

The Parish Church of
St James' King Street

S.^TJAMES'

Sunday 30th March 2025

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

8:00am Holy Eucharist

Preacher: Alan Melrose

Reader: Annes Innes

9:30am Choral Matins *with the Commissioning of Parish Officers*

Preacher: The Rector

Reader: Nicky & Chris Lock

Hymns: 443, 369, 413

Venite: 5. Ouseley

Psalm: 84 (Parry)

Canticles: Dyson - *Benedicite in F*
Stanford - *Jubilate in C*

Voluntary: Dupré - *Audi benigne conditor*

Choir: The Choir of St James'

11:00am Choral Eucharist

Preacher: Alan Melrose

Reader: Michelle Roberts

Introit: *Rejoice Jerusalem*

Hymns: 294, 333, 457i

Psalm: 32 (Rogers)

Setting: MacMillan - *Westminster Mass*

Motet: Lobo - *Pater peccavi*

Voluntary: Tournemire - *L'Orgue Mystique, Office 15: Lætare "Postlude-Fantaisie"*

Choir: The Choir of St James'

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, gender identity or religion. We also acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which we worship - the Gadigal of the Eora Nation.

Please Pray for:

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo.

Parish: Wardens: Christopher Brooks, Kathi Hamar, Chris Lock.

Parish Councillors: Tomas Dalton, Catherine McClellan, Alan Melrose, Roger Pitcher, Holly Raiche, Michelle Roberts, Lynette Skeoch, Carol Webster.

Baptism anniversaries: Sienna Poppy Sammut, Patricia Anne Wetherall.

The sick – Immediate: Tess Heintze, Colin Middleton, Leo Christie, Paul Moynahan, Rosemary White, Monica Dennison, Kathryn James, Stuart Clark, Callum McNeil.

The sick - Long-term: Fr Max Wood, Elita Gore, Dan Van Overbeke, Raf Dua, Katrina Monley, Lisa Stapleton, Janice Peate, Jonathan Lloyd, Janice Proud, Fr Des Cox, Jocelyn Savill, John Wotton, Louella, John Grace, Colleen Hodge, Michael, Fr Lance Johnston, Walter Sutcliffe, Chris Cheetham, Alison Sharpe, Robert Bevan, Nicholle Nobel, 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, 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, Helen Ashley, Fiona Hawke, Sebastiana Ilardo, Bec.

In need: Nicholas Lee.

The recently departed: Marian Pilone, Frances Rolfe, Jane Brown.

Those whose year's mind falls at this time: Philip William Beer, Herbert Walter Piper, Lily Arch, Philip Elliott Day, Howard Hollis (*previous rector*), Frances Russell Stapelfeldt, Winston Nolutshungu, June Sandra Brooks, John Searcy Hammond, Pamela Elizabeth Martin, Daphne May Dunne, Eric Hampson, *priest*, Chris(Christopher Michael) Wetherall, Ralph Davis, Allan Roy Hansford, Doris Davidson, Eulie Frieslich, Ron Morris, *priest*, Elena Heys, Gwenfrwd Mavis Wetham, Jean Elizabeth (Betty) Noble, Irene Sarah Lea, Charles Robertson Barton, Roland Wiltshire, Arthur Edward Graham, Kathleen Elsie England, Ali Blogg, Joan Allison, David Tothill.

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

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

Today is also known as Refreshment Sunday or Laetare Sunday, from the opening words of the traditional introit set for the day; “Rejoice (Laetare) with Jerusalem” (Isaiah 66.10). The choir will sing an English translation of the introit at the 11am service this morning. Today the church is called to joyful anticipation of Christ’s victory over sin and death. This joyful theme provides a day of refreshment from the penitential emphasis of Lent. This day is also sometimes referred to as ‘Mothering Sunday’ in the life of the church, and it was a tradition to return to the church where you were baptised (your ‘mother church’) on this day of the year. We maintain the tradition of the distribution of Simnel Cake at all our services this morning. Our thanks to Mary Sanders for making and preparing the Simnel Cake again this year.

Commissioning of Parish Officers

The newly elected and appointed Wardens and Parish Councillors will be commissioned at the end of the 9:30am service this morning. We thank all those who make the commitment to serve the parish in this way. Profiles on the Wardens and Councillors can be found later in this booklet.

