



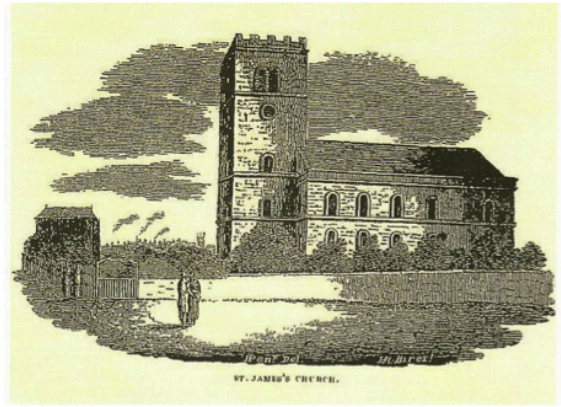
St James Church, Upper Parliament Street 250th Anniversary Exhibition

This information is the collation of an exhibition which was portrayed in Church for 6 weeks following the 250th Anniversary Weekend 4-6th June 2025.

Many thanks to all those involved in this exhibition. A playlist of videos from over the years, and testimonies from people who have been part of St James was also compiled. You can take a look [here](#).

1775-1825

Liverpool was heavily involved in the Transatlantic Slave Trade. It was one of the major ports that welcomed ships carrying approximately 1.5 million Africans across the Atlantic. The Slave Trade played a major role in Liverpool's economic growth in the 18th century. Liverpool merchants sent out approximately 100 slave ships per year.



St James' Church, Toxteth Park, Liverpool ca 1810

Thus by the late 18th century, Liverpool, as Ray Costello notes Liverpool 'was the home of a free black community drawn from many sources' including servants, students of noble descent sent for education along with the sons and daughters of African merchants and slavers and the 'dual heritage' children of white merchants and slavers and the 'dual heritage' children of white plantation owners and African slave women. Numbers grew with the influx of discharged black soldiers, former slaves who had fought for the defeated British in the American War of Independence.



1769 Map showing location of New House field, Toxteth where St James was built¹⁷

St James Church was funded as a speculation by a group of 26 subscribers investing £100 towards the costs. The money to be recouped by auctioning off pew rights within the church. The congregation grew quickly, especially with people from the south end of Liverpool. Local maps show it was a very rural area

surrounded by fields.

St James Church was built in 1775 and had its first service on 4th June 1775 with Rev Peter Massey. It's a Grade II listed building and thought to be the oldest example of a cast iron structure in the UK! It is the oldest surviving intact Church of England building within the extended 1835 Liverpool boundaries. We often have people to this day coming to see our famous pillars.



Eyes 1785 map showing St James' Toxteth just on Liverpool & Toxteth boundary¹⁹



There was major growth for Liverpool – 26,000 in the 1760s to almost 80,000 by 1801. St James school was built in 1803 to educate poor children in the community.

St James was built on what was then the outskirts of the town of Liverpool. Many of the merchants who contributed to its cost were slave traders.

1826-1875

19th Century was a period of great change at St James with the fortunes of the church ebbing and flowing. The Rev John Smith arrived at St James Church in 1801 and was to stay in post for the next 40 years. By 1825, the congregation were unable to pay his salary and measures were taken to reduce costs and increase church income by installing more pews. These seem to have proved effective and the church survived.



Rev Robert Hammond, 34 years old arrived at the church in 1866 to a dirty, neglected building with a congregation of just 20 people. This was a substantial drop compared to the 1000 quoted by Archdeacon Jones in his 1858 survey, possibly the large number included children at St James school). He had a notable impact on the church and Toxteth over the 27 years he served as Vicar of St James'. He took on a dehydrated church and turned it into an exciting , well attended congregation. This included a large Sunday School and a substantial number of evangelists sharing the gospel to the poor of the area.

'He was wholly consecrated to his Master, and lived for his people a simple, strenuous, self-sacrificing life' *Hammond, CJ & Hammond, RH (1908) "a fruitful ministry: a memoir of the life of the Rev Robert Hammon" Publ London Chas J Thynne*

Plans were agreed to repair the roof, install a heating system and improve the lighting for a total cost of £400 but we can't tell from the records if these renovations actually took place. The new entrance (from Upper Parliament Street) was created in 1871.



