

THE HEART OF THE CITY **ST JAMES' CHURCH**

THANKSGIVING FOR ST JAMES' CHURCH AND ITS MINISTRY TO THE PEOPLE OF SYDNEY 2020



*"Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labour in vain.
Unless the Lord guards the city, the guard keeps watch in vain."*

- Psalm 127:1

St James' church has much to be thankful to God for over the past 196 years of its ministry in the heart of the City of Sydney. We are blessed with a large number of gifted and enthusiastic volunteers and are well resourced for the work of God in this place.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF THIS CHURCH

St James' has a unique place in the life of the Anglican Church through its various ministries to the people of the City of Sydney, the state of NSW and the wider Anglican Church. Completed in 1823, as part of the major construction programme initiated by Governor Lachlan Macquarie, St James' is now the oldest existing church building in Sydney. It has been the venue for many historic events including the enthronement of the first and only Bishop of Australia, William Grant Broughton; and went on to serve as his cathedral.

St James' has been a place of ministry to a diversity of people ranging from the Governor, military personnel and convicts at its beginnings to the great array of people who work and live in the city today and those who come from the wider metropolitan area and overseas for Sunday worship.

The building itself exercises its own ministry as a place of peace and refuge, being open each day for prayer and reflection and as a venue for regular cultural events, especially through the church's music programme. The church is also a place of hospitality and gathering for people from across Sydney and further afield.

Today, the Parish has a vital ministry to those who work in its environs, especially to the law courts, parliament and government departments, Sydney Hospital, and the many corporate offices and shops.

St James' Church seeks to reach out to the people of Sydney through its mission to the City; including its worship, welfare support to the homeless and needy, pastoral care, spirituality and educational programmes. It is an open and inclusive Christian community of faith that exists to live out and share the good news of Christ through its daily life.

BICENTENARY OF ST JAMES' CHURCH

The bicentenary of St James' Church commenced late last year, with the anniversary of the laying of the foundation stone by Governor Macquarie on 7 October. Over the following four years there will be a series of activities to celebrate the life and ministry of this church, including a Camino pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela in 2021, construction of the new Dobson pipe organ in 2022, commissioning of new musical compositions, the writing of a history of the church, a bicentenary lecture, and many special church services.

PIPE ORGAN RESTORATION AND REPLACEMENT

Dobson Pipe Organ Builders Ltd of Lake City, Iowa, USA have been engaged to construct a new pipe organ for St James' Church. Dobson's have built up an excellent international reputation for building high quality instruments and have recently completed work at Saint Thomas Church Fifth Avenue, New York and Merton College, Oxford. A Fundraising Appeal Committee, chaired by Mr Robert Marriott, has been established by the St James' Music Foundation to help raise \$3 million for the purchase of the instrument.

SUPPORTING THE MINISTRIES OF ST JAMES' CHURCH

STEWARDSHIP: THROUGH VOLUNTEERING AND REGULAR OFFERINGS

Stewardship reflects our attitude to life. A steward is someone who has been given the task of managing another person's property. Christian stewardship is about recognising that this world belongs to God and that we likewise have a responsibility to care for it. Stewardship should therefore pervade all our dealings in life, including treatment of our environment, our communities, our families, ourselves, as well as our church. It is about recognising God's providence, seeking his presence in our lives, and bringing the good news of God's love to the wider world.

St James' Parish needs support both from the giving of time and talents as well as financial help. It costs around \$30 per person per week to maintain the basic pastoral life of the Parish of St James', and this figure does not include the cost of maintaining the historic building! Regular giving is a way of ensuring that we keep our commitment to supporting the work of the church. It is therefore important to review our level of giving to the Parish and, if not doing so already, consider using either envelopes or electronic banking as a way of ensuring that our giving happens regularly.

The following information can be used to make offerings directly into the church account:

BSB No: 032 007, Account No: 250025,

Account Name: Churchwardens St James' Gen. A/C.

If you wish, offering cards are also available from the Office for those using direct debit.

Likewise we also need to think about volunteering for the ministry of the church through the many liturgical, pastoral, educational and outreach activities of our Parish. Further information on how to give and/or get involved is available from the Parish Office, in the entrance to the church, and on the Parish website.

SPECIAL MINISTRIES: SISTER FREDA MISSION, THE CONSERVATION APPEAL, ST LAURENCE HOUSE, AND THE MUSIC FOUNDATION

The Parish supports and benefits from a number of special ministries. Four of these, the Sister Freda Mission, the Conservation Appeal, St Laurence House, and the Music Foundation have tax-deductible gift status.

The Sister Freda Mission – *'Feeding the Homeless'*

Founded in 1899 during an economic depression by Emily Rich (Sister Freda) and other members of the Order of the Sisters of the Church, the Mission has been providing hospitality to disadvantaged people for over one hundred years. Since the Mission's beginnings the clergy and congregation of St James' have been closely associated with it.

The Sister Freda Mission provides a lunch for the needy each Sunday in the crypt. It relies on donations from parishioners and members of the wider community to continue this work as well as the physical help and support from the hospitality teams every Sunday.

The Conservation Appeal – *‘Restoring the church building’*

Being the oldest church in the City of Sydney, St James’ is an expensive building to maintain. Over the past six years, the Parish has been busy restoring the fabric of the church. This has included work on the spire, roof, brick and stonework, the crypt, and interior painting. The work, for the most part, is complete, however people can still make tax-deductible donations to help with the final aspects of the project.

