01.19	Cavalli – Messa Concertata	Robert Forgacs	36
20.01.19	Howells – An English Mass	Christopher Waterhouse	45
27.01.19	Haydn – Theresienmesse	Meg Matthews	40
10.02.19	Heaven & Earth in Chinese Art	Art Gallery NSW	41
17.02.19	The Bible in Australia	Dr Meredith Lake	46
21.02.19	Anglican Canon Law	Professor Mark Hill QC	58
27.02.19	Book Launch	Kevin Giles	90
03.03.19	Spirituality and the Sea	Alex Gaffikin	31
04.04.19	Lent Studies: Reconciliation	Various	85
17.03.19	Hatch, Match and Dispatch	Michael Horsburgh	45
06.04.19	Captivity and Freedom	Dr Katherine Firth	52
14.04.19	In Conversation	Rev'd Dr Gregory Seach	56
05.05.19	God Behind Bars	Martin Howard & Peter Abood	38
23.05.19	Book Discussion Group	The Spirit of the Early Church	8
25.05.19	The Poetry of George Herbert	Dr Ben Myers	45
03.06.19	Mid-Year Studies	Sue Mackenzie	30
13.06.19	A Most Unlikely Friendship	Tony Doherty & Ailsa Piper	35
30.06.19	Evelyn Underhill Prayerbook	Dr Robyn Wrigley-Carr	46
14.07.19	Art Gallery Tour	Ira Kowalski	25
27.07.19	St James' Talk	Dan Mullins	55
10.08.19	Filling the Wind with Stories	Elaine Farmer	36
06.09.19	Retreat: God Give Me Joy	Christopher Waterhouse	27
21.09.19	Bell Ringing Tour	St Stephen's, St Mary's, St James'	25
29.09.19	Church Renewal	Jim Brown	24
12.10.19	Adoption by Grace/Disgrace	Scott Cowdell	31
19.10.19	Finer than Gold: Exhibition	Marianne Close	62
10.11.19	Faces of Christ	Christopher Waterhouse	58
25.11.19	Advent Studies: The Psalms	Various leaders	61
07.12.19	Meeting God in Matthew	Christopher Waterhouse	12
		Total attendance:	1,243

2019 Subscriptions

As well as recording strong attendance across the year, 2019 was also a record year for subscriptions. 74 people took out an annual subscription, representing a total income of \$11,545. We should be confident therefore that the St James' Institute is well supported and that our programme of events and activities are engaging with a large number of people.

Community Building

In addition to the events in our programme, the St James' Institute has been involved in a number of school and community tours of the church building, and in my capacity as SJI Director I was invited to speak to the students of Loreto Kirribilli in May about Ecumenism.

As the historic buildings in our part of Sydney begin to celebrate significant anniversaries the St James' Institute has found a role as a liaison between the Parish and various community forums and committees in discussion about shared resources, plans for the future and shared stories. These were most evident in collaborations with the Hyde Park Barracks for their 200th anniversary on Tuesday 4 June in the presence of NSW State Governor, Her Excellency Margaret Beazley AO, QC, in one of her first official engagements as Governor. The Choir of St James' sang a number of songs at the launch event. The Parish was also represented by the Rector and the Director of the St James' Institute.

Another example of this collaboration came when St James' celebrated the 200th anniversary of the Laying of the Foundation Stone of our building in October: the actors involved in the new visitor experience at Hyde Park Barracks scripted and performed a short play about convict architect Francis Greenway in Queen's Square as part of our celebrations. This was MC'd by the Director of the St James' Institute.

These collaborations show a spirit of cooperation among the organisations in the Macquarie Street precinct, and the meetings and shared activities have been a successful outreach ministry of the St James' Institute, which we intend to continue into the future.

Acknowledgements

After a very busy and demanding year, I take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank all the presenters, attendees, visitors and subscribers who took part in our 2019 programme. I would also like to thank the hard-working staff team for their support of the Institute, and to the Wardens and Parish Councillors for their commitment to the work and ministry of the Institute in the wider strategic vision for the Parish. Thanks also go to the members of the Board of Management and the Advisory Committee for their oversight of the Institute and their support of our activities.

Christopher Waterhouse
Director, St James' Institute

ANGLICAN RETIREMENT VILLAGE (ARV) CASTLE HILL OUTREACH

This outreach began when Fr Richard Hurford was our Rector (1997-2001) and has continued through to the current Rector, Fr Andrew Sempell, a total of 23 years, and hopefully will continue into the future.