View of Harrington, Toxteth Park, Liverpool in 1860

1876-1925

In 1881, St James purchased 42 Huskisson Street as a parsonage for their minister. St James' Mission Hall, Windsor Street, Toxteth was built and opened 9th November 1889 by the Mayor of Liverpool, with intended use as community facility. Today it is home to charity Bridge2 whose work serves refugees and asylum seekers in the community.



St James' Toxteth Park, Liverpool ca 1875

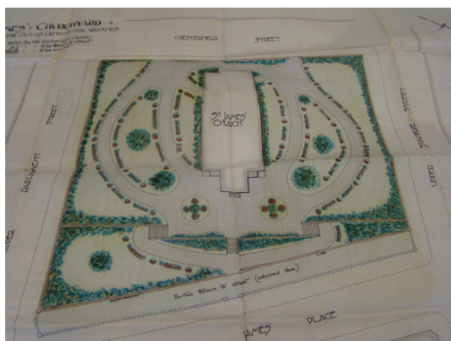
Rev William Cole arrived in 1893. During his time, a new chancel was added to the Church.

Apart from the one exception, there are no gravestones to be seen in the St James Churchyard. All were laid flat and covered with earth during the 1901 conversion of the churchyard into an ornamental garden by Liverpool City Council. This was part of a road widening scheme where some 17ft of graveyard fronting St James' Place was removed and a new boundary wall constructed.

The one gravestone that survives is of Thomas Bolton and his daughter Alice. Thomas Bolton was a wealthy Liverpool Merchant who on his death left money to a number of charities including St James'. This latter money was left on condition his gravesite would be perpetually maintained.



Unfortunately, by the 1930s, the local populations began to decrease which led to a merging of churches in Toxteth. In 1941, St James Church became St James with St Matthew and Holy Trinity.



1900 Planned new layout for St James' Churchyard ornamental garden³⁰

133 people were lost from Liverpool on the sinking Titanic in 1912 – including 3 members of St James, Toxteth Park Congregation – 2nd class passengers, Joseph J Fynney, Albert Gaskell and Thomas Palles who worked in the engine room.

1925-1971

Statement from Rev Colin Dawson, 1925 for St James' 150th birthday:

'The District has greatly changed, the green fields have gone, the old city merchants' houses are now occupied by three or four families to each house, and there are courts and alleys which are a tragic reflection upon an enlightened 20th century civilisation. Today the conditions are now easy but the needs are as imperative as ever'



The first half of the 20th Century was a time of loss and change for St James' Parish, not only with the decrease in local population and economic wealth but also World War 2. Thankfully, there doesn't seem to have been any direct hit to the Church or Churchyard.

In 1968, the Diocese announced the closure of St James Church, and also a couple of other churches in the area. From 1968 to 1971, St James Church was run as part of the Toxteth Team Ministry with Rev Colin Bedford as Team Rector. The final service was held on 12th November 1972 with 40 people in attendance.

Thank you to family members who have sent in wedding photos:

Alan and Bertha Fraser – 29th March 1958

Joyce and Albert Lawton – 9th March 1957

Mr & Mrs Lyons – 1967



1972 – the closure years

On the 12th of November 1972 St James had its final service. The church had been struggling in the years leading up to then, the congregation was dwindling with only about 12 who lived locally, and about 40 people at the farewell service.

The building was in disrepair as it was vandalized and it was handed over to the Church Conservation Trust with the intention of demolition to make space for road construction plans.

St James was closed, but that wasn't the end of the story.

Jen Wharton's story

"I can remember going with my Nan to St James'. I can remember singing the songs. At some point, and I was only young, Mr Weston who was the vicar at that time asked me if I would be a Sunday school teacher. Eventually I was married at St James in 1964. We had two children and during that time St James' closed. My mum went to St Gabriel's church and they were having a church holiday away. There was a little pot of money left over from St James which could be used to subsidise the cost of St Gabriel's church holiday. We were able to go on that holiday thanks to that little pot of money, and during that time I saw Jesus lived out. At the end of the holiday I gave my life to Jesus."

Years later, Jen went on to be the Sunday School lead at Kingsway Christian Fellowship, teaching children about Jesus - two of those were Matt & Lydia Courtney who are part of our staff team now and ministering to young people now!

God was moving although the church was closed, local Christians still felt that this place was significant and prayed in the derelict building. Jo Wiley describes a 'lingering anointing' in St James which encouraged her and friends to pray for a move of God in this church.

40 years later, St James Church became the first Church to be handed back from the Churches Conservation Trust to the Diocese



St James Toxteth 2006 showing replaced windows⁵

Pre-Launch

In February 2007 Bishop James called Rev Neil Short, then Vicar of St John's Burscough, to invite him to consider planting this church.

This church was to be a resource church, in the evangelical charismatic tradition (similar to HTB), and there to help develop a new generation of leaders for the church. Neil said yes. What else could he say?! So on 17th July 2007 - Neil and Marg Short moved to 8 Lady Chapel Close to begin this venture.

In that same month of July 2007 - God told Bryan and Alwyn Kernaghan to put their house in Southport up for sale. Soon afterwards a friend told Bryan and Alwyn that they had a vision of 'tall cranes' while they were praying for them. Naturally, they thought this might mean a call to somewhere like Dubai or Shanghai (being places where there were plenty of cranes). However, as they were to discover, there were more cranes in Liverpool city centre than anywhere else in Europe at the time!

Next, they heard about the possibility of a new church in Liverpool city centre and felt drawn to it. And, after asking God to help them know more, Neil Short called in at their shop and asked them to get involved. The rest, as they say, is history!

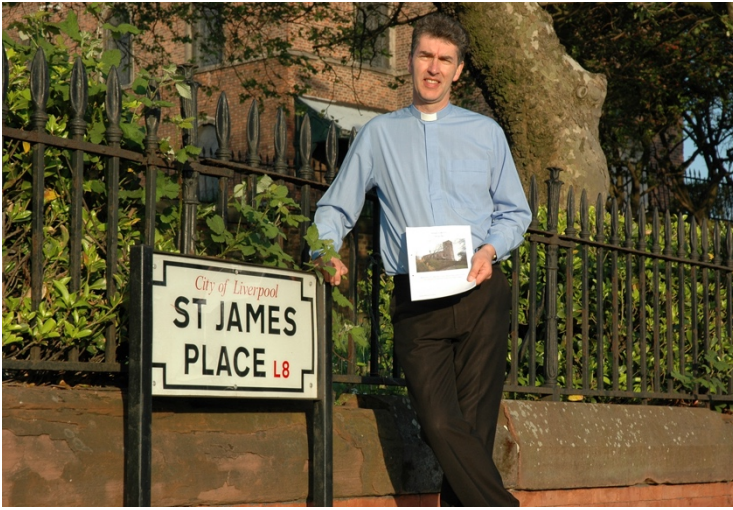
There was much prayer leading up to and during this new vision. As it began to take off other people joined this small but significant team. These people included Andy and Beej Kidd and James and Kate Harding.

They met at Neil and Marg's house on Sunday afternoons for Bible study and Tuesday nights to plan. In September 2008, we moved into the Concert Rooms in the Cathedral. By September 2009 we averaged 23 adults as we moved into St James Church with a marquee and a family tent for creche! We had our first Baptism of a girl called Jess, and the fire brigade came to fill the pool as we had no running water! Agnes was also our first dedication

As the church took root we developed five words or "LifeShapes" that we wanted to live by as Christians in this place. These words are:

1. Live
2. Love
3. Grow
4. Serve
5. Build





2008-2011

The church later reopened on 8th June 2008 for occasional services and held a regular 4pm service from 13th September 2009 following the official handover from the Churches Conservation Trust. It was the first Church that was handed back from the Conservation Trust.



2009: Official handover of St James' from Churches Conservation Trust

Since St James' official reopening in September 2009, regular services had been held every Sunday at 4 pm. We also launched purpose and study groups where we shared life and food together. Then the famous marquee was erected within the nave of St James Church.



