

ST JAMES' CHURCH, KING STREET, SYDNEY

MEDIA BRIEF

CHURCH SERVICE TO COMMEMORATE AUSTRALIA'S FIRST PEOPLES AND THE EORA NATION ON SUNDAY, 29 JULY 2018 AT 4:00PM

A Church Service to commemorate Australia's First Peoples and the Eora Nation will be conducted at St James' Church, King Street, Sydney on Sunday 29 July 2018 at 4:00pm. The service will include an address Mr Warren Mundine AO and the unveiling of a plaque by His Excellency General the Honourable David Hurley AC DSC Rtd, Governor of New South Wales.

The service commemorates the Eora Nation, the custodians of the land on which the church is built, and therefore fits with the spirit of both acknowledgement and the desire for reconciliation with Australia's first peoples. The memorial will name several Eora people who were significant in the engagement between the aboriginal people and the newcomers.



The Rector of St James', the Reverend Andrew Sempell, said: "What we recognise is that there are several stories being told in this place at the same time: a story of the aboriginal nations that is longer than recorded history, a Judeo-Christian story of faith that is about four thousand years old, and a story of the coming of new peoples to live on this land that is a little over two hundred years old. Together, they become part of a greater narrative that is defining of who we are."

The service will be led by the Rector of St James', assisted by Bishop Richard Hurford OAM, and Pastor Ray Minniecon, with music provided by The Choir of St James' under the direction of Warren Trevelyan-Jones.

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