ST JAMES'
Bicentenary 2019-2024

10am Pew Sheet

For the week beginning
Sunday 26 December 2021

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

Jesus in the Temple, Heinrich Hofmann (1881) (Wikimedia Commons)

REFLECTION

Jesus lingered in the temple at Jerusalem and the Prophet Samuel was raised in God's house at Shiloh. Both were firmly grounded in God's word and the traditions of the faith community. Both carried this wisdom into their lives of ministry. People of all ages continue to find guidance for faithful living in God's word and the collective wisdom of God's people.

God of all wisdom, thank you for grounding our lives in your love:
draw together young and old, that we might nurture one another in faith,
and lead us to proclaim, through wise living, your glory to all generations. Amen.

As Sydney's oldest church, St James' is a place of soul-stirring worship, challenging preaching and fine music. We are a progressive community that welcomes all people regardless of age, race, sexual orientation, or religion. We also acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which we worship—the Gadigal people of the Eora Nation.

Today's Service Information

Preacher

Assoc Prof Michael Horsburgh, AM
Parish Reader

8:00am Holy Eucharist

Reader & Intercessor: Anne Innes

10:00am Parish Eucharist

Reader & Intercessor: Christopher Telford

Organist: Alistair Nelson

Prelude: Dandrieu – *Il n'est rien de plus tendre*

Mass Setting: Dudman – *Eucharist*

Postlude: Dandrieu – *Où s'ent vont ces gaies bergers*

View online at 10:00am

sjks.org.au/online-services or
facebook.com/stjameskingstreet

PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL RECEPTION

I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

St James' & COVID-19

Attendance at Services

Services of worship are open to all worshippers.

Due to the current COVID-19 Omicron variant outbreak, we recommend that those attending worship or other church activities should:

- Be fully vaccinated;
- Stay at home if feeling unwell;
- Use either the QR code or registration log upon entering the building;
- Wear masks while in the church building and not remove them to sing;
- Keep appropriate social distancing where possible under the 2 sqm rule (i.e. sit at the green dots – 4 people per pew or closer if from the same household); and,
- Use hand-sanitiser regularly.

Services and Events

Please refer to the back page for the schedule of services and events.

COVID-19 and Parish Information

The Rector's Pastoral Letters, which include details about service arrangements, can be viewed at

www.sjks.org.au/messages-re-covid-19/

Order of Service

Prelude

Jean-François Dandrieu (1682-1738) – *Il n'est rien de plus tendre*

Entrance Hymn

Please stand as the servers, choir, and sacred ministers enter. It is recommended that the congregation wear masks when singing.

A great and mighty wonder,
A full and holy cure!
The Virgin bears the Infant
With virgin-honour pure.
Repeat the hymn again!
'To God on high be glory,
And peace on earth to men!'

The Word becomes incarnate
And yet remains on high!
And cherubim sing anthems
To shepherds from the sky.
Repeat the hymn again!...

While thus they sing your monarch,
Those bright angelic bands,
Rejoice, ye vales and mountains,
Ye oceans clap your hands.
Repeat the hymn again!...

Since all he comes to ransom,
By all be he adored,
The Infant born in Bethl'em,
The Saviour and the Lord.
Repeat the hymn again!...

And idol forms shall perish,
And error shall decay,
And Christ shall wield his sceptre,
Our Lord and God for ay.

Word: Greek, St Grmanus 634-734, Tr JM Neale and others.
Music: Es ist ein' Ros' entsprungen, German Carol Melody,
harmonised by Michael Praetorius 1571-1621

Welcome and Invocation

The celebrant welcomes the people, then says,

Celebrant ✠ In the Name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
All **Amen.**

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray.

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Kyrie

Michael Dudman (1938-1994) – *Eucharist*

It is recommended that the congregation wear masks when singing.

**Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

Confession

The deacon says,

Christ the grace of God has dawned upon the world with healing for all.

A time of silence is kept.