St Laurence House – *‘Helping Homeless Youth’*

Established in 1978, St Laurence House is a collaborative activity of a number of church groups including the parishes of St James’ King Street and Christ Church St Laurence, as well as the NSW Department of Community Services. Its purpose is to provide care, support and accommodation for homeless young people in Sydney. It also aims to equip them with the personal, social, and living skills necessary for getting on with an independent life.

St Laurence House is financially supported by a combination of the NSW Government, the parishes of St Laurence and St James, and people who make private donations and give material assistance.

The Music Foundation – *‘Helping make Music at St James’*

In order to maintain any tradition, each generation has to confront the challenges of the day. The St James’ Music Foundation is a separate and independent organisation from our Parish, set up to support music at St James’. It has been established to provide financial and other assistance to enable the production and performance of:

- (a) sacred and secular music with a particular focus on choral and pipe organ music;
 - (b) sacred and secular dramatic works and artistic performances;
 - (c) sacred and secular performances of dance and movement,
- at or in association with the Parish of St James’.

Tax-deductible gifts can be made in support of the current music programme, including the Orchestral Masses conducted in January, by placing the amount of your gift in the ‘Current Activities’ box on the donation form, or for the new pipe organ at the ‘Organ Replacement Fund’ box.

The Building Foundation – *‘Helping maintain the church building’*

Donations can also be made to the Building Foundation for the ongoing maintenance of the church, however these are not tax-deductible.

MORE INFORMATION

I wish to receive information about:

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Direct giving

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Envelopes

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Volunteering

MAKE A DONATION

I wish to make a tax-deductible donation to:

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The Sister Freda Mission Fund

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The St James' Conservation Appeal (NSW National Trust)

Total

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Name:

Address:

Telephone contact:

Credit Card Payments (for donations to the Conservation Appeal and Sister Freda Mission):

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Mastercard

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Visacard

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Name on Card:

Card No:

Expiry Date:

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Signature:

**Send to: St James' Parish Office,
Level 1 St James' Hall, 169-171 Phillip Street, Sydney, 2000.
or place in the offering plate on Sunday.**

The St. James' Foundation Limited

ABN: 64 087 665 192

The St. James' Building and Property Foundation

ABN: 90 665 163 627

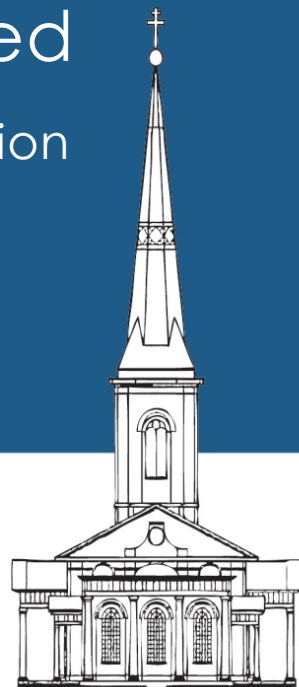
The St. James' Music Foundation

ABN: 81 868 929 941

Address: Unit 2702/5 York Street, Sydney NSW 2000

email: smithys@inet.net.au

website: <http://stjameskingstreetmusicfoundation.com.au>



Donation Form for:

The St. James' Building Foundation The St. James' Music Foundation

Name _____

Phone _____ Mobile _____

Address _____

Post Code _____

Email _____

Directors

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(Chairman)

Graham Smith CEO

Bishop Richard Hurford OAM

Daniel Ferguson JP

Robert Cameron JP

Greg West CA

Marilyn Smith BSc (Treasurer)

Please accept my
donation to the
**Capital Fund
of the
Music Foundation**

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Please accept my
donation to the
**Current Activities
Fund of the
Music Foundation**

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Please accept my
donation to the
**Organ Replacement
& Restoration Fund
of the Music
Foundation**

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Please accept my
donation to the
**Capital Fund
of the Building
Foundation**

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Please draw cheques to the St. James' Music Foundation or to the St. James' Building Foundation and forward to:

The Treasurer, Unit 2702 / 5 York Street, Sydney 2000

OR

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Direct Bank Transfer (electronic payment) to:

WBC - BSB: 032 007 Account Number: 181314

(please email or post this form for correct receipting and accounting records)

OR

Please debit my

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MasterCard

Card No. _____

Exp. Date ____/____/____

Signature _____

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Please send me information (to the above address) of how I might include a bequest for The St. James' Music Foundation or The St. James' Building Foundation in my will.

All donations to The St. James' Music Foundation over \$2.00 are tax deductible.

St Laurence House Inc.

ABN 79 101 274 350

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NAME:

ADDRESS:

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TELEPHONE:

MAIL TO: St Laurence House 2020 Appeal,
PO Box 20,
Kingsford, NSW, 2032.

FAX TO: 02 9954 7897

I am pleased to be able to help St Laurence House, I enclose my cheque for \$.....

OR

CREDIT CARD:

I wish to donate to St Laurence House via my credit card.

Type of card: Mastercard ____ Visa Card ____

Card No: ____ / ____ / ____ / ____

Expiry Date: __ / __

Name of Cardholder: (Please print)

One-off amount: \$.....

OR Regular payment: \$.....

(please debit my card monthly/quarterly on theth day of the month)

Signature: