

# S<sup>T</sup>. JAMES'

Bicentenary 2019-2024



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St James' Anglican Church  
173 King Street, Sydney  
(Opposite Hyde Park Barracks)  
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[www.sjks.org.au](http://www.sjks.org.au)  
or call 8227 1300

**Saturday**  
**24 December 2022**  
**6:00pm**

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 of the Eora Nation.

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*We warmly welcome you to this historic church  
in the heart of Sydney.  
We are pleased you have chosen  
to worship God with us this Christmas.*

The Reverend Glenn Maytum **Officiant**

**Kids@Church Presentation**

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8:00, 10:00am **Sunday Services**



#### **IN CASE WE NEED TO EVACUATE**

As you take your place in your pew, please make yourself aware of the route to the nearest emergency exit. Should there be a fire, leave quickly and assemble in Queens Square by the statue of Queen Victoria.



#### **FIRST AID**

A First Aid kit is located on the wall of the kitchen in the crypt and in the Vestry.



#### **GETTING INSIDE**

If you require access to the church via the lift, please see the Verger or one of the Sidespeople.



#### **TOILETS**

Toilets are located in the crypt beneath the church.

If you need to use the disabled access toilets, ask the Verger for assistance.



#### **HEAR ALL OF IT**

A hearing loop is installed in the church.



#### **BABY FACILITIES**

Baby change tables are provided in both toilets in the crypt. Nursing mothers are welcome.



#### **BE INFORMED**

Pick up copies of previous weeks' pew sheets and *St James' Connections* in the Baptistry.

# *Welcome to our Christingle Service at St James'*

*The first Christingle service was held in Germany on 20 December 1747, when a parish priest gave to each child in his church a candle with a red ribbon tied around it to take home, light, and place in a window to show passers-by the Light of Christ.*

*Christingle means Christ-Light and our service this evening is a celebration of God's great love for the world in sending to us his Son, Jesus Christ, at Christmas.*

*The clergy, churchwardens and staff of St James' Church wish you and your family a very peaceful and blessed Christmas.*



# Order of Service

## Organ Prelude

Dietrich Buxtehude (c.1637-1707) – *Jig Fugue, BuxWV 174*

## Carol

*Please stand.*

Solo        Once in royal David's city  
              stood a lowly cattle shed,  
              where a mother laid her baby  
              in a manger for his bed:  
              Mary was that Mother mild,  
              Jesus Christ her little Child.

All         He came down to earth from heaven,  
              who is God and Lord of all,  
              and his shelter was a stable,  
              and his cradle was a stall;  
              with the poor, and mean and lowly,  
              lived on earth our Saviour holy.

              And through all his wondrous childhood  
              day by day like us he grew,  
              he was little, weak, and helpless,  
              tears and smiles like us he knew;  
              and he feeleth for our sadness,  
              and he shareth in our gladness.

              Not in that poor lowly stable,  
              with the oxen standing by,  
              we shall see him: but in heaven,  
              set at God's right hand on high,  
              where like stars his children crowned,  
              all in white shall wait around.

Words: Mrs C.F. Alexander (1818-95)

Music: H.J. Gauntlett (1805-76)

*arr.* Sir David Willcocks (1919-2015)

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*Remain standing.*

# Welcome and Opening Prayer

Officiant In the name of Christ, welcome to St James King Street on this Christmas Eve, 2022, as we offer our worship in the ✠ Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
Amen

We come together in the presence of God our Father to rejoice in the gift of Jesus to us as the Light of the World. In this Christingle Service we hear and receive the story and message of the coming of Christ, and we offer our thanksgiving to God in prayer and song.

So, gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us now pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

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.