This was part of the Spiritual Outreach Programme St James' was running to encourage people to attend our church from around the city precinct. I was charged with the ARV Castle Hill responsibility to assist past parishioners and retired clergy to attend the Patronal Festival, Advent Carols, and Nine Lessons & Carols.

We began with a small 10-seater bus, but then had to call on parishioner Allan Simpson to provide a van from his Aged Care Services to assist in transporting extra people. It has grown in popularity over the years and we currently hire a 54-seater bus from Near & Far Coaches and their driver.

They charge St James' a modest rate which is covered partly by donations from our guests with the balance being paid by St James'.

If you would like to make a donation to help defray the cost of this outreach in the future it would be greatly appreciated.

Peter Blunden

ARV Outreach Coordinator

HOSPITALITY

7:45am Sunday Service Morning Tea Report

On the first Sunday of each month, parishioners attending the 7:45am service gather in the Crypt after the service to share morning tea. It's an opportunity to catch up with one another in a bit more depth and share news, welcome visitors or, sometimes, acknowledge significant events. There are usually between twenty and thirty people attending.

One notable Sunday morning this year, along with our usual tea and coffee, we enjoyed sharing a magnum of champagne provided by Robert Marriott. Robert was the lucky recipient of the champagne as part of Tony Naake's Myanmar Water Challenge, raising funds to support the provision of clean water in Myanmar.

We also celebrated a particularly significant birthday: Louis, the youngest 7:45am parishioner, turned one! We all enjoyed his birthday cake.

Regardless of the weather, the 7:45am service on the first Sunday of the month is usually very well attended. Morning tea in the crypt is a valuable part of parish life, strengthening the sense of community of the 7:45ers.

Jackie Dettmann

7:45am Refreshments Coordinator

Post-9am Morning Tea in the Crypt

Refreshments are served to parishioners and visitors every Sunday following the 9am Eucharist (except for the second Sunday in December when the Sister Freda Mission is preparing for their Christmas party and needs every available spot in the Crypt and the kitchen). Two bays in the Crypt are used each week for Morning Tea and people can move out into the Quiet Garden as well, if the weather permits. When we have combined services with the 11am congregation, we still provide tea and coffee, and food such as sandwiches, sausage rolls, cakes, slices, etc. in the Crypt, whilst the 11am team serves drinks and refreshments in the Covered Courtyard. Often people will visit both places, especially during the Orchestral Mass season.

Everyone is very grateful to the willing band of volunteers (about 30 in total) who fulfil their task each month, providing food which usually they have prepared at home, and serving tea and coffee—for which a donation is appreciated as tea and espresso coffee (and milk) are funded and supplied by the Parish. I am also thankful for the faithfulness and helpfulness of the Verger and all those on the roster, and for the cheerful way the teams go about their work. Visitors often comment on the excellence of the refreshments. It is a great way to welcome newcomers and maintain contact with fellow parishioners.

I would also like to thank Julia Farrow and Alison Dutton, who are not members of our regular team, but who graciously agreed to help me with serving refreshments after the Nine Lessons and Carols service in December. They and others, notably Marius Barnsley—who stepped up on the night—along with The Choir of St James', helped for several hours both during and after the event dealing with the hundreds of people who came to the Covered Courtyard to drink champagne and eat mince pies.

Lastly, thank you especially to Beverley Simpson, who was the 9am Coordinator for many years and who is still on the roster. Not only has she worked tirelessly to make sure there is a full complement of volunteers on the roster, but she has also (with husband Allan's help) tidied and organised the storage rooms where our equipment is kept. Moreover, they have generously provided many items over the years so that our task has been made easier and health and safety requirements and standards are fully met. They are a great example of service and faithfulness.

Sue Mackenzie

9am Refreshments Coordinator

Post 11am Refreshments

It's a coincidence that in 2020 the Post 11am Hospitality team has 20 regular volunteers, who provide nibbles and drinks in the Covered Courtyard after the 11am Choral Eucharist.

Our Vergers are always on hand to assist and we are very grateful for their generosity and good humour. Thank you Gilbert and James.

Thank you, too, to all the people on the team for the creative and generous food and drinks contributed every week, and to others who offer financial support and friendship.

We invite other parishioners to join us.

The Orchestral Masses give us a good start to the year, and I congratulate all who generously offered hospitality on the three Sundays.