Let us bring our weaknesses and infirmities to him, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

All **Merciful God, our maker and our judge,
we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed,
and in what we have failed to do:
we have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;
we repent, and are sorry for all our sins. Father forgive us.
Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The celebrant proclaims God's forgiveness.

Almighty God, who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith:
✠ pardon you and set you free from all your sins,
strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Gloria

Dudman – *Eucharist*

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: Receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
✠ in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant Let us pray.

God of community,
whose call is more insistent than ties of family or blood:
may we so respect and love those whose lives are linked with ours
that we fail not in loyalty to you,
but make choices according to your will;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reign with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God for ever and ever.
Amen

Please sit.

First Reading

A reading from the First Book of Samuel **2: 18 - 20, 26**

Samuel was ministering before the Lord, a boy wearing a linen ephod. His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, 'May the Lord repay you with children

by this woman for the gift that she made to the Lord'; and then they would return to their home.

Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favour with the Lord and with the people.

A short silence is observed.

Reader For the Word of the Lord,
All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 148

The cantor sings the psalm with a response and chant by D. Drury.

Cantor Praise the Lord, all you his servants.
All **Praise the Lord, all you his servants.**

O Praise the Lord of heaven :
praise him in the height.
Praise him, all ye angels of his :
praise him, all his host.
Praise him, sun and moon :
praise him, all ye stars and light.
Praise him, all ye heavens :
and ye waters that are above the heavens.
Let them praise the Name of the Lord :
for he spake the word, and they were made;
he commanded, and they were created.
He hath made them fast for ever and ever :
he hath given them a law which shall not be broken.
Praise the Lord upon earth :
ye dragons, and all deeps;
Fire and hail, snow and vapours :
wind and storm, fulfilling his word;
Mountains and all hills :
fruitful trees and all cedars;
Beasts and all cattle :
worms and feathered fowls;
Kings of the earth and all people :
princes and all judges of the world;
Young men and maidens, old men and children, praise the Name of the Lord :
for his Name only is excellent,
and his praise above heaven and earth.

He shall exalt the horn of his people; all his saints shall praise him :
even the children of Israel, even the people that serveth him.

All Praise the Lord, all you his servants.

Second Reading

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Colossians **3: 12 - 17**

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

A short silence is observed.

Reader For the Word of the Lord,
All Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Hymn

It is recommended that the congregation wear masks when singing.

Jesus, good above all other,
Gentle child of gentle mother,
In a stable born our brother,
Give us grace to persevere.

Jesus, cradled in a manger,
For us facing every danger,
Living as a homeless stranger,
Make we thee our King most dear.

Jesus, for thy people dying,
Risen Master, death defying,
Lord in heaven, thy grace supplying,
Keep us to thy presence near.

Jesus, who our sorrows bearest,

All our thoughts and hopes thou sharest,
Thou to man thy truth declarest;
Thou us all thy truth to hear.
Lord, in all our doings guide us;
Pride and hate shall ne'er beside us,
We'll go on with thee beside us,
And with joy we'll persevere!

Words: Percy Dearmer (1867-1936)
Music: QUEM PASTORES German 14th century (Latin) carol; [NEH 387] CCL licence 552064

Gospel Acclamation

All Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Cantor May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,
and the fullness of his message live in you. Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Please remain standing and turn to face the Gospel reader.

Gospel Reading **Luke 2: 41 - 52**

Deacon The Lord be with you.
All And also with you.

Deacon A reading from the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to St Luke.
All Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travellers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, 'Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.' He said to them, 'Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?' But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour.

Deacon For the Gospel of the Lord.
All Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

Nicene Creed

Celebrant Let us together affirm the faith of the Church.

All We believe in one God,
the Father, the almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
✠ and the life of the world to come.
Amen.

Intercessions

Deacon Let us pray for the world and for the Church.

The following response may be used,

Lord, in your mercy,
All Hear our prayer.

At the conclusion of the prayers the deacon says,

Deacon Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.
All Grant that what we have asked in faith
we may by your grace receive,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Greeting of Peace

The celebrant says,

We are the body of Christ.
All His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
All And also with you.

