

S.^TJAMES' Bicentenary 2019-2024

The Reverend Andrew Sempell
Rector

2 February 2022

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

PROGRAMME FOR FEBRUARY

COVID-19 Regulations

As I mentioned in the notices last Sunday, the current COVID-19 Regulations will remain in place for the month of February, including service times. Those attending services should therefore:

- 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; and,
- Keep appropriate physical 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).

Wednesday Lunchtime Concerts and Choral Evensong

As from today (2 February) both the Wednesday Lunchtime Concerts (at 1:15pm) and services of Choral Evensong (at 6:15pm) recommence.

St James' Institute 2022 Programme

This Sunday, Dr Aaron Ghiloni will launch the St James' Institute 2022 Programme. A brochure will be available, and details will go on to the Parish website. It includes an extensive and exciting range of events and I encourage you to subscribe to it.

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee – 6 February

This Sunday (6 February), a special service of Choral Evensong will be held at 4:00pm to mark the 70th Anniversary of the Accession of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second. The Guests of Honour will be Her Excellency the Honourable Margaret Beazley, AC, QC and Mr Dennis Wilson. The Archbishop of Sydney will Preside, and the preacher will be The Right Reverend Richard Hurford, OAM, KStJ. It is necessary to register your attendance beforehand on the Parish website if attending in person at: <https://www.sjks.org.au/special-service-registration/>

Commemoration of William Grant Broughton, Bishop of Australia – 20 February

On Sunday 20 February, we will celebrate the life and ministry of William Grant Broughton, Archdeacon of New South Wales (1829-1836), Bishop of Australia (1836-1847), and first Bishop of Sydney (1847-1852). St James' Church served as his first Cathedral. At the 10:00am Choral Eucharist we will also officially welcome our new Archbishop, The Most Reverend Kanishka Raffel. The Archbishop will be the preacher at the morning services.

Shrove Tuesday Virtual Pancake Night – 1 March

Because of the current COVID-19 restrictions, the usual Pancake Night cannot be conducted by St Laurence House, however a 'Virtual Pancake Night' (online) will be held in its place. Details about this will come out in the next couple of weeks.

Memorial Service for Archbishop Desmond Tutu – 6 March

On Sunday 6 March an Ecumenical Service of Thanksgiving for the Late Desmond Mpilo Tutu, OMSG, CH will be held at 4:00pm. Those attending this service will also need to register beforehand on the Parish website at <https://www.sjks.org.au/special-service-registration/>

National Church Life Survey (NCLS)

This week is the last opportunity to participate in the National Church Life Survey. The survey can be conducted in a 'hard copy' paper format or online. Forms are available at church or from the Parish Office. Online returns can be completed by going to: attendersurvey.ncls.org.au and entering the code: ANS00301

Conclusion

We will continue to monitor the COVID-19 situation and make any changes as required. The virus has certainly disrupted life over the past two years, but we have no choice but to work around it. May God bless, strengthen, and encourage you for our work in this place!

*We are not a people of fear: we are a people of courage.
We are not people who protect our own safety:
we are people who protect our neighbours' safety.
We are not people of greed: we are people of generosity.
We are your people God, giving and loving, wherever we are, whatever it costs,
for as long as it takes wherever you call us. Amen.*

*Barbara Glasson
President of the UK Methodist Conference*

Every blessing,



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