Here are comments from some of the Post 11am Hospitality team, and from some of the people who enjoy the camaraderie in the courtyard:

“Lovely to meet and chat with friends and necessary to have refreshments available to welcome and invite guests.”

“Having a place of warmth to welcome and offer hospitality and to invite parishioners and visitors is a blessing.”

“For many of us it is important to meet people and to chat and enjoy catching up—sometimes we don’t see many people during the week.”

“Post 11 Refreshments gives new people opportunity to meet and chat and become involved in parish life.”

“It is very satisfying being a refresher and being part of a team, please think of joining the team.”

“Nice that Post 11 Hospitality exists; we’ve only been a few times (we live 115 kms away)—there’s always someone to chat with.”

We thank members of The Choir of St James’ for their participation on the team for many years and wish them blessings in the coming years.



Melbourne Visitor, Brian Mueller; Former Churchwarden, John Wotton (Original Post 11 Hospitality Member); Newest Hospitality Member, Des Cox

I was in a small hotel in South Kensington, London and ignored a midnight phone call – terrified everyone else would be wakened. When I woke next morning this was the message –

“Hi, we tried to deliver your Dan Murphy’s drinks but missed you. Please call us on 1300 723 388 then press option 1 so we can arrange your redelivery. Cheers, Dan Murphy’s service team.”

The wine was finally delivered to the Crypt when I returned home.

Colleen Hodge

Coordinator, Post-11am Hospitality Team

22 February 2020

WEDNESDAY MEDITATION GROUP

Anne [Cogswell] and I share leadership of this group. Numbers vary: we can be meditating alone, or with one or two others. One can be tempted to test the ‘success’ of the ‘enterprise’ by reference to numbers. But numbers are not relevant. St James’ is a place of prayer and worship (as well as much more), a place dedicated to the Lord in the centre of the city. During meditation, we sit in the silence of the presence of the Lord. Like Morning and Evening Prayer and the Eucharist, it is a ritual that acknowledges and honours the Lord and the Lord’s place in our lives. These are, dare I say, ‘core activities’ of our Church.

We passed our 30th anniversary of meeting in the Crypt for Wednesday morning meditation. We commenced in the Children’s Chapel on 31 May 1989. We soon moved from there into the alcoves, then to the Library (courtesy of the late Jean Lowe) and we have finally settled in the dedicated Meditation/Children’s Room.

We meet every Wednesday (except from late December and over January) at 7:45am. We listen to a recorded talk for 10 or 15 minutes then meditate in the Christian tradition for about 20 minutes. Sometimes those of us meeting will then head upstairs for Morning Prayer in the Chapel of the Holy Spirit.

Richard Cogswell

Wednesday Meditation Group

16 February 2020

MISSION AND OUTREACH COMMITTEE

St James’ ‘tithes’ one tenth of the year’s offertories, distributing the money to a range of charitable purposes. The task of distributing the ‘tithe’ funds for this year (\$34,344.24) was undertaken by the Mission and Outreach Committee, with Parish Council approval.

As forecast in the Committee’s report to the 2019 AVM, the amount of offertories was calculated from 1 October 2018 to 30 September 2019.

The Committee (Penelope Burton, Robert Marriott, Michael Robinson and Holly Raiche) based its allocations on the three themes of the Parish Strategic Plan 2015-2020: Social Justice, Inclusion (of people on the margins) and Classically Anglican. In this year, in particular, the Committee recognised the special needs of the Australian community from both the drought that has badly impacted much of farming Australia and the massive bushfires that have devastated many Australian communities.

The five recipients are as follows:

- The Rural Fire Service received \$8,000
- The ‘Buy-a-Bale’ charity for farmers received \$8,000
- The Diocese of Willochra received \$5,000, supporting travel to provide ministry services (including baptisms, weddings and funerals) to the very remote areas of South Australia

- Act for Peace received \$5,000 for their campaign to aid their education for Pakistani women and girls
- St Laurence House received \$5,000 for its continued support of homeless youths in Sydney

A small amount, just over \$3,000, was retained so that it can be used to help in the hardships created by natural disasters in 2020.

The Committee is happy to receive suggestions from the St James' community for projects that the Committee would consider when determining the allocation of the St James' 'tithe' from the 2020 offertories.