Offertory Hymn

You may wish to make your offering at sjks.org.au/donate, at the tap machine in the church, or in the basket near the door as you leave. It is recommended that the congregation wear masks when singing.

Of the Father's heart begotten,
ere the world from chaos rose,
he is Alpha: from that Fountain
all that is and hath been flows;
he is Omega, of all things
yet to come the mystic Close,
evermore and evermore.

By his word was all created;
he commanded and 'twas done;
earth and sky and boundless ocean,
universe of three in one,
all that sees the moon's soft radiance,
all that breathes beneath the sun,
evermore and evermore.

O how blest that wondrous birthday,
when the Maid the curse retrieved,
brought to birth mankind's salvation,

by the Holy Ghost conceived;
and the Babe, the world's Redeemer,
in her loving arms received,
evermore and evermore.
This is he, whom seer and sibyl
sang in ages long gone by;
this is he of old revealèd
in the page of prophecy;
lo! he comes, the promised Saviour;
let the world his praises cry!
evermore and evermore.

Sing, ye heights of heaven, his praises;
Angels and Archangels, sing!
wheresoe'er ye be, ye faithful,
let your joyous anthems ring,
every tongue his name confessing,
countless voices answering,
evermore and evermore.

Words: Latin, Prudentius (348-413), tr. R. F. Davis (1866-1937)
Music: Melody from *Piae Cantiones Theoderici Petri Nylandensis* (1582)
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The celebrant prays over the bread and wine,

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness we have this bread to set before you,
which earth has given and human hands have made.
It will become for us the bread of life.
Through your goodness we have this wine to set before you,
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
It will become for us the cup of salvation.

All **Blessed be God for ever!**

Sursum Corda and Great Thanksgiving

Please remain standing.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant All glory and honour, be yours now and always,
mighty Creator, everliving God.

We give you thanks and praise for your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary and lived as one of us.

In your Word made flesh you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts,
to give knowledge of your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.

By his death on the cross and rising to new life,
he offered the one true sacrifice for sin
and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and singing:

Sanctus and Benedictus

Dudman – *Eucharist*

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
✠ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant Merciful God, we thank you for these gifts of your creation,
this bread and wine, and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit,
we who eat and drink them may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread;
and when he had given you thanks
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,
'Take, eat. This is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper, he took the cup, and again giving you thanks
he gave it to his disciples, saying, 'Drink from this, all of you.
This is my blood of the new covenant shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

Deacon Let us proclaim the mystery of faith

All **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Celebrant Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded:
proclaiming his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross,
his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming again, we celebrate, with this bread and this cup,
his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world.

✠ Renew us by your Holy Spirit, unite us in the body of your Son,
and bring us with all your people into the joy of your eternal kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, we worship you, Father,
in songs of never-ending praise:

All **Blessing and honour and glory and power.
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

A bell is rung, and silence is kept.

Celebrant As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray:

All
**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come, your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
for the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

The celebrant breaks the bread and says,

Celebrant As this broken bread was once many grains,
which have been gathered together and made one bread:

All **So may your Church be gathered
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.**

Agnus Dei

Dudman – *Eucharist*

Jesus, Lamb of God, Have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins, Have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world. Grant us your peace.

Deacon Jesus is the Lamb of God. Behold Him who takes away the sins of the world.
Happy are those who are called to his supper.

All Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word and I shall be healed.

Communion

Communion will be distributed in one kind only from the chancel steps. The cantor sings the motet.

Post-Communion Prayer

Please stand. The celebrant prays the post-communion prayer.

Celebrant God of heaven, dwelling among us,
we thank you for feeding us with this holy food.
By your grace keep us ever faithful
to your Word made flesh
that as his body in the world
we may bring your presence to all people.

All Most loving God,
you send us into the world you love.
Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage
in the power of your Spirit.
Amen.

Notices

Hymn

Please stand. It is recommended that the congregation wear masks when singing.

God rest you merry, gentlemen,
let nothing you dismay,
remember Christ our Saviour
was born on Christmas Day,
to save us all from Satan's power

when we were gone astray:
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy!
O tidings of comfort and joy!

