

BELONGING **AT** ST JAMES

But we have this treasure in jars
of clay to show that this all-
surpassing power is from God
and not from us.

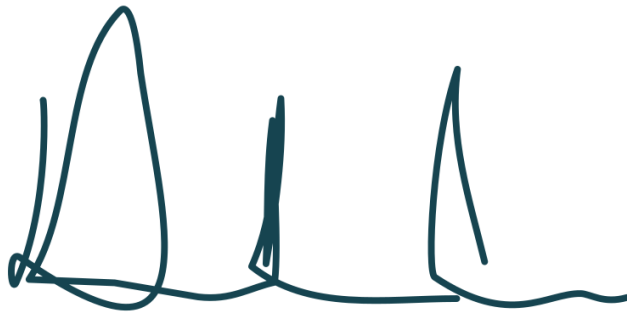
2 Corinthians 4:7

FROM THE RECTOR

Welcome to St James. We are an Anglican Church committed to sharing the good news about Jesus Christ with a message of hope for everyone. We are a group of people who know that faith in Jesus Christ is just as relevant today as it was in 1899 when St James was first established.

We exist not just for Christians but for anyone who wants to investigate the claims of Jesus – the person at the very heart of Christianity. The reality of what God has done for us in Jesus has a profound impact on the way we live our lives.

Whether you're a local resident or you've moved here from the country, interstate or overseas, you are most welcome to join our friendly church community. We trust this booklet will give you a snapshot of our life as a church and we look forward to connecting with you.

A handwritten signature in dark blue ink, appearing to read 'David Smith', with a stylized, flowing script.

David Smith
Rector



WHY WE EXIST

By God's grace in Christ, St James exists to grow disciple-making disciples of Jesus in the upper north shore of Sydney, reaching out to the world with the gospel, to the glory of God.

Accordingly, everything we do here at St James is geared towards sharing and proclaiming this news to all who will listen. As we proclaim Christ to the world we also seek to be like Christ in the world.

WHAT WE BELIEVE

‘What do we believe?’ is an important question – the answer indicates the reasons why we do what we do at St James. Our beliefs are revealed in the Bible.

Given this foundation, we believe that:

- The **Bible** is the clearest way you can know God and is our authority in matters of life and practice.
- You can come to God because of **Jesus Christ**.
- **Church** is to be an important time where we meet, learn from the Bible, serve, pray, sing and encourage one another.
- The **great news** about Jesus Christ is not only for private consumption, but with respect and gentleness, is to be offered to all people.

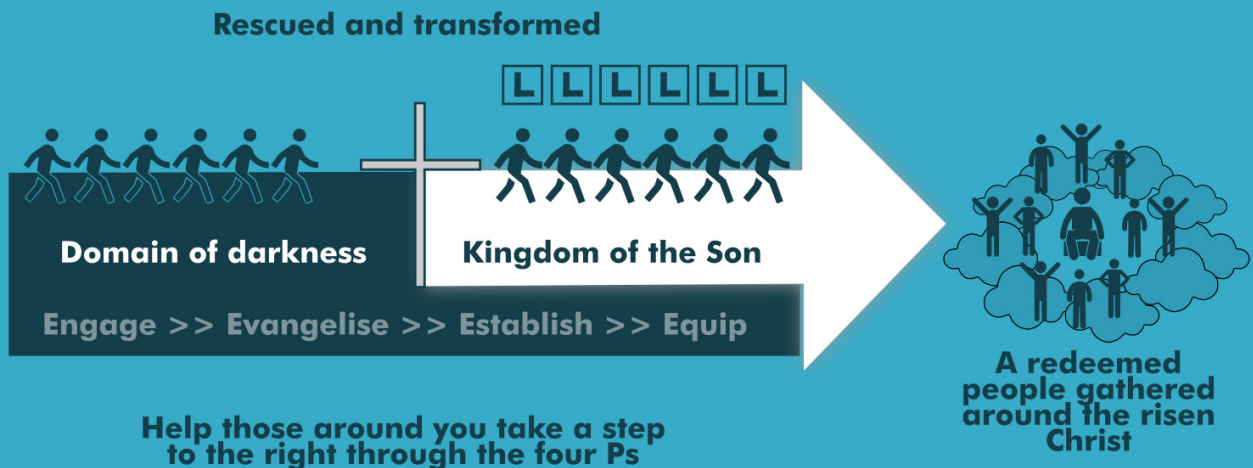
We are evangelical, which means we are Christian and give ultimate authority to the Bible as God’s Word, desiring to maintain a Reformed and Protestant character in the expression of our beliefs. From the time of the Apostles, Christians have laid out doctrines of truth. They are definitive statements set forth in a concise fashion as guided by scripture and enable us to guard one another from error and show our unity in Christ. They are summarised in the 39 Articles of Religion, and worked out in the principles and theology of the Book of Common Prayer.