*Please sit.*

## Carol

*The choir sings,*

*A maiden most gentle and tender we sing:  
Of Mary the mother of Jesus our King.  
Ave, ave, ave Maria.*

*How bless'd is the birth of her heavenly child,  
Who came to redeem us in Mary so mild.  
Ave, ave, ave Maria.*

*The archangel Gabriel foretold by his call  
The Lord of creation, and Saviour of all.  
Ave, ave, ave Maria.*

*Three kings came to worship with gifts rich and rare,  
And marvelled in awe at the babe in her care.  
Ave, ave, ave Maria.*

*Rejoice and be glad at this Christmas we pray;  
Sing praise to the saviour, sing endless 'Ave'.  
Ave, ave, ave Maria.*

Words: Andrew Carter (b. 1939)

Music: Traditional French Tune, arr. Andrew Carter. CCL license: 552064

## A Reading from St Luke's Gospel

2: 1–7

*St Luke tells us about the birth of Jesus.*

In those days a decree was issued by the emperor Augustus for a census to be taken throughout the Roman world. This was the first registration of its kind; it took place when Quirinius was governor of Syria. Everyone made his way to his own town to be registered. Joseph went up to Judaea from the town of Nazareth in Galilee, to register in the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was of the house of David by descent; and with him went Mary, his betrothed, who was expecting her child. While they were there the time came for her to have her baby, and she gave birth to a son, her firstborn. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them at the inn.

*After a short silence for reflection*

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

## The Christingle Story

### Carol

*Please stand. During this hymn a collection for the church's ministry will be received.  
You may wish to make your offering at [sjks.org.au/donate](http://sjks.org.au/donate), or at the tap machine in the church.*

All                 The orange of Christingle  
                         of earth us does remind.  
                         'Twas God who did us all create.  
                         He loves all humankind.  
                         *O sing about Christingle,  
                         your voices loud employ.  
                         Your praises bring to God our King;  
                         for Jesus and his joy.*

The candle of Christingle,  
with shining flame so bright;  
reminds us of our loving Lord  
who is the world's true light.     *Refrain*

The red band of Christingle  
which plainly we can see;  
reminds us how Lord Jesus Christ  
was killed upon the Tree.       *Refrain*

The four sticks of Christingle,  
the orb we now do spear,  
remind us how God cares for us,  
all seasons of the year.       *Refrain*

The entire round Christingle,  
it is a joy to see;  
it shines to show how Father Lord,  
loves even you and me.       *Refrain*

Music: FOREST GREEN English traditional melody  
harmonised by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)  
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## The Prayers

*Led by Kids@Church. Please sit or kneel.*

Gracious God, as the orange of Christingle represents the world,  
we pray for our world, that men and women, boys and girls can live together peacefully  
and that there will be no more wars.

We pray for children who are sad and lonely in the world, especially refugees.

Lord, in your mercy,

**All**       **Hear our prayer**

Lord of all life,

the red ribbon reminds us of Good Friday when Jesus died at Easter time.

We pray that you will bring an end to suffering, and that people all over the world may  
be able to choose their religion and practise it freely.

It is sad when people die, please comfort those who are sad because a relative or  
neighbour has died.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer**

God of all hopefulness,

the sticks remind us of the four seasons: spring, summer, autumn and winter.

We love to kick leaves in autumn, to rug up warm in winter, to see the gardens grow in  
spring and to play on the beaches and in the sun in summer.

Thank you for your world.  
Please keep safe and bring hope to the homeless  
and all who are in need, scared, and frightened.

Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer**

God of all abundance,  
the sweets on the sticks remind us that the things we have come from you,  
who made the world.  
Thank you for the sun and the rain which make crops grow,  
we pray for children who are hungry because weather conditions have spoiled the food  
their family were growing.  
We pray for people who won't receive any presents this year,  
look after them this Christmas.

Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer**

Jesus Christ is the light of the world, a light no darkness can quench.  
We remember before you, O God, those who have died,  
and remember as we light our candles that they symbolise the light of Christ  
which eternally shines and brings hope.  
You turn our darkness into light, in your light shall we see light.

Lord in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer**

## **Blessing and Distribution of Christingles**

Officiant      Glory to Christ, Son of Mary;  
born a child, you share our humanity:

**All              Glory to God in the highest.**

Glory to Christ, Son of David;  
born to rule, you receive gifts from the wise:  
**Glory to God in the highest.**

Glory to Christ, Son of Man;  
born our Saviour, you are the light of the world:  
**Glory to God in the highest.**

Grant, O God, that through these Christingles  
your Spirit may help us to receive and share your love and light  
which you offer to all in the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ, into the world.  
Amen.