From God our heavenly Father
a blessed angel came,
and unto certain shepherds
brought tidings of the same,
how that in Bethlehem was born
the son of God by name: *[Refrain]*

And when they came to Bethlehem
where our dear Saviour lay,
they found him in a manger,
where oxen feed on hay;
his mother Mary kneeling down,
unto the Lord did pray: *[Refrain]*

Now to the Lord sing praises,
all you within this place,
in with true love and brotherhood
each other new embrace;
this holy tide of Christmas
all other doth efface: *[Refrain]*

Words: Traditional
Music: GOD REST YOU MERRY, London Carol Melody harmonised by John Stainer
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Blessing and Dismissal

Celebrant Christ, who by his Incarnation
gathered into one all things earthly and heavenly,
fill you with his joy and peace;
and the blessing of God almighty
✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
All **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Please pray for:

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America.

Baptism anniversaries: Alessia Isabella Loudon, Aidan Crauford Martin, Katherine Wombell, Caroline Wombell.

The sick – Immediate: Fr Richard Aldersey, Robyn Hobbs, Liz Barton, Ruth Jones, Ann Ryan, Elliott, John Gillam, Amy Horsburgh, Monsignor James Cronin, Frances Rolfe, Grahame Cooksley, Laessia Lysanenko, Julia Martin, Fr Lance Johnston, Oliver Johns, David Cheetham, Sr Jeanette Fox, Baddley Anita, Peter Renwick, Joyce Smith, Bp Andrew St John, Olivia Peck, John Maguire, Barbara Joan Rothery, David.

The sick – Long-term: Colin Middleton, Steven Bell, Candace & Cameron Waters, Paula Behm, Elizabeth Farry, Mthr Elaine Farmer, Warren Trevelyan-Jones, Joan Hillier, Joan Elliston, Kathryn James, Anahera Chessum, Kellie Wilson, Jillian Morrison, Fay Skuthorpe, The Rev'd Paul Cooper, Bronwyn Thorp, Julie Sheppard, Bernice Lee, Nick De Brett, Geoff Bright, Claire Willmott, Stephanie Daley, Sigrid Delaney, Jivan Harito, James Ridley, Richard Gillard, Euan Black, Pam Robinson, Herb Anderson, Nellie Smith, Paul, Ann Bratt, Gillian Virginie, Cherie Shepherd, Helen Lord, Megan Nelson, Ray Sharp, Marian Pilone, Helen Ashley, Mary Shuttleworth, Fiona Hawke, Barry Shepherd, Billie Brace, Sebastiana Ilardo, Bec, Bp Arthur Malcolm, Fr John Bunyan, Fred Orr.

In need: Nadira Al Araj, Christine, Kate & Julia Collis, Nicholas Lee, Karla & James.

Thanksgiving for on-going recovery: Maddy Ritchie.

The recently departed: Gwenda Eileen Joy Heitmann, Sr Fiona CSC, Ada Wong Yung Chan, Judith (Judy) Lambeth, Berenice-Eve 'Bibi' Calf, Harry Dillon, Elsie Wood, Christian Kerr, Patricia McBride, Andrew Sinclair, Marilyn Sneddon.

Those whose year's mind falls at this time: George Rose, Dorothy Barr, Olga Jean Fraser, James Reginald Douglas, Glenn Spencer King, Norma Alice Day, Edith Osbourne Matchett, Jerrold Sydney Cripps, Ruby Margaret East, Richard Nicholas Gye, Alfred Brown, Jenny Allen, Margot Montgomery, Inez McCracken, Graham David John Leech, Vera May Williams, Githa Heather Noel Conolly, Muriel Hackett, Lorna Cheetham, Helen Stutchbury, John Spencer Windeyer, Frank Clarke.

Please note that names of the sick will remain on the 'Immediate' list for one month only. If there is a need for a name to remain longer, please ask for it to be placed on the 'Long Term' list. All requests should be made to Dianne Ward or Jonathan Elcock, the Office Administrators, at office@sjks.org.au or 8227 1300.