St James’ Staffing News

After 17 years as our Parish Administrator, Dianne Ward has given notice of her retirement. We take this opportunity to thank Dianne for her dedication to the Parish and for her many years of faithful service here at St James’. We will have the opportunity to make a presentation to Dianne at the end of the 11am service next Sunday morning.

Paul Oslington has given notice that he intends to step down as Director of the St James’ Institute at the end of this year, and has asked that the recruitment for the next Institute Director begin now so as to assist in the smooth handover between Directors. A position description and job advertisement will be available next week. Paul will remain as Director until the new appointment. We thank Paul for his energy and skill in further developing the work and ministry of the St James’ Institute.

8am Refreshments

Each Sunday morning after the 8am service tea, coffee, and a breakfast of fresh bread and jams is offered and then a more substantial morning tea offered on the first Sunday of the month. Beginning in April, this monthly morning tea will now be held on the second Sunday of the month to avoid clashing with 9:30am Eucharist.

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Sydney Philharmonia Choirs

Brett Weymark conducts the Sydney Philharmonia Choirs in a concert called "I Was Glad: Cathedral Classics" at the Sydney Opera House this Tuesday 1st April at 7pm. The 140-voice Symphony Chorus will be accompanied by David Drury on the Sydney Opera House Grand Organ. The programme includes works by Hubert Parry, Henry Balfour Gardiner, Howard Goodall, Gerald Finzi, and the Australian premiere of works from *A Season to Sing* by Joanna Forbes L'Estrange. Tickets available from sydneyphilharmonia.com.au or from the Sydney Opera House. We have been pleased to offer St James' as the rehearsal venue for the choir in preparation for this concert.

✠ Marian Pilone

Marian Pilone passed away on Monday of this past week. Fr John was able to visit Marian at home a little over a week before she died and conveyed to her the prayers and love of the St James' community. Marian and her husband Joe (deceased) attended St James' faithfully for many years. Marian's funeral will be held at 2pm this Thursday 3rd April at All Saints Church, Balgowlah, where Marian had been attending in recent years.

Spirituality and Dementia Care

The St Laurence Centre is hosting a seminar on caring for loved ones with dementia to be held this Thursday 3rd April at 2pm at 505 Pitt Street, Haymarket. The Facilitator will be Rachel Wass, CEO of Meaningful Ageing Australia. Rachel will discuss common stigmas and challenges of dementia and will introduce a spiritual framework called 'the five domains of connectedness' to aid our reflections. The seminar is free to attend. For further information please contact The Rev'd Kathryn Bellhouse, 0416 378 748 mthr.kathryn@ccsl.org.au

Palestine Israel Ecumenical Network

This Thursday 3rd April at 6:30pm the Palestine Israel Ecumenical Network are hosting a panel discussion bringing together Muslim, Jewish and Christian voices to share their stories and visions for peace in the Holy Land. The event is called 'Who owns the Holy Land?' and the panelists include Yousef al-Reemawi, Nachshon Amir, Reem Borrows. The moderator will be Ahmed Alabadla. This event is being held at St Paul's Church, Burwood. Tickets from events.humanitix.com/who-owns-the-holy-land-sydney

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Sydney Chamber Choir Concert

Sydney Chamber Choir presents Fauré Requiem next Saturday 5th April, 5pm at St James' King Street conducted by Sam Allchurch with Angela Brun (soprano), Andrew O'Connor (baritone) and Thomas Wilson (organ). Also on the program are works by Mendelssohn and Australian composer Brooke Shelley. Tickets available from sydneychamberchoir.org

St James' Institute Seminar: Hope and Hell

Next Sunday 6th April at 2pm the St James' Institute welcomes Dr Tony Golsby-Smith to present a seminar called *Hope and Hell: How I came to a larger vision of redemption*. Tony is the founder of Gospel Conversations (gospelconversations.com). He originally studied English Literature with an emphasis on poetry, and worked as a secondary school teacher. In more recent years he has worked in strategy consulting, and founded the consultancy firm 'Second Road'. The seminar is held in St James' Hall, Level 1, 169-171 Phillip Street, Sydney. Tickets \$25, free for St James' Institute subscribers. Choral Evensong follows at 4pm.

