

S.^TJAMES'

Bicentenary 2019-2024

The Reverend Andrew Sempell
Rector

25 June 2021

Dear Parishioners,

Worship Restrictions over the Next Week (26 June – 2 July)

The State Government has today issued a 'lockdown' order, which covers much of the eastern suburbs as well as the City of Sydney. St James' Church is located within this area. This means that we will return to the arrangements that existed at the beginning of last year when there was no congregation present in church and key services were livestreamed.

Livestreamed services can be accessed on the parish website at: www.sjks.org.au/church/online-services/ or the St James' Facebook page at: www.facebook.com/stjameskingstreet/ . Please note the following arrangements for this week:

- This **Sunday, 27 June, the 10:00am Choral Eucharist** will be livestreamed. We will keep the festival of the Coming of the Light, including a sermon by The Reverend Dr John Deane and participation of the Choir.
- Both the Sunday 8:00am Eucharist and 4:00pm Choral Evensong are cancelled.
- On **Wednesday, 30 June, at 6:15pm Choral Evensong** will be livestreamed.
- **Kids @ Church** and **Resting Space** both continue to meet online.
- **Morning Prayer** will continue to be held on weekdays at 8:30am using Zoom Conferencing.
- Other weekday activities including the Lunchtime Eucharists and the Wednesday Lunchtime Concert are also cancelled for this week.

Church, Parish Office, and Administration

Both the Church and Parish Office will be closed to the public. Staff are principally working from home, although one staff member will attend the office each day to collect the mail and clear messages and emails. Contact with staff members is best made by telephone or email. The principal contact details are as follows:

Parish Office:	8227 1300	office@sjks.org.au
Rector:	8227 1303	rector@sjks.org.au
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Head of Music:	8227 1306	music@sjks.org.au
Churchwardens:		warden1@sjks.org.au

Home Visits

The clergy will not be undertaking general visiting of parishioners. They will, however, be available to visit where there is an urgent need. Arrangements will need to be made directly with one of the clergy.

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Other Matters

- **Dobson Organ Factory Fire**

By now many of you will have heard of the fire that destroyed the Dobson Organ Company Factory in the United States. A large amount of material destined for our new organ at St James' was consumed in the blaze. Dobsons have advised us that they are fully insured, and their intention is to continue in business. Discussions will take place once the insurance, legal, and financial matters have become clearer. The Parish is still keen to complete this major project even though it will now be delayed.

- **2020-2025 St James' Church Strategy**

We recently released a printed copy of the new 2020-2025 St James' Strategy. It has more detail than what was endorsed at the Annual General Meeting and includes current goals and objectives. Copies are available in the church and on the Parish website under www.sjks.org.au/church/parish-life/.

Conclusion

We have been down this path of lockdown before and have a good idea of what we need to do. Hopefully, this time it will only last for the next week, but we need to be cautious and entertain the possibility that it may last longer.

*Keep us, good Lord,
under the shadow of your mercy in this time of uncertainty and distress.
Sustain and support the anxious and fearful, and lift up all who are brought low;
that we may rejoice in your comfort
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love
in Christ Jesus, our Lord. **Amen.***

(Church of England Prayer Resources)

Every blessing,



The Reverend Andrew Sempell
Rector of St James'