



St James' Old Cathedral

14th December 2025 at 10:00AM

Service of Lessons and Carols

*Written by Archbishop Benson for Truro Cathedral
simplified for use in King's College, Cambridge (1918)*

Acknowledgement of Country

We worship our creator God on the ancestral lands of the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nation. We acknowledge them as the traditional and continuing custodians of this land and pay our respects to their Elders past and present.

Child Safety Officer

We are committed to continuous improvement in a safe culture for all, and especially vulnerable persons. Our parish's Child Safety Officer is Una Ebsworth. Una is an accredited specialist in criminal law. All correspondence and questions relating to safety checks should be forwarded to her at safety@sjoc.org.au.

The Old Cathedral Voices

Formed in March 2009 from some of Melbourne's finest choral soloists, The OCV are a consort choir directed by Alex Ritter. Today's singers are:

Eliza Bennetts O'Connor	Monika Harris	Ellen Brown
Maggie Dunleavy	Roslyn White	Alex Ritter
Jenny George	Jack Jordan	Tanum Shipp
Clyde Saniga	Mike Mews	Matthew Crossley
Bailey Montgomerie	Julien Robinson	Alex Owens Andrew Anderson

The Organ

The present organ was built in 1991 by Australian Pipe Organs, restoring and expanding the 1866 Fincham organ. 2 manuals, 18 speaking stops, 8 couplers. Gt: 8.8.4.4.2.III. Sw: 8.8.8.4.2.III.8. Ped: 16.16.10-2/3.8.4.

The Old Cathedral's organist is David Brown. David undertook studies as an organ scholar at the Universities of Cambridge and St Andrews. He also serves as College Organist for Scotch College.

The Bells

Melbourne's first peal of bells were the six bells hung in St James' Cathedral in 1853, replacing an old ship's bell. Two more were added in 1885. All were cast by Mears and Stainbank of Whitechapel Road, London, and are reputed to be the finest ever cast there. They are still rung regularly by a team of volunteers.

Processional Hymn (All Stand)

Hymn 228 v1-6 (Adeste Fideles)

J. F. Wade (1711-1786)

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,

O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;

Come and behold him born the king of angels:

Refrain: *O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,*

O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

True God of True God, Light of Light eternal,

lo, he abhors not the Virgin's womb;

Son of the Father, begotten, not created:

Refrain

See, how the shepherds summoned to his cradle,

leaving their flocks, draw nigh with holy fear;

we too will thither bend our joyful footsteps:

Refrain

Lo, star-led chieftains, wise men, Christ adoring,

offer him incense, gold and myrrh;

we to the Christ child bring our heart's oblations:

Refrain

Child, for us sinners poor and in the manger,

fain we embrace thee with love and awe;

who would not love thee, loving us so dearly?

Refrain

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,

sing all ye citizens of heaven above,

'Glory to God, glory in the highest':

Refrain

Three Advent Candles are lit.

Welcome

Canon Matt Williams

Call to Worship

Canon Matt Williams

Beloved in Christ, at this Christmas-tide

let it be our care and delight

to hear again the message of the angels,

and in heart and mind to go even unto Bethlehem

and see this thing which is come to pass,

and the Babe lying in a manger.

Therefore let us read and mark in Holy Scripture

the tale of the loving purposes of God

from the first days of our disobedience

unto the glorious Redemption brought us by this Holy Child.

But first, let us pray for the needs of the whole world;

for peace on earth and goodwill among all his people;

for unity and brotherhood within the church he came to build,

and especially in this our Diocese of Melbourne.

And because this would rejoice his heart,

let us remember, in his name, the poor and helpless,

the cold and hungry, and the oppressed;

the sick and them that mourn,

the lonely and the unloved,

the aged and the little children;

all those who know not the Lord Jesus, or who love him not,

or who by sin have grieved his heart of love.

Lastly, let us remember before God all those who rejoice with us,
but upon another shore, and in a greater light,
that multitude which no man can number,
whose hope was in the Word made flesh,
and with whom in the Lord Jesus we are one for evermore.

These prayers and praises let us humbly offer up
to the Throne of Heaven, in the words
which Christ himself hath taught us:

**Our Father, which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name;
Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive them that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
But deliver us from evil:
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,
For ever and ever. Amen.**

Gathering for Children's Chapel *Dr Matthew Champion*

We offer an age-appropriate experience of the Ministry of the Word for children, led today by Dr Matthew Champion. They are invited to process out to the conference centre, as the following carol is sung.

