

All about St James



Our Values

UP - Passionate Priority: GOD

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind... Luke 10:27

So do not worry about your life...seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Matt 6:25,33

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Phil 4:6-7

OUT - Purpose, Prayer, Pathways

Love your neighbour as yourself. Luke 10:27

You are the light of the world...let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. Matt 5:14-16

Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. 1 Peter 3:15

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations... Matthew 28:19

IN - People of Care, Grace & Integrity

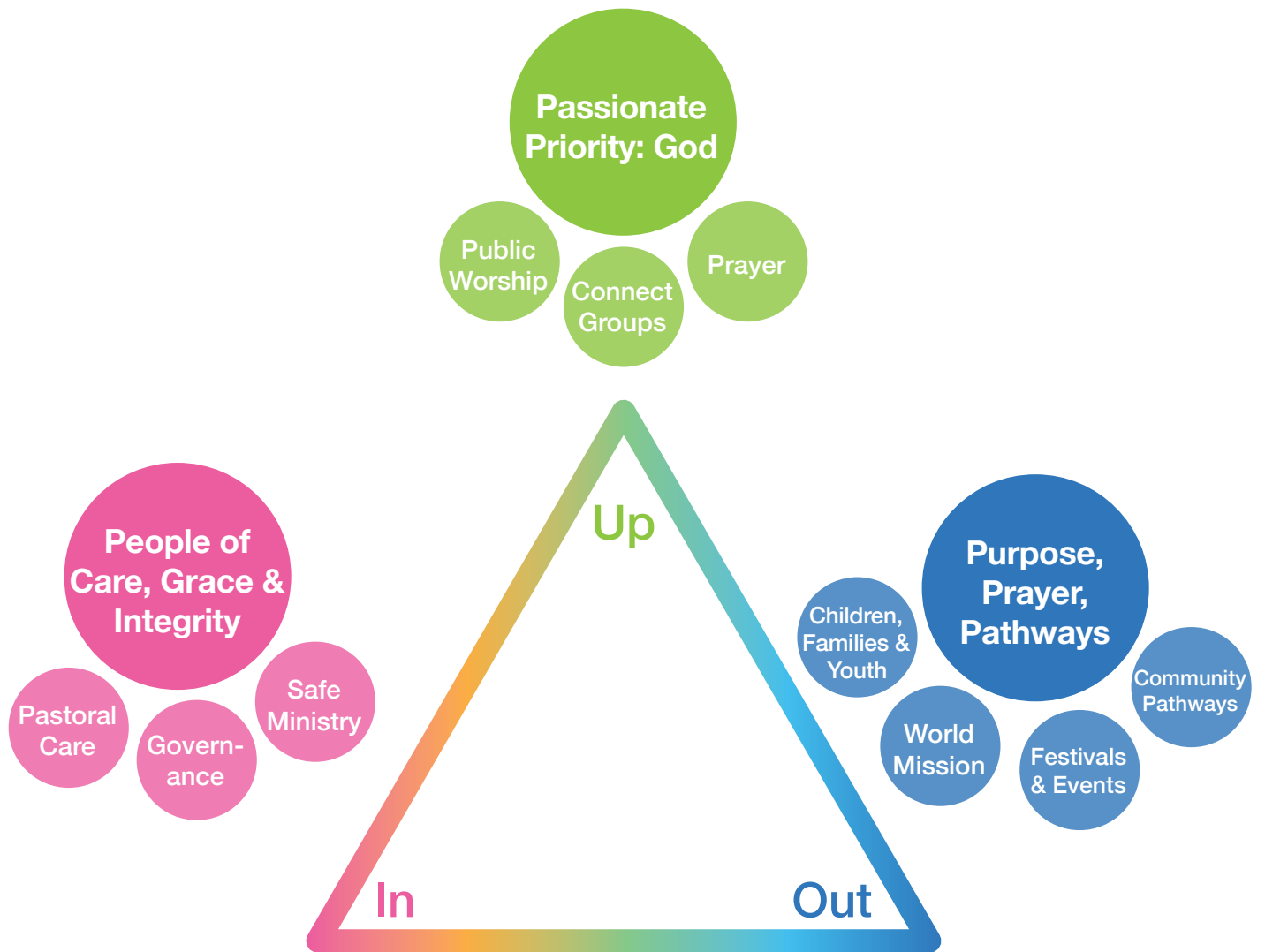
Jesus said, 'By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another'. John 13:35

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. 1 Cor 13:4-5

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Galatians 5:22-23



Our Work



Public Worship

Every Sunday of the year we celebrate our faith as Christians in public worship. The 8am service is a traditional Anglican service while the 10am service is more informal and includes specific activities for children and families. Occasionally we come together for a combined service.