Act for Peace Christmas Bowl

Thank you for joining once again with churches across Australia to share God's love through the Christmas Bowl, especially in a year of turbulence and disruption from the coronavirus pandemic, which continued to impact us all with many community members suffering. And as is often the case, the impact was not felt evenly, with the poorest among us hit hardest, especially the 82 million people around the world uprooted from the stability of their homes by conflict or disaster, and the people caught up in the humanitarian crises caused by this year's conflicts in Ethiopia, Myanmar, Gaza and the fall of Afghanistan. In the midst of this division and chaos, the Christmas Bowl is a vital channel for expressing our unity in Christ. And it provides a powerful mechanism for sharing God's love, with those who need it, through practical Christian action.

Thank you for being part of this important tradition, and helping to create a world where uprooted people have a safe place to belong.

— Howard Graham

Friends of Music Membership for 2022

Enjoy the benefits of being a member of Friends of Music at St James'! 2022 Membership Forms are now available in the Baptistry or sign up online at https://friendsofmusicsydney.com.au/

Myanmar Emergency Appeal

COVID-19 continues to wreak havoc in Myanmar. The Anglican Board of Mission's (ABM) partner, the Church of the Province of Myanmar (CPM), has been responding in innovative and practical ways. The first $10,000 sent by ABM was spent on oxygen cylinders and oxygen concentrators, as well as COVID-19 testing kits and cleaning materials. A second tranche of funds has just been sent.

This will be used to address the ongoing pandemic through: social media and a 24-hour hotline providing information about COVID-19 and how to treat it; tele-health consultations with church volunteer doctors and health professionals; and home care and other assistance by volunteers as directed by the doctors.

The CPM COVID Response Team hopes to reach over 5000 people.

For more information and to make a donation, please go to www.abmission.org/Myanmar.

Double Your Impact!

A generous ABM donor has increased the offer by $5,000 to match $ for $ for the first $15,000 of donations received!

Donations to this appeal are tax deductible

— Anthony Naake

Flower Arrangers Needed

We are in need of more flower arrangers to join the flower arranging team for 2022. If you would like to be part of this important and creative ministry, please contact Pippa on 0432 792 362.

St James' Foundation Distributions

We are grateful to the St James' Foundation for the following distributions received recently:

The St James' Music Foundation:	$66,043
The St James' Building Foundation:	$40,000
Total St James' Foundation Limited:	$106,043

New Book in the Shop

During COVID-19 lockdown, Don Cameron - former Bishop of North Sydney - took the time to share some Scriptural insights with the residents of Rohini Village in Turramurra. Looking at the "I am..." statements of Jesus and exploring some of his parables, Don was able to offer his listeners the

opportunity to reflect on the person of Christ and what it means to be a Christian.

Collected here, Don's short discourses are now available for those of us who have been - or may still be - stuck in a lockdown of our own.

Rohini Reflections is $10 and is available for purchase from the Parish Office, or from the web shop.

Sr Freda Christmas

Due to Covid we were unable to have a Christmas party for the homeless in the church covered courtyard.

However, we were able to use the Quiet Area where volunteers provided takeaway salad with ham/ turkey, sandwiches, hot food, cold drinks, dessert with custard and a Christmas carry bag full of chocolates and lollies.

It was a very hot day but we still had 50-60 happy guests.

- Robyn & David Carver

More Information about news items and the Parish can be found on our website, www.sjks.org.au, including links to our bimonthly magazine, *St James' Connections*, and pew sheets of the previous month.

First Sunday after Christmas

Thank you!

Christmas Bowl

In a world that often feels divided, you've come together with churches across Australia to stand alongside those uprooted by conflict and disaster. Thank you for standing with Act for Peace's local partners to bring practical care – as well as hope, peace, joy, love and light – to people in urgent need around the world.