Childsafe Policy: Children's Chapel is supervised at all times by at least two unrelated adults with current Working with Children Check approvals.

Our parish childsafe compliance officer is Una Ebsworth. safety@sjoc.org.au

Carol

O Remember Adam's Fall

The Old Cathedral Voices

G. Ives (b. 1948)

*O remember Adam's fall,
O thou man, O thou man.
O remember Adam's fall,
from heaven to hell.*

*O remember Adam's fall,
how we were condemned all,
into hell perpetual,
therefore to dwell.*

*O remember God's goodness,
O thou man, O thou man.
O remember God's goodness,
and promise made!*

*In a stable was he born,
O thou man, O thou man.
Our redeemer thought no scorn
our flesh to take.*

*Oh, the angels all did sing,
O thou man, O thou man.
Oh, the angels all did sing,
on heav'n's high hill!*

*Oh, the angels all did sing,
'Praise be to our glorious King,
and on earth in everything
to men goodwill!*

O remember.

⁸They heard the sound of the LORD God
walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze,
and the man and his wife hid themselves
from the presence of the LORD God
among the trees of the garden.

⁹But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him,
‘Where are you?’

¹⁰He said, ‘I heard the sound of you in the garden,
and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.’

¹¹He said, ‘Who told you that you were naked?
Have you eaten from the tree
of which I commanded you not to eat?’

¹²The man said, ‘The woman whom you gave to be with me,
she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate.’

¹³Then the LORD God said to the woman,
‘What is this that you have done?’

The woman said, ‘The serpent tricked me, and I ate.’

¹⁴The LORD God said to the serpent,
‘Because you have done this,
cursed are you among all animals
and among all wild creatures;
upon your belly you shall go,
and dust you shall eat
all the days of your life.

¹⁵I will put enmity between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and hers;
he will strike your head,
and you will strike his heel.’

Hymn 233 (God rest you merry)

Anon. English 18th C.

**God rest you merry, people all,
let nothing you dismay,
remember Christ our Saviour
was born on Christmas Day,
to save us all from Satan's power
when we were gone astray,**

**Refrain: *and it's tidings of comfort and joy,
 comfort and joy:
 and it's tidings of comfort and joy.***

**From God our heavenly Father
the blessed angels came
and unto certain shepherds
brought tidings of the same,
that there was born in Bethlehem
the Son of God by name: *Refrain***

**Now to the Lord sing praises,
all you within this place,
and with true love and brotherhood
each other now embrace:
the merry time of Christmas
is drawing on apace: *Refrain***

Second Lesson: Genesis 22:15-18 *Andrew Watkins*

¹⁵The angel of the LORD called to Abraham
a second time from heaven, ¹⁶and said,
'By myself I have sworn, says the LORD:
Because you have done this,
and have not withheld your son,
your only son, ¹⁷I will indeed bless you,
and I will make your offspring as numerous
as the stars of heaven
and as the sand that is on the seashore.
And your offspring shall possess the gate of their enemies,
¹⁸and by your offspring shall all the nations of the earth
gain blessing for themselves, because you have obeyed my voice.'

Carol
The Lamb

The Old Cathedral Voices
J. Tavener (1944-2013)

*Little Lamb, who made thee?
Dost thou know who made thee?*

*Gave thee life, and bid thee feed
By the stream and o'er the mead;
Gave thee clothing of delight,
softest clothing, woolly, bright;
Gave thee such a tender voice,
Making all the vales rejoice?*

*Little Lamb, who made thee?
Dost thou know who made thee?*

*Little Lamb, I'll tell thee,
Little Lamb, I'll tell thee,
He is called by thy name,
For he calls himself a Lamb.
He is meek, and he is mild,
He became a little child.*

*I, a child, and thou a lamb,
We are called by his name.*

*Little lamb, God bless thee!
Little lamb, God bless thee!*

William Blake (1757-1827)

Third Lesson: Isaiah 9:2,6-7

Ruth Champion

²The people who walked in darkness
 have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
 on them light has shined. (...)

⁶For a child has been born for us,
 a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders;
 and he is named
Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God,
 Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

⁷His authority shall grow continually,
 and there shall be endless peace
for the throne of David and his kingdom.
 He will establish and uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
 from this time onwards and for evermore.
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Hymn 218 v1,2,4,5 (Puer Nobis)

Anon. Latin 15th C.