The members of St James contribute in many ways to ensure our services happen each week. If you would like to be involved, please contact one of our staff team.

Holy Communion

Communion is the time in our worship service when we remember Jesus in a reflective way by sharing bread and wine. This happens every week at 8am and fortnightly at 10am. People come to St James from a wide range of Christian traditions; some have never been part of a church before. We welcome all those who want to respond to Jesus and live life in him to share in communion. We provide wine in a common cup, and a dipping cup, and grape juice in individual cups, and gluten free bread so that everyone can be included.

Children at Communion

Children are welcome to come to communion with their parents or carers. We encourage all parents and carers to talk to children about faith in Jesus and respond to God during communion time. We pray for each child at communion. When parents and carers think children are ready, they can share in the bread and wine.

Public Affirmation of Faith

Baptism with water is a sign of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. We encourage people of all ages to be baptised in response to God's all-embracing love. Parents who have responded to that love bring their children for baptism. In **Confirmation**, those previously baptised affirm the promises made in baptism and receive prayer from a bishop (a regional Anglican leader). At St James baptism and confirmation are by arrangement with our ministry team as part of Sunday worship and include a time of preparation beforehand.

Connect Groups

Connect Groups get together over a meal or a cuppa and offer support to each other in the journey of life. They take time to pray and read the Bible, and challenge each other to grow in Christian maturity. Some have specific activities which they do together. The groups also look outwards by regularly including new members and finding ways of sharing about Jesus with more people.

General Connect Groups

General Connect Groups meet at a range of venues and times. Please contact one of our ministers if you would like to join a Connect Group. We will be able to refer you to groups that have space and the potential to work for you.

JAFFA

JAFFA (Jesus. A Friend for All) is a Connect Group for people with a disability and their friends and family. JAFFA meets at St James between 12.30 and 2 pm on the 4th Sunday of the month. We share a meal, fellowship, music, craft, and the teachings of Jesus. Lunch, including gluten free food, is provided. The coordinators are Simon and Lea Leonard.

Wednesday Group

Wednesday Group is a lively Connect Group of seniors and not-so-seniors which meets on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 10am. They have a delicious morning tea combined with a short Christian talk and prayer. Throughout the year they care for each other, distribute care baskets, create cards to sell to raise money for St James, and have interesting guest speakers. Roberto Wood is the coordinator.

Festivals and Events

St James regularly welcomes our friends, family, neighbours and local community to join us for events of celebration, discovery and community.

Christmas and Easter

At Christmas and Easter the St James community makes a special effort to welcome people of any faith or none to join with us. We celebrate in traditional as well as new and creative ways with the hope that all who come will be able to understand and participate.

Discovering Faith

We want more people to know about Jesus. We often use the well known 'Alpha' Course (www.australia.alpha.org). During July and August 2019 we will also run a six-week course called 'Beyond Us' that explores what Jesus has to say about having a richer, joyful and hope fuelled life.

Community

St James Holt opens its doors to Belconnen Community Service(BCS) for their 10/10 project. In 2018 more than 100 volunteers spent the day enjoying each other's company while mowing, weeding, sweeping and tidying for those in need around West Belconnen. St James is pleased to support BCS and host this event again in 2019.

In the lead up to Christmas we welcome locals to our regular Gingerbread House Night. All are welcome to come along for some sweet and sticky icing fun in the company of friends, family and community.

The details of these events are available on our website and through our weekly news email.

Children and Families

Kids' Church

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me. Don't stop them, because the kingdom of heaven belongs to people who are like these children." Matthew 19:14

Kids' Church is for children aged 3-12 years and meets weekly on Sundays during the 10am service in term-time. It is a vibrant group of children from different backgrounds; supported by dedicated leaders with wide experience of welcoming children and nurturing their faith.

Our goal is for all children to come to a welcoming environment, be met with the love and acceptance of Jesus and be free to question and explore together. We aim to use as many different sensory experiences as possible. Kids' Church are rostered on as Bible Readers and Welcomers once a month at the 10am service. Our children are a visible and integral part of the whole Christian community here at St James.