*Please come forward via the right hand side aisle (the lectern side) to receive your Christingle and join the procession around the Church. During the procession we will sing these carols:*

All           The first Nowell the angel did say  
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;  
in fields where they lay, keeping their sheep,  
on a cold winter's night that was so deep:  
              *Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,  
              born is the King of Israel.*

They lookèd up and saw a star  
shining in the east, beyond them far:  
and to the earth it gave great light,  
and so it continued both day and night:       *Refrain*

And by the light of that same star,  
three wise men came from country far;  
to seek for a king was their intent,  
and to follow the star wheresoever it went:   *Refrain*

This star drew nigh to the north-west,  
o'er Bethlehem it took its rest,  
and there it did both stop and stay  
right over the place where Jesus lay:       *Refrain*

Then entered in those wise men three,  
full reverently upon their knee,  
and offered there in his presence  
both gold and myrrh and frankincense:       *Refrain*

Then let us all with one accord  
sing praises to our heavenly Lord;  
that hath made heaven and earth of naught,  
and with his blood mankind hath bought:    *Refrain*

Words: Traditional

Music: THE FIRST NOWELL English traditional carol. CCL licence: 552064



*The choir sings,*

*Silent night! Holy night!  
All is calm, all is bright  
Round yon virgin mother and child,  
Holy infant so tender and mild;  
Sleep in heavenly peace.*

*Silent night! Holy night!  
Shepherds quake at the sight;  
Glories stream from heaven afar,  
Heavenly hosts sing 'Alleluia!'  
Christ, the Saviour is born!*

*Silent night! Holy night!  
Son of God, love's pure light,  
Radiant beams from thy holy face  
With the dawn of redeeming grace;  
Jesus, Lord at thy birth.*

Words: Joseph Mohr (1792-1848), tr. John F. Young (1820-1885)  
Music: Melody by Franz Grüber (1787-1863).

## **Closing Prayer and the Blessing**

*Please stand.*

Officiant      May Christ, the Son of Mary,  
bring you and all whom you love, joy and peace this Christmas:  
and the blessing of God Almighty,  
✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit  
be upon you and remain with you always.  
Amen.

## **Carol**

All              Hark! the herald angels sing  
glory to the new-born King,  
peace on earth, and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled.  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,  
join the triumph of the skies,  
with the angelic host proclaim,  
Christ is born in Bethlehem:  
*Hark! The herald angels sing  
glory to the new-born King.*

Christ, by highest heaven adored,  
Christ, the everlasting Lord,  
late in time behold him come  
offspring of a Virgin's womb!  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see,  
hail the incarnate Deity!  
Pleased as man with man to dwell,  
Jesus, our Emmanuel:

*Hark! the herald...*

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!  
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings,  
risen with healing in his wings;  
Mild he lays his glory by,  
born that man no more may die,  
born to raise the sons of earth,  
born to give them second birth:

*Hark! the herald...*

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788) and others

Music: MENDELSSOHN Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy (1809-1847)

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## **Organ Postlude**

J. S. Bach (1685-1750) – *Fugue in D major, BWV 532b*



# *How do you make a Christingle?*



Photo: Tom De Cort

The Christingles are made up as follows:

- An orange, which represents the world that God made;
- A red ribbon tied around the orange, representing the Blood of Christ;
- Four cocktail sticks, representing the four seasons;
- Some dried fruit, nuts and sweets representing God's gifts to the world; and,
- A lighted candle representing Jesus Christ, shining in the world today.