**Unto us a boy is born!
King of all creation,
came he to a world forlorn
the Lord of every nation.**

**Cradled in a stall was he
with sleepy cows and asses;
but the very beasts could see
that he all men surpasses.**

**Now may Mary's son, who came
so long ago to love us,
lead us all with hearts aflame
unto the joys above us.**

**Omega and Alpha he!
Let the organ thunder,
while the choir with peals of glee
doth rend the air asunder.**

Tr. P. Dearmer (1867-1936)

Fourth Lesson: Isaiah 11:1-9

Nick Fairlie

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

²The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

³His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;

⁴but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

⁵Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

⁶The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.

⁷The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

⁸The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

⁹ They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.

Carol
A Spotless Rose

The Old Cathedral Voices
H. Howells (1892-1983)

*A Spotless Rose is blowing, sprung from a tender root,
Of ancient seers' foreshowing, Of Jesse promised fruit;
Its fairest bud unfolds to light
Amid cold winter,
And in the dark mid-night.*

*The rose which I am singing, whereof Isaiah said,
Is from its sweet root springing in Mary, purest Maid;
For through our God's great love and might,
The Blessed Babe she bare us
In a cold, cold winter's night.*

- ²⁶In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God
to a town in Galilee called Nazareth,
²⁷to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph,
of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary.
- ²⁸And he came to her and said,
'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.'
- ²⁹But she was much perplexed by his words
and pondered what sort of greeting this might be.
- ³⁰The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary,
for you have found favour with God.
- ³¹And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son,
and you will name him Jesus.
- ³²He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High,
and the Lord God will give to him
the throne of his ancestor David.
- ³³He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever,
and of his kingdom there will be no end.'
- ³⁴Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?'
- ³⁵The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you,
and the power of the Most High will overshadow you;
therefore the child to be born will be holy;
he will be called Son of God.
- ³⁶And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age
has also conceived a son;
and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren.
- ³⁷For nothing will be impossible with God.'

³⁸Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord;
let it be with me according to your word.'
Then the angel departed from her.

Hymn 222 (Gabriel's Message)

S. Baring-Gould (1834-1924)

**The angel Gabriel from heaven came,
his wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame;
'All hail,' said he, 'thou lowly maiden Mary,
most highly favoured lady, *Gloria!***

**'for know a blessed Mother thou shalt be,
all generations laud and honour thee,
thy Son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold;
most highly favoured lady,' *Gloria!***

**Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head,
'To me be as it pleaseth God,' she said,
'my soul shall laud and magnify his holy name':
most highly favoured lady, *Gloria!***

**Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ was born
in Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn,
and Christian folk throughout the world will ever say
'most highly favoured lady'. *Gloria!***

Sixth Lesson: Luke 2:1-7

Micaiah Zwartz

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus
that all the world should be registered.

²This was the first registration
and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria.

³All went to their own towns to be registered.

⁴Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea,
to the city of David called Bethlehem,
because he was descended from the house and family of David.

⁵He went to be registered with Mary,
to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child.

⁶While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child.

⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son
and wrapped him in bands of cloth,
and laid him in a manger,
because there was no place for them in the guest room.

Carol
In Dulci Jubilo

The Old Cathedral Voices
R. L. Pearsall (1795-1856)

*In dulci jubilo (in quiet joy) let us our homage show
Our heart's joy reclineth in praesipio (in a manger)
And like a bright star shineth matris in gremio (in the mother's lap)
Alpha es et O! (Alpha and the Omega – the first and the last.)*

*O Jesu parvule (O tiny Jesus)! My heart is sore for thee!
Hear me, I beseech thee, O Puer optime! (O child most excellent)
My prayer let it reach thee, O Princeps gloriae! (O Prince of Glory)
Trahe me post te! (Draw me after thee)*

*O Patris caritas, O Nati lenitas! (O Father's love, O Son's Gentleness!)
Deeply were we stained Per nostra crimina; (through our sins)
But thou hast for us gained Coelorum gaudia (the joys of heaven).
O that we were there!*

*Ubi sunt gaudia (where are joys), where, If that they be not there?
There are angels singing, Nova cantica, (new songs)
There the bells are ringing, in regis curia (in the King's court)
O that we were there!*

Seventh Lesson: Luke 2:8-16

James McComish

⁸In that region there were shepherds living in the fields,
keeping watch over their flock by night.

⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them,
and the glory of the Lord shone around them,
and they were terrified.

¹⁰But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see—
I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people:
¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour,
who is the Messiah, the Lord.

¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a child
wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.'

¹³And suddenly there was with the angel
a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,
¹⁴'Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favours!'

¹⁵When the angels had left them and gone into heaven,
the shepherds said to one another,
'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place,
which the Lord has made known to us.'

¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph,
and the child lying in the manger.

Carol
Excerpts from "Messiah"

The Old Cathedral Voices
G. F. Handel (1685-1759)

Soprano Solos:

*There were shepherds abiding in the field,
keeping watch over their flocks by night.*

*And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them,
and the glory of the Lord shone round about them,
and they were sore afraid.*

And the angel said unto them:

*"Fear not, for behold,
I bring you good tidings of great joy,
which shall be to all people.*

*For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour,
which is Christ the Lord."*

*And suddenly there was with the angel,
a multitude of the heavenly host,
praising God, and saying:*

Chorus:

*"Glory to God in the highest,
and peace on earth,
good will towards men."*

Carol: Midnight Clear v1,3,4 (Willis)

E. H. Sears (1810-1876)

**It came upon the midnight clear,
That glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth
To touch their harps of gold:
'Peace on the earth, goodwill to men,
From heav'n's all-gracious King!'
The world in solemn stillness lay
To hear the angels sing.**

**Yet with the woes of sin and strife
The world has suffered long;
Beneath the angel-strain have rolled
Two thousand years of wrong;
And man, at war with man, hears not
the love-song which they bring:
O hush the noise, ye men of strife,
And hear the angels sing!**

**For lo! the days are hastening on,
by prophet-bards foretold,
When, with the ever-circling years,
Comes round the age of gold;
When peace shall over all the earth
its ancient splendours fling,
And all the world give back the song
Which now the angels sing.**

- ²In the time of King Herod,
after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea,
wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ²asking,
‘Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews?
For we observed his star at its rising,
and have come to pay him homage.’
- ³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened,
and all Jerusalem with him;
- ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people,
he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born.
- ⁵They told him, ‘In Bethlehem of Judea;
for so it has been written by the prophet:
⁶“And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel.” ’
- ⁷Then Herod secretly called for the wise men
and learned from them the exact time
when the star had appeared.
- ⁸Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying,
‘Go and search diligently for the child;
and when you have found him,
bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.’
- ⁹When they had heard the king, they set out;
and there, ahead of them,
went the star that they had seen at its rising,
until it stopped over the place where the child was.

¹⁰When they saw that the star had stopped,
they were overwhelmed with joy.

¹¹On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother;
and they knelt down and paid him homage.

Then, opening their treasure-chests,
they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

¹²And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod,
they left for their own country by another road.

¹³Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord
appeared to Joseph in a dream and said,
'Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt,
and remain there until I tell you;
for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.'

¹⁴Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night,
and went to Egypt,

¹⁵and remained there until the death of Herod.

This was to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord
through the prophet, 'Out of Egypt I have called my son.'

¹⁶When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men,
he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children
in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under,
according to the time that he had learned from the wise men.

¹⁷Then was fulfilled what had been spoken
through the prophet Jeremiah:

¹⁸'A voice was heard in Ramah,
wailing and loud lamentation,
Rachel weeping for her children;
she refused to be consoled, because they are no more.'

Carol
Coventry Carol (16th Century)

The Old Cathedral Voices
Arr. Daniel Riley (b. 1992)

*Chorus: Lully Lullay, thou little child,
bye bye lully, lullay, thou little child
bye bye lully, lullay.*

*O sisters too, how may we do
for to preserve this day
this poor youngling for whom we sing,
'bye bye lully, lullay?'* *Chorus*

*Herod the King, in his raging
charged he hath this day
His men of might, in his own sight,
all young children to slay.* *Chorus*

*That woe is me, poor child, for thee
and ever mourn and may
for thy parting nay say nor sing
'bye bye lully, lullay?'* *Chorus*

Ninth Lesson: John 1:1-5,10-14,18

Canon Matt Williams

¹In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God.

²He was in the beginning with God.

³All things came into being through him,
and without him not one thing came into being.

What has come into being ⁴in him was life,
and the life was the light of all people.