Mission and Outreach Committee

THE SISTER FREDA MISSION

The Mission continues to thrive, much as it has always done since 1895 when it was begun by the Community of the Sisters of the Church, an English Religious Order that started the Collegiate School in Paddington in 1893. Sister Freda, who was a member of the Order, took over the organisation of the Mission in 1899. When she died in 1936 her name was given to the Mission and St James' took over responsibility for its operation.

The need for a basic meal in safe surrounds is as important now as it was in 1895. The number of guests averages at around 40-50 for lunch and continues to be served in the crypt every Sunday.

We have been fortunate to be able to continue to link in with the rescue food organisation OzHarvest, which collects quality excess food from a large number of commercial outlets and delivers it direct and free of charge to many charities, including the Sister Freda Mission. The quantity varies but it is all excellent food within use-by dates and our guests enjoy the variety, often being able to take extra food home for another meal or to share with a friend.

Our special effort at Christmas, when a traditional meal is served, was again very well received and approximately 120 guests enjoyed the day. Our thanks again to all the helpers and the A Capella Group for their great singing

And, of course, a big thank you to all our volunteers on all the teams and the loyal band of BBQ chefs who also volunteer their time to make a nice variation to the usual Sunday lunch.

We would also like to thank those who have so generously donated funds to help this important Ministry.

The annual donation of socks, beanies and gloves during winter time was again extremely well supported by many parishioners. A practical gift and very well received. Thank you all.

We always need more volunteers. If you would like to join or simply come along one Sunday to see what is involved, please contact us. Donations (which are tax deductible) are of course always welcome. Cheques should be made out to the Sister Freda Mission and can be sent directly to the Parish Office or funds can be transferred electronically, if preferred.

David & Robyn Carver

Sister Freda Mission Coordinators

ST LAURENCE HOUSE REPORT

St Laurence House Youth Services (SLH) continues to provide long-term accommodation and teaching life skills in a supportive environment for young people at risk of homelessness. Thanks to our Executive Officer Nigel Parker, his staff, and the members of the committee, SLH has gone from strength to strength this year. We have made great improvements in the way we communicate and present ourselves as an organisation, not least in having an updated and effective website. As always, our thanks go to the Rectors and congregations of St James' and Christ Church St Laurence for their continued encouragement and support. We were thrilled that in June last year SLH received Vice Regal Patronage. Her Excellency the Honourable Margaret Beasley AC QC, Governor of NSW agreed to become our Patron.

Our corporate relationship with the Property Investment Foundation (PIF) has continued. The mission of PIF is to make a tangible difference to the serious and persistent problem of youth homelessness. Their renovations to the house started in August and should be completed in a couple of months.

We held a very successful fundraising event in October. Hugh Mackay, psychologist, sociologist, and social researcher was guest speaker. Hugh has been a great friend to SLH over the years.

The SLH community was shocked and saddened by the death of Ruth McCance in June in a tragic mountaineering accident in the Himalayas. Ruth was a former chair of SLH, a member of the committee for many years, and a parishioner of SJKS. There is a Vale to Ruth on the SLH website. Ruth will be greatly missed by the community of SLH.

SLH continues to be considerably underfunded by the Government. We rely on private donations to do this important work.

This is my last year as Chair and also as a member of the committee. Alan Soutar, a SJKS parishioner, is the new chair.

Anne Cogswell

Chair of SLH Management Committee

WHO IS MY NEIGHBOUR?

The group known as '*Who is my neighbour?*' came together in 2013 in response to several challenging sermons at St James' and the policy decisions being made by Australian Governments around the treatment of refugees and asylum seekers.

The group communicates via email and consists of people at St James' and others who are associated with the church. The group has been concerned by the rising numbers in our world of displaced people seeking refugee status and a place to live in peace. Many Australians have concerns about the way we are responding to people seeking asylum and those who have been recognised as refugees. The group is also looking to support our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander brothers and sisters following the delivery of the Uluru Statement to the Federal Government and the statement being sent to yet another review. In 2019 there have been

concerns for rural Australians living with drought, and also those suffering from the devastating fires. St James' has been responding to these issues in a number of ways.

Emails have been sent about every six weeks to inform the group about activities and to update the group about current issues.

Who is my neighbour? has several aims:

1. To inform people about issues through emails, articles and information meetings.
2. We continue to try and propose a refugee family to come to Australia. The work which was done to try and propose a family from Syria living in Lebanon identified by Hope and Trust has been unsuccessful.

