

S. JAMES'

Bicentenary 2019-2024

10:00am Sung Eucharist



*Jesus among the teachers in the Temple, 14th century fresco
from the Vysokie Dechani monastery, Serbia.*

Sunday 29th December

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

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 of which we worship
—the Gadigal of the Eora Nation.

Services Today

8:00am Holy Eucharist

Preacher: The Rev'd Dr Erica Mathieson

Reader: Gail Ball

10:00am Sung Eucharist

Preacher: The Rev'd Dr Erica Mathieson

Hymns: 21, 374, 33, 39

Psalm: 148 (plainsong)

Reader: Tomas Dalton

Setting: Dudman

Please advise one of the Sidespersons if you would like Communion brought to you in the pew. If necessary, you are welcome to sit for those parts of the liturgy when it is normal to stand.

Hymn 21

Please stand. You can find the words to the hymn in the green hymn book provided.

Welcome

The celebrant welcomes the people, then says,

Celebrant ✠ In the Name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Preparation

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Kyrie

Sung by the congregation and cantor together.



Lord have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy.



Christ have mer - cy, Christ have mer - cy, Christ have mer - cy.



Lord have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy.

Deacon Christ, the grace of God, has dawned upon the world
with healing for all.

A silence for self-examination follows.

Let us bring our weaknesses and infirmities to him, confessing our
sins in penitence and faith.

**All Merciful God,
our maker and our judge,
we have sinned against you
in thought, word and deed
and in what we have failed to do:
we have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;
we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.
Father, forgive us.
Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God,
who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith,
✠ pardon you and set you free from all your sins,
strengthen you in all goodness
and keep you in eternal life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Gloria

Sung by the congregation and cantor together.

(organ)

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

Lord God, hea-ven-ly King, al - migh - ty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are sea - ted at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer. For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord, you a-lone are the Most High Je - sus Christ with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Collect

Celebrant Let us pray.

God of community,
whose call is more insistent than ties of family or blood:
may we so respect and love those whose lives are linked with ours
that we fail not in loyalty to you,
but make choices according to your will;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Please sit.

A reading from the First Book of Samuel.

Samuel was ministering before the Lord, a boy wearing a linen ephod. His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, 'May the Lord repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the Lord'; and then they would return to their home.

Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favour with the Lord and with the people.

A short silence is observed.

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

Psalm**148**

Sung by the cantor

*Cantor Praise the Lord, praise the Lord from heaven :
 O praise him in the heights.
Praise him, all his angels :
 O praise him, all his host.
Praise him, sun and moon :
 praise him, all you stars of light.
Praise him, you highest heaven :
 and you waters that are above the heavens.
Let them praise the name of the Lord :
 for he commanded and they were made.
He established them for ever and ever :
 he made an ordinance which shall not pass away.
O praise the Lord from the earth :
 praise him, you sea-monsters and all deeps;
Fire and hail, mist and snow :
 and storm-wind fulfilling his command;
Mountains and all hills :
 fruit trees and all cedars;
Beasts of the wild, and all cattle :
 creeping things and winged birds;*

*Kings of the earth, and all peoples :
princes, and all rulers of the world;
Young men and maidens :
old folk and children together.
Let them praise the name of the Lord :
for his name alone is exalted.
His glory is above earth and heaven :
and he has lifted high the horn of his people.
Therefore he is the praise of all his servants :
of the children of Israel, a people that is near him.
Praise the Lord.*

Second Reading

Colossians 3.12 - 17

A reading from the Letter to the Colossians.

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

A short silence is observed.

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

Hymn 374

Please stand. You can find the words to the hymn in the green hymn book provided.

Please remain standing and turn towards the Gospel reader.

Gospel Acclamation

All Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Cantor May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,
and the fullness of his message live in you. Alleluia!

All Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Holy Gospel

Luke 2.41 - 52

Deacon The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

A reading from the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,
according to St Luke.

All Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travellers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, 'Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.' He said to them, 'Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?' But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour.

Deacon For the Gospel of the Lord,

All Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

A silence for reflection follows the sermon.

Nicene Creed

Please stand.

Celebrant Let us together affirm the faith of the Church:

All We believe in one God,
the Father, the almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
✠ and the life of the world to come.
Amen.

Intercessions

Deacon Let us pray for the world and for the Church.

Please be seated for the prayers. The following response may be used,

Lord, in your mercy

All Hear our prayer.

At the conclusion of the prayers the deacon says,

Deacon Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.

**All Grant that what we have asked in faith
we may by your grace receive,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Greeting of Peace

Please stand.

Celebrant Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given:

All And his name is called the Prince of Peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All And also with you.

We greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Hymn 33

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, using the tap machines in church, or via this QR Code.



Please remain standing.