So in 2011, St. James' Church and its congregation look to the future. Much work needed to be done to renovate the building to make it suitable for modern 21st Century use. Emergency maintenance work in the roof has been completed and the north churchyard wall, that was in danger of collapse, has been repaired.

St. James' Church had been fortunate in receiving in March 2011 a substantial grant of £407,343 from English Heritage towards repairing the roof. A further grant of £40,000 was received in August 2011 from the National Churches Trust. An extra £60,000 was raised so work could commence.



In 2011, Dave and Kate were the first people to get married (in the tent!) since the Church closed in 1972.



2012-2013

Our team grew in 2012 with the arrival of the Padfields from London and we appointed Debs as our Worship Pastor.

Revd Jude Padfield joined as curate supporting Neil Short in the leadership of St James. He was ordained in the summer of 2012 having trained at St Mellitus and been part of the HTB network in London. Jude is passionate about the role & renewal of Churches in city life. He lives with his wife Hannah & their two young children and enjoys plenty of sport & family holidays.

Jude and Hannah quote: 'This building was a complete mess with no running water...we filled a jerry can in our bath on a Sunday morning but it was a really exciting time...people didn't come for the best coffee or warm experience but it was growing and people kept coming. People caught the vision and wanted to start something new!'



Debs Davies was worship pastor of St James in the City and joined the church in the summer of 2012. Passionate guitar player & singer-songwriter, Debs loves to see people draw near to God through music. As well as developing the worship life of St James, Debs co-ordinates the Toxteth Worship Network and leads a local Youth Worship Project. She began her training for ordination in the Church of England in 2018 and is now a

lecturer at Ridley Theological College in Cambridge

2013 was our first Alpha Course at St James in the City. We launched with a Curry and Comedy night on 7th October with Comedian Tony Vino from Preston.



Alpha

Sharing the Good News about Jesus (aka “evangelism”) has always been at the heart of our life together. So, when we joined the Holy Trinity Brompton (HTB) Churches network, it was perfectly natural for us to use Alpha as our primary means of sharing Christian faith with the many people coming through our doors and to our events.



We have run Alpha 3 times per year since 2013 with an average of 15 guest per course. This means around 550 people have explored Christian faith at St James and a good number of those people have become Christians as they have turned to Jesus and been filled with the Holy Spirit.

It has been exciting to see people transformed by God, becoming active members of the church and bringing their own friends to the next Alpha Course. Some who began their faith journey on Alpha have even gone on to full time paid Christian work or ordained ministry, while others have brought faithful Christian witness to colleagues, family, neighbours and friends right where they are.

Alpha is a wonderful tool to help people walk into the joys and challenges of following Jesus Christ. There are many stories we could share! It’s not like our courses ever dry up – in fact in 2024 78 people attended our Alpha Courses through the year.

One of these was Nick who shares his story in the video [here](#).



2014-2016

Kids have always been important to us at St James in the City. We initially used to walk the kids over the road in High-Vis jackets to St James House for their groups! So in 2014 we built some kids rooms – in the vestry and chancel. We also kept growing in number so 2014 brought another tent expansion!



Back then, we didn't have a toilet so everyone had

to wait and go to St James House after the service. And then we got a composting toilet with a rota of emptying it!



Jude and Hannah quote: 'I think there were some weeks when we questioned if this was the right building but we kept coming back to it and it was always a YES! It is the right place! The location in terms of universities and in this city – it's perfect!'

St James in the City also loved going on tour – whether it be their weekend away, our annual camping trip to Focus or to the Tavern for breakfast! Eating together was always a priority for St James in the City and it still is! We continued our student ministry – with a chaplain of campus and running multiple student lunches!

Mammoth Monday launched in 2016 with Alpha, Students and Newcomers Course happening at the same time. Lots of food as consumed and Alpha and Students still meet on Monday nights in the same space now!



2017-2018

2017 saw the release of our second Family Worship Album – ‘Through the Roof’! We still sing the songs on Sundays today and you can listen on Spotify, Youtube or Apple Music!

We were also the host of the Whitechapel Sleepout fundraiser for many years and partnered with them to enable 100+ people to sleep in our grounds.