St James' then approached Anglican Aid to see if we could propose a family through their organisation. A family from Iraq living as refugees in Lebanon, having fled Mosul when it was invaded by ISIL, have been identified. We are currently working with Anglican Aid and a refugee advocate to see if they can be accepted by Australia and supported by St James', King Street.

We have so far raised over \$13,000 and we estimate that we will need \$20,000 or more to cover the costs of visas, housing and money to settle. The process of money raising will continue when we have confirmation that the family is coming to Australia.

We have had discussions with the Chester Hill parish, which has been working with refugee families in their area for some time. In 2019 we worked with the parish and the Summit group to run a family picnic at Central Gardens Nature Reserve for refugee families. The picnic was held in June and there were about 70 people, both families and individuals. St James' supplied food and drinks, as well as entertainment for the children. A thanks to all the people who helped to make that day a success.

3. To advocate for asylum seekers and refugees by writing to politicians both individually and as a group. We continue to be concerned about detention of people who have come to Australia by boat being held on Nauru and Manus Island. Some of these people moved to USA in 2019. There are about 250 people remaining in PNG and Nauru.

Currently there is a move by people in Canada to propose/sponsor some of these people to go to Canada. Contributions can be made to this process. (See 1. in further information).

New Zealand has also offered to take 150 of these people, but so far our Government has not taken up this offer. We need to continue to advocate on their behalf. St James' is a member of The Refugee Council of Australia which is an umbrella organisation for the many groups working in this area.



A Wilcox cartoon from SMH published with consent.

4. To encourage the Parish to provide phone cards and food vouchers (by depositing them in the offering plate at church) for the Asylum Seekers Centre at Newtown. A delivery has been occurring about every six weeks. This has been greatly appreciated by those at the centre. At least five of our members do voluntary work at the centre.
5. Following the announcement of the Uluru Statement in 2018 there is a need for the non-indigenous members of the Australian community to step up and support the proposals in the Statement. If the principles of the Statement are to be heard then steps need to be taken towards recognition in the Australian Constitution, having an Indigenous Voice to the Australian Parliament, truth-telling about our history—including the massacres of Aboriginal Peoples—and a treaty. These are the proposals that the Uluru Statement is asking Australia to implement.

This year, St James' has been working to inform the congregation and the wider community about the implications of the Uluru Statement. There have been articles written for *St James' Connections* about The Voice and Treaty and Truth. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples make up about 3% of the current Australian population and so, for a referendum to succeed, at least 60% of the non-indigenous population will need to stand with them and support their proposals. This is a wonderful opportunity to bring healing to our land.

At the celebration of 200 years since the Laying of the Foundation Stone at St James' we were very privileged to have a smoking ceremony, an Acknowledgement of Country and the playing of the didgeridoo in Queen's Square.

6. St James' discussed responding to the drought and spoke with Anglicare in Bathurst. The suggestion was for people to consider buying gifts and other goods from people in the country through a number of websites. (See 2 in further information). Also, the suggestion was to consider visiting the country and having meals and staying to support their businesses. With the bush fires that came in October and onwards, St James' has raised money for Anglican Aid and Anglicare to help with the recovery process and we are being encouraged to visit to support these towns.

The group is open to members of St James' and their friends. There are currently over 49 people on the email contact list. Libby Hindmarsh is the organiser of the group and can be contacted at: hindmarsh@ozemail.com.au

For further information

1. Further information about refugees going to Canada - Schwartz enquiries@schwartzmedia.com.au and donations can be made through the Refugee Council of Australia www.refugeecouncil.org.au/canada
2. Places to access goods and gifts from areas in Australia which are drought affected
Buy from the bush drought relief – The Land <https://www.theland.com.au>story>buy-from-the-bush-drought-relief> and One day closer to rain - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/285535182329659/>
3. Articles in Connections <https://www.sjks.org.au/church/our-story/parish-connections/>
In Oct/Nov 2019 (page 6) The Voice and in Dec/Jan Treaty and Truth (page 18)



HEAD OF MUSIC

2019 was a particularly busy year for the music ministry at St James', packed with bicentenary events not only at St James', but also in the Macquarie Precinct that included performances at the Barracks and The Mint. With the St James' Organ Appeal well underway and making steady progress, the Choir also had the privilege of performing at the Gala Dinner in Church on 15 November.