MINISTRY FRAMEWORK

As we look to make disciple-making disciples, we have been greatly assisted by a framework for discipleship laid out by Colin Marshall and Tony Payne in their book, *The Vine Project*. According to this framework, the pathway of discipleship consists of four phases:

1. **Engage** – For someone to meet Christ and enter his Kingdom, they must first meet and engage with a Christian who can share the gospel with them.
2. **Evangelise** – For someone to enter Christ’s Kingdom, they must be born again through the Holy Spirit, by hearing the gospel and responding with repentance and faith.
3. **Establish** – For those who have responded to the gospel with repentance and faith, they begin the lifelong process of growing in the maturity of their faith – both in their knowledge of Jesus and their godliness of life. We become lifelong learners of Christ.
4. **Equip** – As Christians mature in the faith they grow in their desire to help others along the discipleship pathway. They desire to be equipped so that they might help others be engaged, evangelised and established.

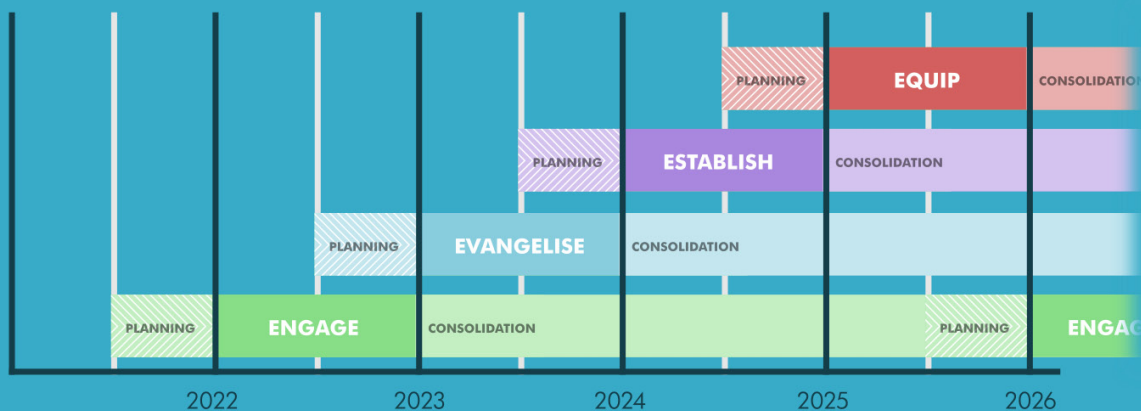
Allowing for the fact that these broad phases aren’t always distinct from one another, the framework nonetheless is a helpful (and perhaps unspectacular) summation of the journey of discipleship as laid out in the Bible. In fact, the pathway could be summarized according to the following diagram:



Note: The 'four Ps' is a framework the authors use to summarise the means by which people grow/move along the discipleship pathway: Proclamation of God's Word; Prayerful dependence upon the Spirit; People as God's fellow workers; Perseverance, step by step.
 (Colin Marshall & Tony Payne, *The Vine Project*, p 89)

OUR STRATEGY

With many competing demands in our busy lives and in the life of our church, we've been keen to set a focus area for each year (an 'E' in the discipleship pathway), to help us prioritise where to spend our time and energy in the pursuit to build disciple-making rhythms:



During each focus year, we have been prioritising initiatives that are intended to strengthen our congregations in the chosen area and hopefully serve to build new rhythms that can be consolidated over the years until the next cycle.

SUNDAY LIFE

Hearing loop available at King St morning services. All venues are wheelchair accessible.

7:30^{AM}

A traditional service using the Book of Common Prayer. The Lord's Supper is celebrated each week.

Pastor - Terry Bowers

9:00^{AM}

The 9:00am service is for the whole family. All ages are welcome. The service is relaxed and informal, the music is contemporary. Our kids and youth programs run parallel with the 9:00am service.

Pastor - Edward Hungerford

9:30^{AM}

Bobbin Head Anglican Church. Meets in the school hall at Turrumurra North Public School. Relaxed, all-ages and family friendly - kids and youth programs run parallel with the service.

Pastor - Daniel Allan

10:30^{AM}

Classic Hymns led by the St James choir and pipe organ. Holy Communion is celebrated twice a month in this Anglican Prayer Book service.

Pastor - Terry Bowers

6:00^{PM}

A relaxed and informal service using contemporary music. Meets in the War Memorial Hall at 6:00pm.

Pastor - Jake Fitzpatrick

WEDNESDAYS

10:00^{AM}

A traditional service using the Anglican Prayer Book. The Lord's Supper is celebrated each week.