Chrism Eucharist

The annual Chrism Eucharist will be held at Christ Church St Laurence this year on Holy Tuesday (15th April) at 11am. At this service bishops, priests and deacons renew their ordination vows and Bishop Michael Stead, our Regional Bishop, will bless the sacred oils which are used for anointing during the year. Three oils are prepared: the Oil for Anointing at Baptism, the Oil for Anointing the Sick and the Oil of Chrism. Everyone is welcome to attend this service. A light lunch will be served.

Holy Saturday working bee

On Holy Saturday (19th April) we will prepare the church for the great celebrations of Easter Day. We meet at 9am for Morning Prayer and then set to work polishing, cleaning, sweeping, washing, and setting up the church for Easter Day. Please consider coming along to help out on the day, even if you can only help for a short time. Morning tea with tea, coffee, and hot cross buns will be provided.

Easter Day breakfast help

It has long been our tradition to host a breakfast on Easter morning following the 6am Choral Eucharist. If you are able to assist with preparing and/or serving food and drinks, please contact Fr John Stewart.

Wardens and Parish Nominators 2025

Christopher Brooks (Warden)



Service generally attended: 11am Choral Eucharist.

In the Project Transformation team at Uniting, having previously held senior

leadership roles in various organisations. I believe in the holistic spiritual and physical focus that St James has within our own community but also believe in the duty our Parish has to the wider City of Sydney and beyond to take the Gospel out to all people and nurture their faith and hope in Jesus Christ by doing as Jesus did.

Kathi Hamar (Warden)



I usually attend either the 8 or 11am service on Sunday, and sometimes Evensong on Wednesdays.

My background is in lay ministry. I served as a

Stephen Minister at St Luke's Episcopal Church in Darien, Connecticut. I completed training in Clinical Pastoral Care at St. Vincent's Hospital in Sydney.

I hope to be useful to the Rector and share ideas from the various Anglican churches I've attended over the years.

Chris Lock (Rector's Warden)



Service(s) generally attended: 9:30am, 11am, Evensong

Also serves as Parish Treasurer, Reader, Member of the St James' Singers.

Chartered Surveyor by profession, now working (part time) on major infrastructure projects. Lifelong Anglican (UK, Africa, Australia), former Rector's Warden, Warden and Parish Councillor elsewhere.

I was asked by the former Rector to become his Warden in 2018 and have remained with the current Rector. I believe that our Lord requires me to use my administrative and financial skills in service in this place for this season.

Parish Nominators

Richard Cogswell

Ian McDonald

Jacki Murray

Michelle Roberts

Ian Westbrook

Parish Councillors 2025

Tomas (Tom) Dalton



Service(s) generally attended: 11am and often 9:30am.

Also serves as a Reader and Intercessor.

Full time chorister at Opera Australia. Formerly lay clerk and vergers at St Paul's Cathedral Melbourne, and Choral Scholar at Trinity College Melbourne.

I'm interested in becoming more involved in ensuring that the parish's unique and precious tradition of ministry and worship continues into the future.

Catherine McClellan



Service(s) generally attended: 9:30am Matins and 11am Eucharist.

Also serves as Morning prayer coordinator, and

Lay Assistant.

Retired bookseller and literary agent, now active grandmother.

St James' is the spiritual home I returned to about 8 years ago. I'm involved in many parish activities and feel I can offer a considered and prayerful approach to the business of the parish.

Alan Melrose



Service(s) generally attended: 9:30am and 11am.

Also serves as Lay Minister and Preacher,

Synod Rep, member of the St James' Singers, and reader/intercessor.

Lawyer by profession, currently with the Faculty of Medicine & Health at UNSW, advising on clinical research (including ethics).

Cradle Anglican, have served as parish councillor, synod rep and warden here and elsewhere. Love everything (well, almost everything!) about our parish, and enjoy using my gifts/abilities to make a contribution to the special ministry of St James.'

Roger Pitcher



Service generally attended: 11am.

Also serves as a Lay Assistant, Reader and Intercessor.

Lifelong Anglican, Parishioner since 2000, background in education, now retired. I look forward to continuing to serve on Parish Council to continue to work for the promotion and furtherance of our mission to demonstrate God's love to the whole community of Sydney.

Wardens and Parish Councillors 2025

Holly Raiche



Service generally attended: 8am.

Also serves as Chair of the Mission and Outreach Committee.