Celebrant Word made flesh, life of the world,
in your incarnation you embraced our poverty:
by your Spirit may we share in your riches.

All Blessed be God for ever!

Sursum Corda

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,
mighty Creator, everliving God.

We give you thanks and praise for your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ,

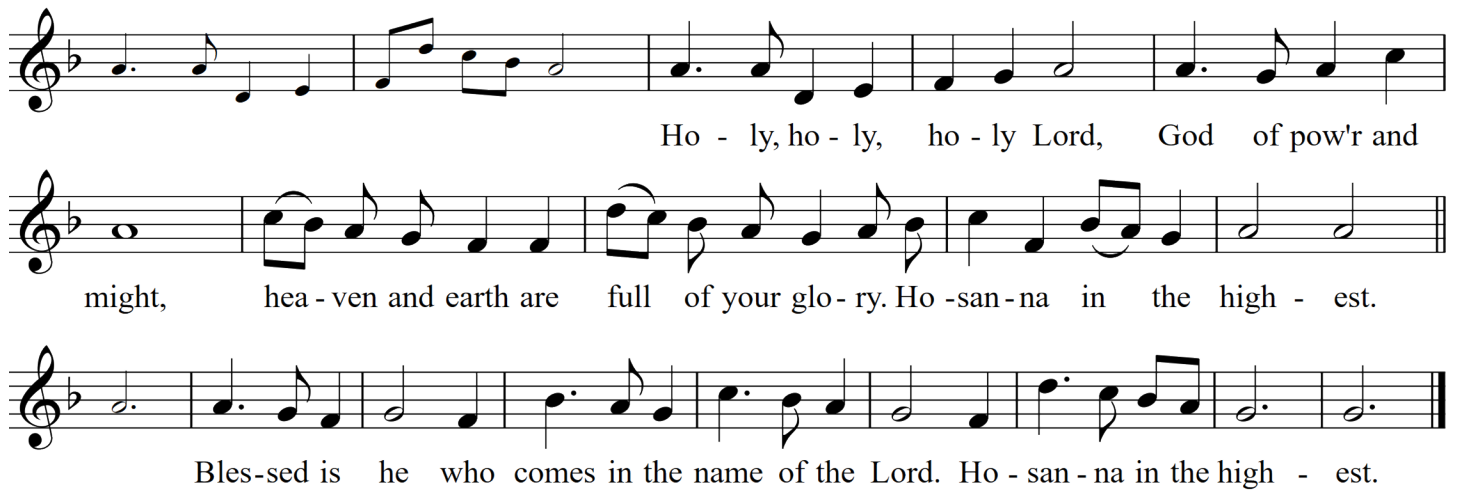
who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary
and lived as one of us.

In your Word made flesh you have caused a new light to shine in our
hearts, to give knowledge of your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.

By his death on the cross and rising to new life,
he offered the one true sacrifice for sin
and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and singing:

Sanctus and Benedictus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Celebrant Merciful God, we thank you for these gifts of your creation,
this bread and wine, and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit,
we who eat and drink them
may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread;
and when he had given you thanks he broke it,
and gave it to his disciples, saying, 'Take, eat.

This is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper, he took the cup, and again giving you thanks
he gave it to his disciples, saying, 'Drink from this, all of you.

This is my blood of the new covenant
shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

Deacon Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:



Christ has died; Christ - is ris - en; Christ will come a - gain.

Celebrant Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded: proclaiming his
offering of himself made once for all upon the cross, his mighty
resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming
again, we celebrate, with this bread and this cup, his one perfect and
sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world.

✠ Renew us by your Holy Spirit, unite us in the body of your Son, and bring us with all your people into the joy of your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, we worship you, Father, in songs of never-ending praise:

(organ)

Bless-ing and hon - our and glo - ry and pow'r are yours for
e - ver and e - ver. A - - - men.

The bell is rung and silence is kept.

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray:

**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.**

Breaking of the Bread and Invitation to Communion

The celebrant breaks the Eucharistic Bread and says:

Celebrant We break the bread of life,
and that life is the light of the world.

**All God here among us,
light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.**

Deacon Christ is the true bread which has come down from heaven.

All Lord, give us this bread always.

Agnus Dei

Je-sus, Lamb of God, have mer-cy on us. Je-sus, bear-er of our
sins, have mer-cy on us. Je-sus, re-deem-er of the world, grant us your peace.

Communion will be distributed at the High Altar rail. Baptised Christians from other traditions are welcome to receive Communion. Others are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing. You are also advised to take any valuables with you to Communion to ensure their security.

At the end of the Communion a silence is kept.

Post-Communion Prayer

Please stand.

