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A Lasting Legacy

Make a Bequest to
The St James' Foundation

A bequest to the St James' Foundation is a significant philanthropic gift. It ensures that the music programme and historic building of St James' Anglican Church continue to serve the community for generations to come.

Why Your Support Matters

Consecrated in 1824 and designed by Francis Greenway, St James' is the oldest church in continuous use in the City of Sydney. It is State and National Heritage listed and forms part of the Macquarie Street precinct. The responsibility of maintaining this building is ongoing and substantial.

Music is central to St James' identity. Its professional choir sings at regular services, Orchestral

Masses and concerts, and participates in recordings and touring.

The programme includes both sacred masterworks and a secular repertoire, alongside new commissions and educational initiatives.

Running the parish music programme costs upwards of \$600,000 per annum excluding staffing costs. Foundation distributions are critical to sustaining this work.



Examples of your Support for Music

- 🐚 150 or more choral services are presented annually
- 🐚 Three Orchestral Masses plus other major concerts are held each year
- 🐚 There are regular weekly lunchtime concerts most Wednesdays
- 🐚 Scholarships currently support 5 emerging choral musicians and an organ scholar
- 🐚 The International Organ Festival was inaugurated in 2024 and features renowned visiting organists
- 🐚 The Organ Appeal (2019–2024) raised \$3.8 million, enabling installation of the acclaimed Bicentennial Pipe Organ by Dobson Pipe Organ Builders — the first instrument by this renowned builder in Australia.

Building Preservation

The Church Building and Property Foundation assists with restoration, preservation, accessibility improvements and regulatory compliance work in the church building.

While many, visible improvements have been made over the years, some maintenance work is unseen yet essential for the building's protection.



The St James' Foundation

Established in 1999, the St James' Foundation Limited is trustee for two charitable trusts: the St James' Music Foundation and the St James' Church Building and Property Foundation. It is governed by an independent Board whose members have expertise in music, finance, investment and governance.

In excess of \$11 million is currently managed across both Foundations. Since establishment, over \$8 million has been distributed to support music and building works.

Capital is invested prudently for long-term growth and sustainable annual income. Since the costs of continuing and expanding the music programme and conservation of the building will inevitably increase over time, the Foundation has embarked on a new strategic plan to achieve a goal of reaching \$20 million under management by the mid-2030s. This increase of funds is required to provide greater financial security for future music programmes and building preservation.



The Impact of a Bequest

A bequest will increase the Foundation's capital permanently. The income generated enables the Foundation to support scholarships, professional musicians, visiting artists, instrument maintenance, restoration projects and long-term building preservation.

Previous bequests have already made a lasting difference. The Estate of Norma Shore established an Organ Scholarship. The Estate of Dr Peter Harper supported the installation of the Bicentennial Organ. These gifts continue to contribute each year.

How to Make a Bequest

The Foundation is grateful for any bequest you may wish to consider, whether small or more substantial. All discussions regarding

bequests are handled with discretion.

Words required for your will are on the following page.

In making a bequest, you should use the form of words set out here:

For the St James Music Foundation

a. I give [\$...../the whole of my estate] to the St James Music Foundation.

b. If at my death the Foundation has ceased to exist or has changed its name, this gift shall not fail but my Executors shall pay to the newly named entity or to the Churchwardens for the time being of St James' Anglican Church, King Street, Sydney NSW (St James') for the promotion, development and enhancement of music at St James including, without limitation, the production and performance of choral and pipe organ music and the development, enhancement, maintenance and acquisition of musical instruments and musical performances.

c. The receipt of the Secretary for the time being of the foundation or the Treasurer for the time being of St James' shall be sufficient discharge to my Executors.

For The St James' Church Building and Property Foundation

a. I give [\$...../the whole of my estate] to the St James Church Building and Property Foundation (the Foundation).

b. If at my death the Foundation has ceased to exist or has changed its name, this gift shall not fail but my Executors shall pay to the newly named entity or to the Churchwardens for the time being of St James' Anglican Church, King Street, Sydney NSW (St James') for the restoration, maintenance, improvement and upkeep of the building, fixtures and ornaments at St James' Church.

c. The receipt of the Secretary for the time being of the foundation or the Treasurer for the time being of St James' shall be sufficient discharge to my Executors.