I thank the St James' Music Foundation for their continued support of the music ministry at St James', not only in supporting the liturgical music programme, but also the provision of the Organ Scholarship and Choral Scholarships for students in the Choir. Titus Grenyer left us at the end of September after three years when he took up the post of Assistant Organist at St Mary's Cathedral. Stacey Xiaoyu Yang accepted the role of Interim Organ Scholar in December, and in February 2020 we were delighted to welcome Callum Knox, formerly from St Andrew's Cathedral School, as our new Organ Scholar. The Friends of Music continue to offer invaluable support to and assistance with our musical activities. The recent launch of their new website and social media that promote Music at St James' in a fresh and dynamic way, along with a new push for members and subscribers, can only enhance our outreach and engagement with a wider audience. I offer my thanks to the whole committee, and especially to Lincoln Law, President, and to Gary Morrison for the new initiatives.

In Holy Week 2019, the Choir sent a small team of soloists to *The Tapestry of Sacred Music* festival in The Esplanade, Singapore to sing in a performance of Arvo Part's *Passio* that combined with local choirs and instrumentalists, all directed by Michael Leighton Jones.

Encounters was the title of our ninth annual subscription series of concerts: *Captivity and Freedom*, Handel's *L'Allegro, il Penseroso ed il Moderato*, a musical celebration of the marriage of Philip II of Spain to Mary Tudor, a recital given by the Choir of Trinity College Melbourne under the direction of Christopher Watson, a performance of one of the greatest of oratorios, Haydn's *Creation*, and finally in December *Christmas Here and There* which contrasted the music of a Victorian Christmas in England with contemporary Australian Christmas carols.

The 2020 Orchestral Mass season comprised three very different but compelling settings: Biber's *Missa Bruxellensis*, Goodall's *Missa Aedis Christi*, and in his 250th anniversary year, Beethoven's *Mass in C*. The Beethoven was one of several occasions over the last 12 months where the Choir of St James' combined with the highly committed St James' Singers. I am pleased the report very good attendances at all three services. At the conclusion of the last mass, the Concert Series for 2020: *Visions* was launched, as well as the launch of a new Choir CD, a live recording of the Howells Orchestral Mass from January 2019: *An English Mass*.

We continue our series of four Sunday afternoon cantata services spread through the year in collaboration with BachBand@StJames'. These services, based on Lutheran Vespers, have acquired a significant following and have proved to be very popular.

The St James' Singers, led by Alistair Nelson, continue to enrich our worship at St James', particularly at the 9am Sunday service, and I am very grateful to Alistair and all the Singers for their fantastic contribution to Parish life.

Warren Trevelyan-Jones
Head of Music

THE ST JAMES' MUSIC FOUNDATION ORGAN REPLACEMENT AND RESTORATION FUND

A major activity to celebrate the Bicentenary of St James' is the project to build and install a new pipe organ in the church. The organ is being built by an American firm, Dobson Pipe Organ Builders, of Iowa. It is being specifically designed to suit the acoustics of our heritage building. It will provide the foundation from which to further develop and expand the St James' music programme. A contract is in place to govern the build of the instrument and the scheduled completion date for its installation is July 2022.

An Appeal to help fund this exciting and ambitious project, managed through but not underwritten by, the St James' Music Foundation, opened in April 2018. In the two years since its commencement, and through the generosity of many benefactors and donors, the Appeal has achieved a total of \$1,460,000 in donations and pledges. This is a magnificent response. It represents just on half the total cost of the new instrument, estimated at about \$3 million.

The Appeal Committee has arranged a number of fundraising events and activities that have assisted in the achievement of this total. A significant recent event for the Appeal was the unique and impressive formal Gala Dinner held in the church on 15 November 2019, in the presence of the Governor of NSW, the Archbishop of Sydney, and the Acting Chief Justice of NSW. The Hon Shayne Mallard MLC, representing the Premier of NSW, announced a State Government donation during the evening. The event was co-sponsored by the Parish and the St James' Music Foundation. The cost of the event was covered by ticket prices and a donation of \$25,000 from the Foundation. The event generated, through donations for the project to the St James' Music Foundation, a total of \$142,375.

There is still much work to be done between now and 2022. In addition to continuing to raise as much as possible of the remaining amount for the instrument, about \$1 million will be required to transport it from the Dobson workshops in the USA along with associated local building works.

The Appeal Committee is grateful for the interest the Appeal has engendered to date. It is deeply appreciative of the wonderful financial support received from donors. It acknowledges the contribution to its work by Brooke Shelley in the Parish Office.