⁵The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness did not overcome it.

¹⁰He was in the world,
and the world came into being through him;
yet the world did not know him.

¹¹He came to what was his own,
and his own people did not accept him.

¹²But to all who received him,
who believed in his name,
he gave power to become children of God,

¹³who were born,
not of blood
or of the will of the flesh
or of the will of man,
but of God.

¹⁴And the Word became flesh and lived among us,
and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son,
full of grace and truth.

¹⁸No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son,
who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

Carol

Blessed be that Maid Mary

*Blessed be that maid Mary;
Born he was of her body;
Very God ere time began,
Born in time the Son of Man.*

*Refrain: Eya! Jesus hodie
Natus est de virgine.*

In a manger of an ass

Jesu lay and lulled was;

Born to die upon the tree

Pro peccante homine. Refrain (for the sin of man)

Sweet and blissful was the song

Chanted of the angel throng,

“Peace on earth” Alleluya.

In excelsis Gloria. Refrain (glory in the highest)

Fare three kings from far off land,

Incense, gold and myrrh in hand;

In Beth’em the babe they see,

Stelle ducti lumine. Refrain (star led lights)

Make we merry on this fest,

In quo Christus natus est; (when Christ was born)

On this child I pray you call,

To assoil and save us all. Refrain

The Old Cathedral Voices

Arr. D. Willcocks (1919-2015)

*(Hail! Jesus today
was born of a virgin.)*

Collect

Canon Matt Williams

Let us pray.

O God, who makest us glad with the yearly remembrance
of the birth of thy only Son, Jesus Christ:

Grant that as we joyfully receive him for our redeemer,
so we may with sure confidence behold him,
when he shall come to be our judge;

who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost,
one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Hymn 227 (Mendelssohn)

C. Wesley (1707-88)

Hark! The herald angels sing
glory to the newborn king,
peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled.

Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
join the triumph of the skies;
with the angelic host proclaim,
'Christ is born in Bethlehem'.

*Refrain: Hark! The herald angels sing
glory to the newborn king!*

Christ, by highest heaven adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
late in time behold him come,
offspring of a virgin's womb!
veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
hail the incarnate Deity!
Pleased as Man with man to dwell,
Jesus, our Immanuel.

Refrain

Mild he lays his glory by,
born that man no more may die,
born to raise the sons of earth,
born to give them second birth.
Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
risen with healing in his wings.

Refrain

Blessing**Canon Matt Williams**

May he who by his Incarnation gathered into one
things earthly and heavenly,
fill you with the sweetness of inward peace and goodwill;
and the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost,
be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Recessional**David Brown (Organ)****Von Himmel Hoch BWV606****J. S. Bach (1685-1750)**

*Please Join us for Morning Tea
in the Conference Centre
following the service*

*Instead of collecting offertories during the service, we gratefully
receive free offerings made at the exit, or by electronic transfers to:*

St James' Old Cathedral**BSB: 013 377****Acc. No.: 008 684 064**

*Tax deductible giving to support our music program is also possible
through the St James' Gift Fund:*

Melbourne West ITF Gift Fund**BSB: 013 377****Acc. No.: 526 890 909**

National Trust Appeal: Roof Replacement

In 2010 a Heritage Review identified the replacement of our slate roof as an urgent work for the next two years.

We have not been able to fund this, and have continued to tolerate regular leaks in the rain, which are damaging other parts of the church in turn.

Parish Council and the National Trust have authorised an appeal. **We are seeking to raise \$500,000** for the full replacement of the slate roof and the restoration of other things which are urgent or best done at the same time. We have engaged Extent Heritage to guide this process and optimise outcomes.

Just before Tony died, Tony and Wendy Greenwood donated the first \$200,000 to this appeal. They hoped to inspire others.

Donations through the National Trust are Tax Deductible. The National Trust take an 8% administration fee.

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Christmas Services at St James Old Cathedral:

Sunday 21.12.25 at 10:00 am:

Advent 4 (Holy Communion)

Wednesday 24.12.25 at 11:00 pm:

Christmas Eve (Holy Communion)

Thursday 25.12.25 at 10:00 am:

Christmas Day (Holy Communion)

Sunday 28.12.25 at 10:00am:

Holy Innocents (Holy Communion)

Sunday 4.1.26 at 10:00am:

Feast of the Epiphany (Holy Communion)

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