All-age Worship

Stories we heard from our fathers, counsel we learned at our mother's knee. We're not keeping this to ourselves, we're passing it along to the next generation—God's fame and fortune, the marvellous things he has done. Psalm 78: 2 (The Message)

Because we want people of all ages to connect and share faith together, we hold regular all-age events. At Palm Sunday, Easter, Christmas, fifth Sunday community breakfast and at other times through the year we come together across the generations to connect, share, learn and pray. These all-age events are designed to be interactive and welcoming. We use music, drama, video, visual aids and craft activities to present timeless truths in a contemporary way.



Youth

FORGE

FORGE is a monthly event hosted by St James on Sunday nights from 5.30-8pm. It involves a wide group of youth and leaders from churches in Belconnen. FORGE is for youth following or interested in exploring faith in Jesus. See the St James website for the current dates.

Xtra

Xtra is a smaller youth group for years 7-10 which meets at St James in between FORGE advertised Sundays from 5.30 till 7.30pm.

Camp Pelican

Camp Pelican is a regional camping program for youth from years 5 to 12. We encourage St James youth to be a part of these camps that run during winter and summer school holidays.

For more information about events and programs, please visit our website or speak to a member of our staff team.



Community Pathways

These activities involve people of all faiths and none. They are a great way for St James to help people in our local community find friendship and meet over common interests.

Playtime Playgroup

Playtime Playgroup is for children under 5 to explore craft, music, and adventure with their parents, grandparents, or care-givers. Playgroup is held at St James from 10am-12noon each Thursday and Friday during school term. Families bring a piece of fruit to share and \$2 to cover other refreshments and craft supplies. To find out more, please contact Kathy Gray.

Knit Together

Knit Together is a friendly group who meet over morning tea at St James on Wednesdays from 10:00 am to 12 noon. Come along to knit or crochet for charity or work on your own project. You can learn new skills and meet new people. Contact Heather Minol or Annabelle Main for more information.

Men's Coffee

Men's Coffee meets at the Belconnen Raiders Club on Tuesdays at 10am. The group is an opportunity for any interested men to meet for a cuppa and conversation. The group is coordinated by David Brand.

Kalparrin Team

Kalparrin Team are a group from St James that regularly provide a worship service and care for the residents of Kalparrin, our local aged care facility at Kippax. Roberta Wood is the coordinator.

If you have an idea for a community pathway activity talk to our Lead Minister Judy Douglas.

Prayer

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Phil 4:6-7

At St James prayer is vital and central in all our groups and activities. Through prayer we rely on God to direct and bless the life of our church and all its activities. Through prayer we open ourselves to God and to the healing, peace and hope He gives. When we bring the joys and difficulties our lives to God he always answers, often in ways that we don't expect but always in good ways.

Prayer at Communion

At the end of each communion service there is an opportunity for those who would like prayer to come forward. Usually one of our ministers will anoint each person with oil (the sign of the cross is drawn in oil on each person's forehead). We encourage and welcome everyone to use this special time to bring the burdens and concerns we carry for ourselves and others to God in prayer.

Weekly Prayer List

Each week we list those people who have asked for prayer in our newsletter. The names are read out at our services and used by members of our church during the week. If you would like to add a name to this list please contact the St James office.

Prayer Chain

St James Prayer chain is a group of people who can pray immediately and faithfully via email for any situation or person. Members of the prayer chain will pray as soon as possible and ensure confidentiality and sensitivity with the prayer requests shared. Please send requests for prayer to the coordinators, Simon and Lea Leonard at slspraysgod@bigpond.com. If you would like to become a member of the prayer chain team, please speak to a member of our staff team.

Pastoral Care

Every member of St James plays a part in caring for our community. We are thankful for all those who notice needs and take time to visit, call, make meals, help, welcome newcomers and send cards. We seek to care for as many people as we can but cannot always know everyone's needs. **If you or your family have particular needs, please contact one of our ministers.**

Our Connect Groups (including Wednesday Group and JAFFA) provide ongoing care to members. Connect leaders let the ministry team know when there are specific needs for extra support.

We have a 'care spot' at each Parish Council meeting where we highlight and pray for care needs and new people.

We provide meal support. The small freezer in the kitchen at St James has frozen meals that can be given to anyone in need. We also have a band of people who will cook and deliver meals for people with particular needs. Please email the church office or contact one of our staff team if you or someone you know could use this help.

If you or someone you know would like a visit, home communion, or an appointment time to meet for conversation, prayer and support – or a meal, or other practical support – please do not hesitate to contact one of our staff team. They would welcome your call and would be pleased to assist in any way they can.

Weddings & Funerals

These services can be held at St James by arrangement.