The Committee will host further fundraising events to help provide ongoing funding for the project. It continues to explore options for contributions from various sources. All donations are tax deductible and are most welcome.

Robert Marriott

Chair, The St James' Music Foundation Organ Replacement and Restoration Committee

THE GUILD OF ST RAPHAEL

The Guild of St Raphael witnesses to the Healing Ministry within St James'. We are under the patronage of St Raphael because he is the Archangel of Healing. It is worth reading his entertaining story, as told in the Book of Tobit in the Apocrypha.

The Guild members continue to pray for and support people who request prayers but prefer not to be on a more public prayer list. Our list of names is confidential. Should you like to become a part of The Guild please let Fr John know and you will be most welcome to join.

On the first Tuesday of each month (excepting January) a Healing Eucharist is held in The Chapel of The Holy Spirit at 6:15 pm. Usually it is presided over by Fr John. It is a quiet, tranquil service attended by about half a dozen people, some of whom receive the Laying on of Hands and Anointing for themselves or on behalf of someone else. The homilies are directed towards deepening our understanding of Christ's Healing Ministry.

Fr John Stewart is the Chaplain of our branch of The Guild and we thank him sincerely for his ongoing dedication to this ministry.

Nanette Danks

Guild of St Raphael

HOSPITAL VISITING TEAM

Under the guidance of Fr John and Mary Sattin, the Hospital Visiting Team has visited many of the patients in Sydney Hospital and Sydney Eye Hospital over the past year.

The patients are admitted from many parts of the Sydney metropolitan area, NSW country area and from Interstate, as well as some patients from overseas who have the unfortunate experience of being hospitalised whilst visiting Sydney.

It is especially important to those people who are away from their homes and family support groups. The good will and interest in St James' Church, received from most patients, is always a welcome aspect of their weekly visits. During conversation with a patient there is sometimes the opportunity to make them aware of all that St James' offers in the way of services, music and seminars.

There is also the opportunity for patients to arrange a pastoral visit from Fr John, for Anointing with Oil as well as Holy Communion.

Full mandatory training is provided to suitable volunteers. Sydney Hospital also holds regular fire drill practices throughout the year. There is a new Government regulation that all volunteers must complete a 100-point Identification Form.

If you feel this could be your contribution as a layperson to a vital ministry and outreach of St James' please contact the co-ordinator Mary Sattin.

PARISH NETWORKERS

Under the direction of Fr John, the Parish Networkers have continued to keep in touch with parishioners. For those parishioners who are on a volunteer roster their Networker is their roster coordinator.

If you would like to become a Networker, please contact Chris Cheetham on 0407 017 377 or email christine.cheetham@gmail.com

ST JAMES' EATS

There were six St James Eats held in 2019: Chinese, two Italian places (one in the city and one in Croydon), Thai and Greek.

The number of people attending has been between 25 to 30 each time. The dinners have been held in suburbs ranging from Gordon, Sydney CBD, Marrickville, Croydon and Enmore.

This year we have already been to Istana Malaysian Restaurant in Thornleigh. Our next dinner is set for 27 March at Sariwon Korean BBQ in Parramatta. Chorister David Morris's wife is co-owner of the restaurant. There are three more dates set for 2020: Friday 6:30pm for 7:00pm, 5 June, 14 August, 30 October.

We will be having one dinner at De Lanna in Marrickville; we are hoping that some of the parishioners from St Luke's Enmore will join us, as one of their parishioners owns this restaurant.

Not all the restaurants have not been chosen at this stage. Full details of cost, venue and address will be in the pew sheet a month before each dinner.

ST JAMES' MENS' GROUP

The Men's Group continued throughout 2019, meeting on five occasions. Speakers were Associate Professor Paul McKechnie, Macquarie University on *The Family of Jesus*; Dr Ray Nobbs on the *Melanesian Mission – Lessons Learned*; The Rev'd Dr Ray Williamson on Ecumenism; Dr Don Barker who is the Papyrologist at Macquarie University; and The Rev'd Professor Gerard Kelly from the Catholic Institute of Sydney.

There are usually 10-15 people at each meeting. Future dates for this year are Saturday 2 May, 12-3:00pm, 20 June, 8 August, and 3 October.

The speaker for the first meeting in 2020 was Kumar Rasiah speaking on *L'Arche and its Prospects*.