Been Warden on two separate occasions and member of Parish Council also on two separate occasions

I believe I can add my years of experience both as Parish Councillor and Warden to the Parish Council.

Michelle Roberts



Service(s) generally attended: Matins and 11am

Also serves as a Reader and Intercessor and on the St James' Institute Board.

I am a Pastor's daughter from another Protestant denomination who came to SJKS through the Institute 10 years ago, Fr Christopher prepared me to be received into the Anglican Communion in 2017, and I am keen to use my career skills in banking, regulatory, compliance, risk, and audit to improve risk and governance at SJKS.

I wish to support the development and execution of the new 5 year strategy and set SJKS up for future growth,

ensuring risks are identified, understood and managed, that we meet our compliance and legal obligations as a parish, and that we provide a safe, inclusive and welcoming space for people to belong to each other and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Lynette Skeoch



Service generally attended: 11am.

Currently part time office assistant for Epping Uniting Church.

I would like to give back to the Church which has enriched my life so much by contributing to the life of the church.

Carol Webster



Service(s) generally attended: 8am, or 9:30 Choral Matins.

Also serves as a Reader and Intercessor.

I am a senior counsel at the NSW Bar, with my chambers in St James Hall; and am the Chancellor to the Anglican Diocese of Newcastle (confidential legal advisor to the Bishop).

Holy Week and Easter at St James' 2025

Guest Preacher: The Rev'd Catherine Eaton

Palm Sunday, 13th April

8:00am Holy Eucharist

10:00am Choral Eucharist

Holy Monday, 14th April

6:30pm Holy Eucharist with Sermon

Holy Tuesday, 15th April

6:30pm Holy Eucharist with Sermon

Holy Wednesday, 16th April

6:30pm Holy Eucharist with Sermon

Maundy Thursday, 17th April

6:30pm Choral Eucharist Footwashing

Good Friday, 18th April

9:00am Stations of the Cross

12noon Good Friday Liturgy

7:30pm Choral Tenebrae

Easter Day, Sunday 20th April

6:00am Easter Vigil

10:00am Choral Eucharist

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Parish Calendar

Please note the following upcoming activities for your diary.

Sunday 30th March	11am Commissioning of Parish Councillors
Saturday 5th April	5pm Sydney Children's Choir at St James'
Sunday 6th April	2pm SJI Seminar with Dr Tony Golsby-Smith
Sunday 13th April	8am, 10am Palm Sunday
Tuesday 15th April	11am Chrism Mass (at CCSL)
Friday 18th April	9am, 12noon, Good Friday, 7:30pm Tenebrae
Sunday 20th April	6am, 10am Easter Day

Parish Directory

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Parish Council	Tomas Dalton, Catherine McClellan, Alan Melrose, Roger Pitcher, Holly Raiche, Michelle Roberts, Lynette Skeoch, Carol Webster.	office@sjks.org.au

This Week at St James' King Street

31st March — 6th April

Monday 31st March

8:30am Morning Prayer (via Zoom)

12:30pm Holy Eucharist

5:00pm Evening Prayer (via Zoom)

Tuesday 1st April

8:30am Morning Prayer (via Zoom)

12:30pm Holy Eucharist

5:00pm Evening Prayer (via Zoom)

Wednesday 2nd April

8:30am Morning Prayer (via Zoom)

12:30pm Holy Eucharist

1:15pm Lunchtime Concert

5:00pm Evening Prayer (via Zoom)

5:30pm Choral Evensong

8:00pm Compline (Night Prayer)

Thursday 3rd April

Richard, bishop of Chichester (d.1256)

8:30am Morning Prayer (via Zoom)

12:30pm Holy Eucharist

5:00pm Evening Prayer (via Zoom)

Friday 4th April

8:30am Morning Prayer (via Zoom)

12:30pm Holy Eucharist

5:00pm Evening Prayer (via Zoom)

Saturday 5th April

Sunday 6th April

Fifth Sunday in Lent

8:00am Holy Eucharist

Preacher: The Rev'd Dr Erica Mathieson

9:30am Sung Eucharist

Preacher: The Rev'd Dr Erica Mathieson

11:00am Choral Eucharist

Preacher: The Rev'd Dr Erica Mathieson

4:00pm Choral Evensong

Assoc Prof Michael Horsburgh AM

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.