By joining together through the Christmas Bowl, you are helping build a world where all people have a safe place to belong. **Thank you.**

CALL: 1800 025 101 VISIT: actforpeace.org.au/christmasbowl

The Christmas appeal of Act for Peace, the international aid agency of the National Council of Churches in Australia. ABN 86 619 970 188

A Prayer for a Broken World

Almighty God, creator, and preserver of our world,
we pray for peace, justice, and compassion for those in need.

Have mercy on our broken and divided world
and banish the spirit that makes for war.
We pray especially for all affected by the escalating turmoil
and tragic events in Afghanistan, the ongoing conflict in Myanmar,
and the many other places where there is conflict and persecution.
Restrain the forces of evil and protect the vulnerable –
especially women and children,
as well as those who seek refuge from oppression and death.
We pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord,
who went to the cross for those in need of salvation. Amen.

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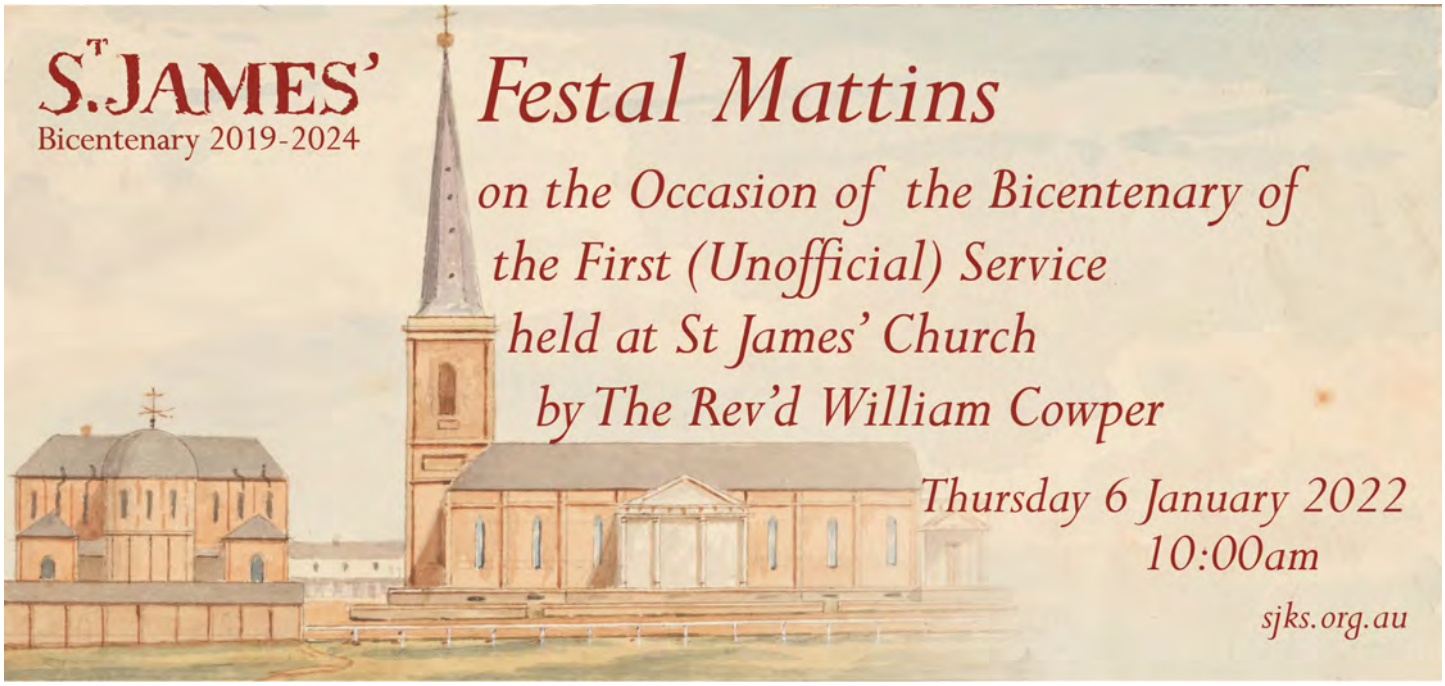

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Worship

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(White)

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