Ed and Tabitha got ordained in 2017 (and priested in 2018) and Ed joined as Curate. We loved having him and Zoe on team and are grateful to Ed for his wonderful organisational skills, preaching and work with our Sunday teams and Connect Groups!



We said a sad goodbye to Neil and Marg as they moved on from St James in the City. Rev Jude Padfield was licensed as Vicar. We also launched our 10:30 service!

Our students loved a weekend away – the one pictured is at Kinder Scout and there was a never a boring moment!!

2018 was a year of new things – toilets (Hallelujah!!), running water, a ramp entrance and a kitchen!!

We launched our Toddler Group through funding from the Joshua Centre initially led by Kirsty Fazakerley and passed onto Rachel Harley. Minis still happens today and is a great place for parents, carers and children to connect with God and each other.



Charles and team also planted the embedded wildflower meadow! Thanks to Charles and everyone involved keeping the wildflower meadow going over the past few years



2019-2020

In March 2020 the UK Coronavirus resulted in us closing our physical doors to church and stopped us gathering together in person. We responded to this by taking church online creating pathways for children, young people, students and adults to remain connected to Christian community on Sundays and midweek.



Like the rest of the UK, we used Zoom for multiple things: prayer meetings every weekday, student connect, youth group, STJ Kids, connect groups and Sunday services. We later started to stream our services on Youtube keeping Zoom to engage with Church together and have community after the service. We connected with local people and people from across the country with the love of Jesus.



In response to the pandemic, we set up Love Your Neighbour – a food resource and distribution centre, ensuring people in Liverpool had enough food for the week. Many thanks to the huge amount of volunteers who packed, prepped, drove, delivered and had those all

important doorstep chats. We struggled to find pictures – must have been busy!!

The student team delivered ingredients for students to cook for their housemates and goody bags for the new residents at Cathedral Campus.



At Christmas 2020 the creative team released a Christmas EP called Salvation is Here which was amazing to debut at our in person carol services, one of our last services in the tent – it was epic!

Liverpool Next Generation

Liverpool Next Generation launched in August 2020 responding to the missing generation of 11-30s year olds releasing a team of School Missional Chaplains into 3 local secondary schools and University Chaplains in 2 universities to create missional pathways which play an important part within the strategy of encouraging young people to move from hearing about faith to being an active participant in a worshipping community inside and outside of school.



The Chaplains in both the schools and universities work closely with the youth and students team at St James in the City to help bridge the gap between secular spaces and Church to deliver attractional invitational events welcoming them into the life of the STJ community.

LNG in Schools looks like: Assemblies, Lunchtime Groups, Youth Alpha, Games Changers, Big Questions, Encounter Groups, Faith and Football and plenty more!



LNG in Uni looks like: Freshers Fairs, The Brewery, BBQs, invites to Sunday Lunch, Faith Express, Free Coffee, Alpha, Art, Chat, Games and Monday nights Student Connect!



There is so much favour in this project and God is really blessing it through both the opportunities we are creating and being offered by the schools and universities. We've seen an extension of

the project with All Saints Childwall and Mossley Hill Church employing Youth Missional Workers and Mossley Hill, Penny Lane and St Luke's in the City also employing student chaplains.



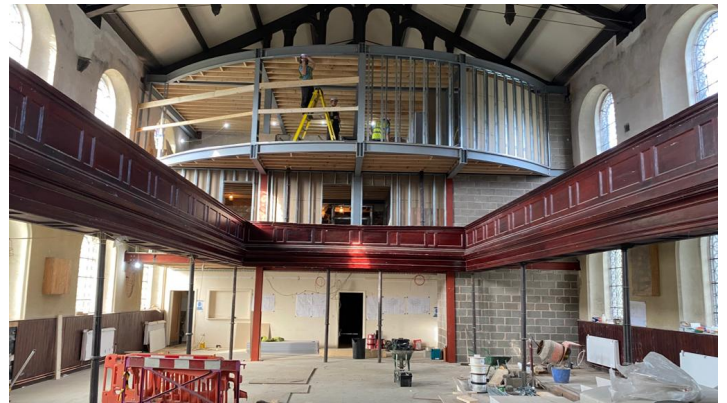


Throughout the 5 year project, LNG has discipled over 750 young people (aged 11-30) – these are people who have engaged regularly in Christian Discipleship, either inside or outside the Church. Praise God!!