Pastor - David Smith

KIDS & YOUTH

Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.” (Matthew 19:14)

From babies to big teenagers(!), we are committed to faithfully and safely nurturing the next generation to become disciple-making disciples of Jesus.

ALIVE KIDS



At our 9am service & at Bobbin Head Anglican Church, we have programs for infants through to primary school-aged kids. This is a great way for our kids to learn about God in a safe, open, and age-appropriate environment. We also have a crying room and creche for younger children.

Our kids start with us in church and then head to either Toddlers (0-3), Preschoolers (4-5) or Primary (Years K-5)

Alive is coordinated by our kids & families workers Kym Abbott (King St) and Sarah Legge (Bobbin Head).

ELEVATE YOUTH



Fridays 6:30pm - 9pm during school term, for school years 6-12. A great opportunity for our young people to hang out in groups, have fun and talk about the things that matter.

Elevate Growth Groups provide an opportunity for our students to grow deeper in faith. Depending on age, they meet at different times at St James through the weekend -

Years 6-8 - During 9am service on Sunday mornings

Years 9-10 - Fridays from 5-6pm

Years 11-12 - Sundays from 5-6pm

Elevate is led by our Youth Minister Andrew Marrett. For more information, visit elevateyouth.au

St James is committed to making church a safe environment for our children. To view our Safe Ministry policy, visit stjames.info/ourstory

MID-WEEK LIFE



Prayer
Meetings

LOVE
TEAMS.

Women
@ St James

Scripture
Teaching



THE WORD
ONE TO ONE

Jesus Club

ELEVATE
YOUTH

UNCOVERING
THE LIFE
OF JESUS



Growth
Groups



Meals
Ministry

Mount
Druitt
Partnership

ALIVE
GROWING TOGETHER
IN CHRIST



Music
& AV

MID-WEEK LIFE

GROWTH GROUPS & WORD 121

We strongly encourage all our members to meet during the week around God's Word and in prayer in smaller gatherings. This includes our Growth Groups and our Word 121 pairings. For those wanting to find out more, see our yellow booklet entitled *Growing Together*.

RETIREMENT VILLAGES & AGED CARE

Our Senior Assistant Minister, Terry Bowers, along with a team of volunteers run monthly services in retiree and aged-care communities, including Turramurra House, Southern Cross, Huon Park, The Cotswolds, HammondCare and The Landings. If you'd like to find out more, contact Terry at tbowers@stjamesturramurra.org.au

PRAYER

Join our weekly parish-wide prayer meeting on Thursday evenings from 6-7pm in the Central Meeting Room (enter through the lower glass foyers doors).

MAINLY MUSIC

Mainly Music is a fun-filled music group for parents or primary caregivers to enjoy with their young child. Meeting weekly on Wednesdays from 9:30-11am at King St Turramurra (during term times), it features music sessions which are filled with a combination of traditional and faith-based songs, rhymes, actions and movements. Children are encouraged to develop their gross and fine motor skills, language and imagination, and to socialise with others in a safe and caring environment. The bond between parent and child is strengthened through song and tactile connection. The structured 30 minute music session is followed by morning tea and then a time of unstructured play for the children, giving you a chance to connect with other parents and caregivers. For more information, contact mainlymusic@stjamesturramurra.org.au

OUR TEAM



David Smith
Rector



Terry Bowers
Senior Assistant
Minister



Ed Hungerford
9am Pastor



Jake Fitzpatrick
Sunday Night Church
Pastor



Andrew Marrett
Youth Pastor



Kym Abbott
Kids Minister



Dan Allan
Bobbin Head
Pastor



Sarah Legge
Bobbin Head
Kids Minister



Andrew Davidson
Organist



Peter Harnwell
Honorary Deacon



Jo Miller
Office Manager



Felicity Webb
Administrator



Belinda Muddle
Finance
Administrator



Robyn Lloyd
Ministry Resident



Jenny Putt
Safe Ministry
Representative

WHAT'S NEXT?

Everyone has a next step. Ready to take yours?

Visit stjames.info/nextsteps or scan the QR code below.



THE DISCIPLE-MAKING DISCIPLE



SAVED BY GRACE

Ephesians 2:1-10



DEVOTED TO JESUS

John 15:1-17



GROUNDING IN THE WORD

2 Timothy 4:1-8



BELONGING TO CHURCH

1 Corinthians 12:15-27



GENEROUS IN GIVING

Matthew 6:19-34



DEPENDENT IN PRAYER

Ephesians 3:14-21



BOLD IN MISSION

Colossians 4:2-6



LOVING IN SERVICE

1 Peter 4:7-11



OVERFLOWING WITH PRAISE

Ephesians 1:1-14

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