Please contact Judy Douglas or Brett Morgan for more information and guidance.

World Mission

St James supports people and organisations doing Christian ministry and community work in other parts of Australia and in countries across the world. 11% of our financial offerings are distributed each year beyond our local context. In 2019 St James will contribute to The Church Missionary Society (CMS), Bush Church Aid (BCA), Anglican Diocese of the Northern Territory, Boomerang Centre Mogo, Martin and Lid Barley in Nigeria, Christian Education in Schools (CEIS) ACT and Camp Pelican. Our missions group meet regularly to pray, care for and connect with those we support. They also keep our church informed and educated about the work and needs beyond St James in world mission.

Safe Ministry

St James, as part of the Anglican Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn, is committed to holistic Safe Church Ministry.

This means: we commit to our pastoral, duty of care, legal and insurance obligations; with the goal that all our activities are spiritually, emotionally and physically safe; based on the premise that our church and all its activities should be person-valuing and respectful places free from abuse and harm, to God's glory.

To assist us to fulfil this commitment, all our volunteer and paid staff in ministry to children, young people and vulnerable adults, as well as parish councillors, wardens, ministry leaders and clergy (ordained ministers), participate in the CREATING SAFE MINISTRIES (CSM) program which includes regular training, suitability checks and compliance with government and church regulations.

For more information please speak to one of our staff team or contact Gaynor Elder at the Safe Ministry Unit.

Phone: 02 6245 7158

Email: gaynor.elder@anglicands.org.au

If you have any concerns about misconduct or abuse please call the Safe Ministry Helpline on 1800 070 511.



Communicating and Resolving Issues

In all areas of our work we strive to exhibit the following virtues: Prayerfulness, Honesty, Integrity, Kindness, Patience, Prudence, Self-control, Conscientiousness in work, Justice, Peacableness and Truthfulness.

We seek to resolve issues that arise at St James in a respectful, kind and timely way. Please begin with a personal and direct approach to people involved. If this does not resolve the issue and it remains of importance please speak to one of our staff team or a member of Parish Council. If the matter is not able to be resolved in these ways please contact the Safe Ministries Unit at www.anglicancg.org.au

For more information please refer to our 'Diocesan Code of Good Practice' and 'Protocol for addressing grievances' at <https://anglicancg.org.au/safe-ministries/safe-ministry-unit/policies-and-protocols/>

Governance

Churchwardens and Parish Council

Parish Council and churchwardens work with our paid staff ministry team to provide leadership for St James by setting policy, objectives and strategies for the work of St James. They are responsible for the efficient and effective management of St James' resources.

Churchwardens take responsibility in the area of public worship. They support the staff ministry team and are responsible for property maintenance, record-keeping and maintaining good order.

Members of parish council and our churchwardens are elected at our Annual General Meeting, usually held in March each year. Our Lead Minister also appoints churchwardens and parish council members. Each nominee or appointee must be eligible to serve under the diocesan safe ministry and governance rules.

Anglican Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn

St James Holt is one of the churches of The Anglican Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn. The Diocese encompasses Canberra and South East NSW. Bishop Mark Short is our leader.

Each year all the churches of our diocese meet together at Synod. This is similar to a parliament in the Anglican Church where reports are given and where decisions are made. Our church elects 3 representatives who attend Synod for 3 years along with any ministers licenced to St James.

Clergy Appointments

St James elects 3 members to the 'Clergy Appointments Board'. Our Bishop and Synod also appoints members. This group is responsible for selecting a new lead minister when there is a vacancy.

Thank You for Supporting St James

Your contribution makes a big difference!

As a community we are so thankful for all those who currently contribute to the life of our community through their presence, prayer, action and service. If you are not currently part of our community, we hope you will bring your time and talents to work with us.

The regular financial support of our members and friends is also vital. Thank you for your gifts! Please support St James through a regular financial contribution so we can stay strong and grow.

Start a direct debit from your account today:

BSB – 032776, AC 860389 – Westpac St James Holt

Contribute regularly through our weekly Sunday offering:

Giving Envelopes are available through the St James Office

Staff and Contacts

To get more information about anything in this booklet please use the following contacts. We can refer you to the best person in order to help you get connected.

St James publishes a yearly list of regular members and their contact details who have given permission for their details to be available. Copies are available from the St James office.

St James publishes a weekly newsletter. Please contact the St James office and leave your email address if you would like to receive the news each week.

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Our dream is to see lives and communities transformed through the love of Jesus.

We are pleased to be working with...