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# Children at St James'

## Kids@Church

Three themes inform how we address the special challenges of raising ethical and spiritual children in Sydney. First, God's children are good, made in the image of God. With this in mind, we hold in tension our desire to involve children in all areas of life and worship with acceptance of a certain amount of noise or 'holy chaos'. It makes for happy, involved children, who enjoy coming to church on Sundays – and a wider parish community involved in their young lives. Second, religious formation for children has little to do with memorising doctrine and a lot to do with creating safe and nurturing spaces for asking questions, sharing experiences of faith, deepening friendships, modelling mercy and justice, and wondering about the mystery of God's presence in our daily lives, as we grow into the people God intends us to be. Third, we nurture an awareness that this community is part of a much larger world community; and we do what we can to broaden our circles of concern through prayer, giving, learning and developing relationships with neighbours in need. We welcome you to St James' Church. There is a place for you and your family here.

For more information contact the Children's Ministry Coordinator: John Wiltshire by email: [sjkschildren@gmail.com](mailto:sjkschildren@gmail.com).



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# *Christmas and New Year Recess*

## **Administration**

The Parish Office is closed from 26 December until 2 January inclusive.

## **Christian Meditation**

Groups resume in the first week of February.

## **Worship**

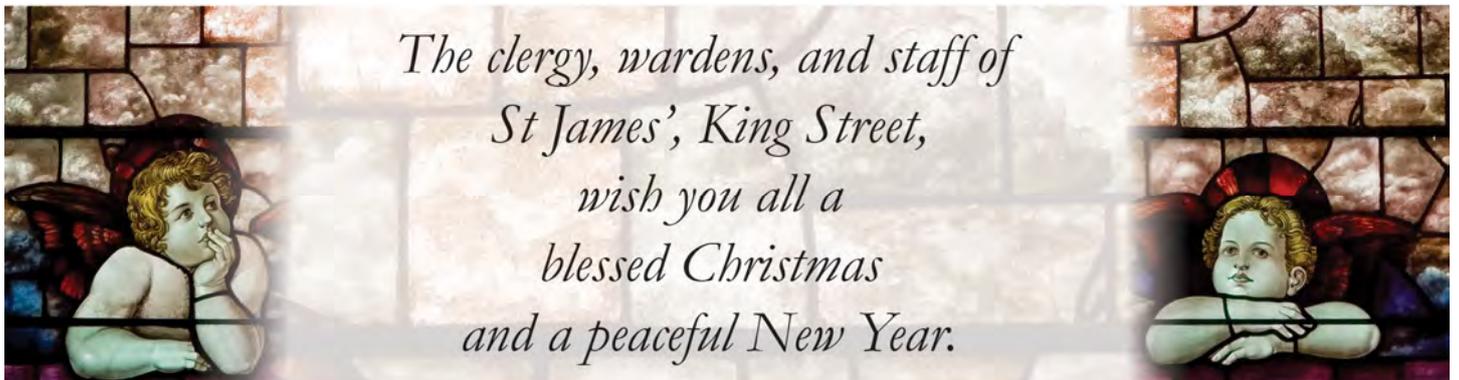
Weekday Holy Eucharists continue except on Public Holidays.

Morning and Evening Prayer continues on weekdays at 8:30am and 5:00pm respectively via Zoom.

Wednesday Choral Evensong resumes 1 February at 6:15pm

## **Music**

Lunchtime Concerts resume 18 January at 1:15pm



*Are you new to St James'?*

*Would you like to become part of our Parish?*

You are welcome to fill in the Parish Roll Form on this page [www.sjks.org.au/church/parish-life/](http://www.sjks.org.au/church/parish-life/).  
If you are part of another parish but still wish to receive periodic communications about what's happening at St James', you can tick the box at the bottom of the form.

# *Christmas Services at St James'*

## **Saturday 24 December**

10:30pm Night Eucharist of the Nativity\*

*Sung by The Choir of St James'*

## **Sunday 25 December**

8:00am Sung Eucharist of the Nativity

*Sung by The St James' Singers*

10:00am Choral Eucharist of the Nativity\*

*Sung by The Choir of St James'*

*Share with us the joy of Christmas*



## **Sunday Services during January**

8:00am & 10:00am

*\*livestreamed on [sjks.org.au/online-services](http://sjks.org.au/online-services) or Facebook ([facebook.com/stjameskingstreet](https://facebook.com/stjameskingstreet))*