Celebrant God of heaven dwelling among us,
we thank you for feeding us with this holy food.
By your grace keep us ever faithful to your Word made flesh,
that as his body in the world
we may bring your presence to all people.

All **Most loving God,
you send us into the world you love.
Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage
in the power of your Spirit. Amen.**

Notices

Hymn 39

Please stand. You can find the words to the hymn in the green hymn book provided.

Blessing and Dismissal

Celebrant Christ the Son of God, born of Mary,
fill you with his grace to trust his promises and obey his will;
and the blessing of God almighty
✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

Organ Voluntary

Please Pray for:

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Episcopal Church (USA)

Baptism Anniversaries: Katherine Dagny Wombell, Caroline Freja Wombell, Rose Louise Vitomir, Madison Gatfield-Davis.

The sick – Immediate: Monica Dennison, Katie Brookes, Alanna Nobbs, Kathryn Grace, Kathryn James, Ginny Terrell, Stuart Clark.

The sick - Long-term: Fr Max Wood, Elita Gore, Dan Van Overbeke, Louisa Hunter-Bradley, Raf Dua, Katrina Monley, Lisa Stapleton, Janice Peate, Jonathan Lloyd, Janice Proud, Fr Des Cox, William Greene, Jocelyn Savill, John Wotton, Louella, John Grace, Colleen Hodge, Michael, Fr Lance Johnston, Walter Sutcliffe, Chris Cheetham, Alison Sharpe, Robert Bevan, Brian Hivon, Nicholle Nobel, Anthea Gedge, Quincy Mugabi, Richard, Helen, Rachel, Julie Sheppard, The Rev'd Ivan Head, Kevin Stapleton, Liam, Geoffrey Whitehead, Faith Whitehead, Danielle Geddes, Enid and Brian, Cameron Kimber, Frances Rolfe, Ali Crawford, Katie Richardson, Elliott, Steven Bell, Elizabeth Farry, Anahera Chessum, The Rev'd Paul Cooper, Bernice Lee, Nick De Brett, Jivan Harito, James Ridley, Euan Black, Ann Bratt, Megan Nelson, Marian Pilone, Helen Ashley, Fiona Hawke, Sebastiana Ilardo, Bec.

Thanksgiving for blessings received: Del Levett.

In need: Nicholas Lee, Gillian Carter.

The recently departed: Anna Gudgeon, Judith (Judy) Ann Milson, Toni Tidswell, Bruce Houghton.

Those whose year's mind falls at this time: Ruby Margaret East, Richard Nicholas Gye, Alfred Brown, Jenny Allen, Margot Montgomery, Inez McCracken, Graham David John Leech, Very May Williams, Githa Heather Noel Conolly, Muriel Hackett, Lorna Cheetham, Helen Stutchbury, John Spencer Windeyer, Frank Clarke, Lindsay Gordon Harper, Tony Humphries, *priest*, Mabel Brown, Norma Joan Wotton, Elsie Wood, Pat Hansford, Doris Wright.

Please note that names of the sick will remain on the 'Immediate' list for one month only. If there is a need for a name to remain longer, please ask for it to be placed on the 'Long Term' list. All requests must be made to Dianne Ward or Jonathan Elcock, at office@sjks.org.au or 8227 1300.

Notices and upcoming events

Thank you

Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make our magnificent Christmas services possible. We thank the many members of our parish who contribute in so many ways; including the Honorary Clergy and Lay Ministers, Servers, Lay Assistants, Readers and Intercessors, Musicians, Flower Arrangers, Sidespersons, Sacristans, Bell Ringers, Brass and Silver Cleaners, the Hospitality Teams and the Parish Staff. Thank you everyone.

-Fr Christopher & Fr John

Sunday Services in January

It has long been our tradition to adopt a revised service schedule during January. Please note that our Sunday services will be at 8am and 10am only right through until Candlemas. We will return to our usual pattern of three morning services from Sunday 9th February.

Weekday Lunchtime Services

Our weekday lunchtime Eucharists continue Monday to Friday at 12:30pm.

Wednesday Lunchtime Concerts and Evensong

Our regular Wednesday lunchtime concert series takes a break during January. The lunchtime concerts and Wednesday Choral Evensongs resume on Wednesday 5th February 2025.

Orchestral Masses

In 2025 we will host three orchestral services spread throughout the year.

Sunday 2nd February, 10am

Candlemas

Mozart - Mass in C Major (K257) - *Credomessa*

Sunday 27th July, 10am

Patronal Festival Sunday

“The Splendour of Venice” - ceremonial music by Gabrieli and Monteverdi with cornetts and sackbuts

Sunday 23rd November, 10am

Christ the King

Stephen Hough* - *Missa Mirabilis*

**British pianist and composer Stephen Hough (b.1961) will be visiting Sydney as a guest artist of the Sydney Symphony Orchestra in 2025.*

New Parish Website

Over the past few months we have been working with local Sydney IT firm Digital Junction to design and build a new parish website. The new site is still at the familiar location sjks.org.au and contains information about upcoming services and events. The weekly Pew sheet and 2024 editions of St James' Connections are also available on the new site and can be easily found at sjks.org.au/pew-sheet and sjks.org.au/connections.