God's not done and neither are we. As we head into September 2025, we're looking at the next phase of the project and how we can continue the good work we have started.

2021-2023

After 10+ years in the tent, 2021 was the year we moved out! Thanks to a multiple of funders (Liverpool Diocese, All Churches Trust, Veolia, Dutchy of Lancaster, Garfield Weston, Laing and Hobson) we were able to renovate the building. Everyone got involved in dismantling the tent, taking our carpets and moving 10 years worth of stuff out!



This renovation included making youth and kids spaces in the tower. We named the Youth Floor 'The Loft'. We also got a lift, central heating (which kind of works!) and new carpet and chairs. In March 2022, we held our Building Launch service. Praise God!



We relaunched our Youth Group in our new space and 2021-2023 we just enjoyed being in it! We had 5 couples married in our Church in 2023, all of which were congregation members.

After what felt like starting again after the pandemic, God grew our congregation year on year and we saw thousands of people come through the doors whether it be for our Fireworks Display, Easter Egg Hunt, Toddler Group, Iranian Bible Study, Alpha, Student Group, Youth Group, Sunday services and plenty more. The derelict- looking building on the outside was thriving on the inside.



2024

2024 was an exciting year which was the start of our Church Revitalisation Project to St Mary's Wavertree.

It also meant we gained a new member of clergy – Rev Mike Hindley as Associate Vicar for Discipleship. This was a new experience for the team at St James in the City working across 2 churches!

Mike brings huge kindness and passion for the gospel and longs to see people come to know Jesus and grow in faith and love for Him and others! He arrived with his wife Kate, and three children, Anna, Hugh and Pippa who we love having as part of the church family.



Throughout 2023, we prayed (a lot) and met with St Mary's PCC who were delighted to invite St James in the City to help them become a flourishing parish church. We started in December 2023 with a few Sunday services and then fully launched in January 2024. We worked with the existing congregation to revamp the Sunday

services, run 3 Alpha courses per year, start midweek connect groups and in 2025, launched our Minis Stay and Play Group. We held plenty of community events (Easter Egg Hunts, Community BBQs, Summer Fairs and Carol Services) and the church had grown by around 45% in the first year.

Jude was licensed as Priest in Charge for St Mary's and Mike licensed as Associate Vicar. We have enjoyed working together and are hopeful for more growth in the future.



2025

Where are we now?



As we look back and celebrate all that God has done here at St James over the last 250 years, we are also reminded that we were re-launched most recently for a purpose. We share our diocesan vision of asking God for a bigger Church to make a bigger difference: more people knowing Jesus, more justice in the world.

Within the landscape of the wider Church, we have a particular focus on Resourcing the Next Generation. That means we want everyone in our Church family to actively hand on the baton of faith to those who come after us.

We prioritise mission and evangelism to younger demographics because these are the missing generation, sadly so often absent from Church.

As part of our call to make a bigger Church with a bigger difference, we are part of Liverpool Citizens, a local branch from the national organisation Citizens UK. We are partnering with many Liverpool based organisations to campaign together against justice issues. In November 2024, we were part of the Founding Assembly of Liverpool Citizens at St George's Hall with over 1000 people in attendance.



As a Resource Church we also have a focus on church planting. We want to help churches throughout our diocese to become better versions of themselves by sending planting teams to Revitalise existing communities, becoming effective in mission and discipleship and viable for the long-term. We've started our first Revitalisation at St Mary's Wavertree, and we hope to do more.

The 250th anniversary of our building is a great moment to celebrate all that God has done amongst us and focus on the immediate challenge of becoming more like Jesus and more effective at what we do.

Discipleship

We, the people, make up our church.