If any men are interested in joining please contact David Cheetham on 0405 199 189 or email cheethamdw@yahoo.com.au There is a small charge of \$10 to cover lunch.

Chris Cheetham
Pastoral Care Coordinator

ST JAMES' GUILD OF BELLRINGERS

The number of St James' regular bellringers is about to be boosted with the arrival of two new learners to our band. Antonia Norris and James Farrow are making excellent progress having achieved their Level 1 competency. Currently, they are being joined in their lessons (provided by Marylon and Alan Coates) by a learner from the new bell tower in Singapore who is this year studying in Australia.

The most notable event for the year was the ringing of a peal to celebrate the Bicentenary of the Laying of the Foundation Stone at St James. Seven ringers who all have association with St James were joined by our own ringer, Lindsay Small, to ring St James the Great Delight Major. The peal took two hours and fifty-eight minutes to complete. Congratulations to Lindsay for his first peal. A second peal was rung recently with Lindsay again participating. Leap Day Delight Major was successfully rung on 29 February!

During the past twelve months, sixteen Quarter Peals were rung by St James ringers at St James. A number of our band joined other Sydney towers to help ring Quarter Peals in their towers, particularly St Mary's Cathedral and St Phillip's. Visitors from overseas, mainly from the UK, and from interstate, continued to join us for our regular Tuesday bell practices on many occasions.

Notably this year, an unusual repair was required on the tenor bell. The clapper on this, the largest of our eight bells, broke off unexpectedly. The fitting for the clapper required repairs by the original manufacturer of the bell, John Taylor and Co. in London. Taylor Bell Foundry has probably cast more large bells than any other bell foundry in the history of bell founding. For several weeks, St James was ringing on seven bells which provided some interesting combinations.

Sadly, St James' ringers have been called on many times this year to ring for funerals. As well as ringing prior to the service with the bells half-muffled, at the end of the service, one ringer tolls a bell once for each year of the deceased person's life.

St James' ringers will continue to support ringing at regular Sunday services, for festivals and special services.

Jackie Dettmann
Tower Captain

RESTING SPACE

At Resting Space we are attempting to engage in Spiritual Formation. This is a traditional process for becoming more Christ-like. It is founded on the belief that the practice of certain spiritual disciplines (like meditating on scripture and practicing silence and solitude) can open us to God's deep healing and transforming power.

The group meets fortnightly on a Tuesday evening in the crypt. The meetings usually start with a *lectio divina*, or similar contemplative practice. This is followed by the eucharist in the Children's Chapel. Finally, the group then enjoys dinner together.

Between ten and twenty people attend each fortnight—some people coming most times, others when they can. Just under half of the people who've attended don't go to a Sunday service at St James'. Some of these people have their own churches they meet with on Sundays. But a small minority don't attend church anywhere else and Resting Space seems to be meeting their 'church need'.

Any questions on Resting Space can be directed to Nick Ingram (nick@clearthinking.co).

ARCHIVES REPORT

In my last report I asked for donations of memorabilia for our archives. Unfortunately, very little material was forthcoming and I would like to reiterate my request. With the 200th anniversary of the consecration of the Church less than four years away, it would be good to have as extensive a range of material (photographs, handwritten or printed) as we can assemble. If we are given access to material that a donor wishes to keep, we would be happy to copy it and return the original to its owner.

I would like to thank Kerene Watts for the gift of the Bible presented to Wentworth Francis Wentworth Shields on his ordination in St Saviour's Southwark in 1899. Wentworth Shields was Rector of St James' from 1910-1917 and thereafter Bishop of Armidale. Our thanks also to Michael Horsburgh for his donation of more memorabilia and for copies of the sermons he preached at St James' in 2019.

We continue to receive a steady stream of enquiries from people interested in tracing a family connection to St James'. Last year I anticipated the number of enquiries would decline following an agreement between the Rector and Wardens, and Ancestry to digitise our early registers. Unfortunately, Ancestry has not yet undertaken the work, but we are hoping that the work will be undertaken before the middle of this year.

Our storage difficulties, which I mentioned in last year's report, have been resolved—at least for the time being—by the installation of more shelving in our principal archive room. I am grateful to our Facilities Manager, Tony Papadopoulos for undertaking the work.

Finally, I wish to thank my assistant Colin Middleton, of Colin's Corner fame. His efforts have made an invaluable contribution to the maintenance of our records.

Gordon Cooper
Honorary Archivist