Notices and upcoming events

Epiphany Carols at Christ Church St Laurence

Next Sunday 5th January at 6:30pm
Christ Church St Laurence host their annual Epiphany Carol service.
Everyone is welcome to attend.

Commissioning of The Rev'd Kathryn Bellhouse

On Sunday 12th January The Rev'd Kathryn Bellhouse will be commissioned as the Director of the St Laurence Centre and as a member of the clergy team at Christ Church St Laurence. The St Laurence Centre provides outreach and support to those experiencing homelessness, financial hardship and mental ill-health. Mthr Kathryn will be the first ordained woman to serve in full-time ministry in the history of the parish of Christ Church St Laurence. We offer our prayerful congratulations and support to Mthr Kathryn and the parish of CCSL on this appointment. Please keep Mthr Kathryn in your prayers along with the work and ministry of Christ Church St Laurence and the ongoing development of the St Laurence Centre.

St James' Institute 2025 Season

A flyer outlining the 2025 programme of events presented by the St James' Institute is now available. Copies can be collected from church or view the programme online at sjks.org.au/institute. Subscriptions are now on sale at \$195 adults, \$175 concession. Subscribe online or call 8227 1300.

Rector's Lenten Retreat to Hobart

Our Rector, Fr Christopher Waterhouse, is leading a Lenten Retreat in Hobart, Tasmania from Friday 21st to Sunday 23rd March 2025. The retreat programme includes a Quiet Day at All Saints South Hobart and St Raphael's Fern Tree as well as time worshipping with the congregations at All Saints (Sunday High Mass) and at St David's Cathedral (Sunday Evensong). With thanks to the generosity of the clergy and communities of All Saints South Hobart, St Raphael's Fern Tree and St David's Cathedral, the retreat programme is focussed on prayer and reflection with time for quiet and time to be with others. You will need to make your own travel arrangements to and from Hobart but transport from All Saints South Hobart to Fern Tree and to the Cathedral will be arranged. A list of suggested places to stay is also available. For further information or to register please visit events.humanitix.com/lenten-retreat

Parish Calendar

Please note the following upcoming activities for your diary.

Sunday 5th January	8am Eucharist, 10am Sung Eucharist
Sunday January 12th	8am Eucharist, 10am Sung Eucharist
Sunday 19th January	8am Eucharist, 10am Choral Eucharist
Sunday 26th January	8am Eucharist, 10am Choral Eucharist
Sunday 3rd February	8am Eucharist, 10am Orchestral Mass
Sunday 3rd February	4pm Choral Evensong

Parish Directory

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This Week at St James' King Street

30th December— 5th January 2025

Monday 30th December

*Josephine Butler, social reformer
(d. 1905)*

8:30am Morning Prayer (via Zoom)

12:30pm Holy Eucharist

5:00pm Evening Prayer (via Zoom)

Tuesday 31st December

John Wycliffe, teacher and reformer, (d. 1384)

8:30am Morning Prayer (via Zoom)

12:30pm Holy Eucharist

5:00pm Evening Prayer (via Zoom)

Wednesday 1st January 2025

THE NAMING & CIRCUMCISION OF JESUS

8:30am Morning Prayer (via Zoom)

12:30pm Holy Eucharist

5:00pm Evening Prayer (via Zoom)

Thursday 2nd January

*Basil of Caesarea (d. 379) & Gregory of
Nazianzus (d. 389), bishops & teachers*

8:30am Morning Prayer (via Zoom)

12:30pm Holy Eucharist

5:00pm Evening Prayer (via Zoom)

Friday 3rd January

8:30am Morning Prayer (via Zoom)

12:30pm Holy Eucharist

5:00pm Evening Prayer (via Zoom)

Saturday 4th January

Sunday 5th January

THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

8:00am Holy Eucharist

Preacher: Mr Alan Melrose

10:00am Sung Eucharist

Preacher: Mr Alan Melrose

Parish of St James' King Street

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Church Opening Hours:

Monday to Friday: 10:00am-4:00pm

Saturdays: 8:00am-1:00pm

Sundays: 7:00am-4:00pm

*Please submit all requests for notices by the Wednesday
preceding the service.*

Please consider paying your offering directly into the church account.

The details are: BSB 032 007, A/C 250025, Churchwardens St James' Gen. A/C.