

S. JAMES'

Bicentenary 2019-2024

The Reverend Andrew Sempell
Rector

15 July 2021

Dear Parishioners,

Worship Restrictions Over the Next Two Weeks (15-30 July)

The State Government has extended the Greater Sydney lockdown order until Friday 30 July. The Church and Parish Office will therefore remain closed to the public and services will continue to be livestreamed as follows:

Sunday, 10:00am – Choral Eucharist
Wednesday, 6:15pm – Choral Evensong
Monday to Friday, 8:30am – Morning Prayer on Zoom

Kids @ Church and Resting Space will both continue to meet online.

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/.

Patronal Festival

The St James' Patronal Festival was to be held on the weekend of 24-25 July. Unfortunately, we will not be able to proceed with it while under lockdown. A St James' Day Eucharist will be livestreamed on Sunday morning at 10:00am, as is usual but all other activities will be postponed as follows.

On the weekend of 9-10 October, which is in the octave of the 202nd anniversary of the laying of the foundation stone, we will celebrate our Dedication Festival. The programme will be as follows (COVID willing):

Saturday 9 October: 3:00pm – SJI Seminar:
Emeritus Professor Alanna Nobbs AM, *What's in a Name?*
5:00pm – St James' Concert

Sunday 10 October: 10:00am – Festal Eucharist
12:30pm – Parish Lunch
4:00pm – Festal Evensong with the Benefactors
5:30pm – Benefactors' Refreshments

Church, Parish Office, and Administration

Please note that parish 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
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Churchwardens:		warden1@sjks.org.au

Home Visits

Currently, the clergy are unable to visit people in hospital, except in exceptional circumstances and on request from the hospital itself. They will also not undertake general visiting of parishioners but will be available to visit if there is an urgent need.

Other Matters

Dobson Organ Builders Fire – Chris Lock and I have been having some encouraging talks with John Panning from Dobsons regarding their recovery from the fire and the future of our new organ.

John has advised that the fire destroyed their workshop, along with all their tools and equipment, and those parts of our organ that were under construction at the time. They still have all the drawings for the instrument however, as well as items from specialist suppliers that had not been delivered.

The community of Lake City has rallied around them, providing temporary workshop and office space. They have also received many donations to help rebuild the workshop, and they are negotiating with a retired organ builder to purchase professional equipment. So, while the loss is great, they are not starting from scratch.

Warren Trevelyan-Jones' Accident – Warren is progressing well after surgery and has commenced physiotherapy. He is walking, in good spirits, and on the road to recovery, although the process will take a couple of months.

Conclusion

It is important for us to remain positive in such challenging times!

*Lord Jesus Christ, you taught us to love our neighbour,
and to care for those in need as if we were caring for you.
In this time of anxiety, give us strength to comfort the fearful, to tend the sick,
and to assure the isolated of our love, and your love, for your name's sake. Amen.*

(Church of England Prayer Resources)

Every blessing,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Andrew', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

The Reverend Andrew Sempell
Rector of St James'