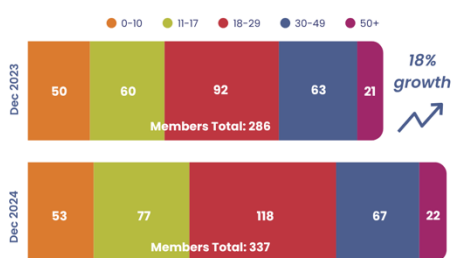
We meet weekly on Sundays and in Connect Groups.
We also gather for church holidays, social events and training.

399
STJ Disciples
2024*

73
Schools Disciples 2024
(in 'discipling' groups)

472
Total Disciples
2024*

* Includes those regularly involved in 2024 who have now moved



Average Sunday Attendance

152

Group Members

215

Equip Attendees

52

Save the Date
Equip 2025
1st March



We're praying for...

27 more



37 more



6 more



6 more

To be part of the Church is to be part of a missionary movement.

We are all called to help others come to faith and become disciples of Jesus. We understand mission to involve telling and teaching others about Jesus as well as tending to their needs through service, transforming unjust structures and treasuring the creation around us. Numbers don't tell the real story, but here's a summary of the people we've engaged with in 2024:

Mission



We also give away **14%** of our income to other missional activity:

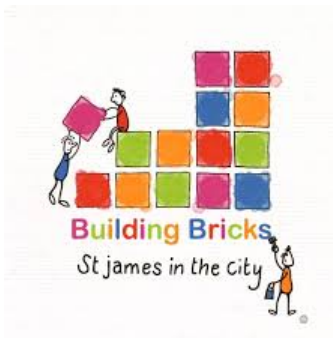
International
£1600

National
£2771

Local
£3275

Church Planting
£7000

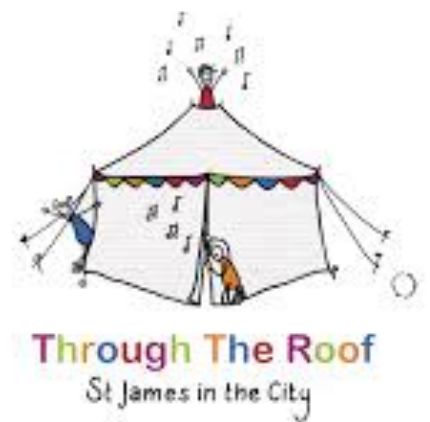
Music



St James in the City has always been a place where creativity flourishes – a gift we believe God has poured out on our community. When Debs Davies joined StJ as Worship Pastor, she brought with her a deep passion and gift for songwriting. In 2016, StJ released its first Family Worship EP, *Building Bricks*, followed by *Through the Roof* in 2017. These songs quickly became part of the fabric of our worship life – not a week goes by without one being sung in our gatherings.

They have helped create space for children and young people to feel seen, included, and valued in the life of our church.

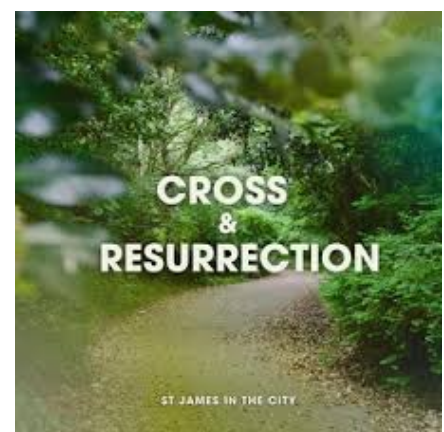
These early EPs showcased the craft and creativity of many in our community, including Debs Davies, Jerome Daniels, Richard Cawdron, Sam Wingfield, Georgia Harris, Steve Rowe, and narration from Luke & Nellie Rotherham. The project was produced by Joel Atkins and features now-iconic artwork by Richard Berwick.



When the pandemic hit in 2020 and physical gathering became impossible, StJ turned to new ways of connecting and worshipping. In April of that year, we released a new family worship song, *Nothing Stands Between Us*, followed by a Christmas EP titled *Salvation Is Here*. *Salvation Is Here* included two original songs and four reimagined carols, the EP was a way for people to worship and encounter the story of Jesus from their homes. Key

contributors included Matt Courtney, Lois Speakman, Sam Shandley, Rebecca Speakman, John Lisle, Tiria Lisle, Adam Courtney, Evelyn Halls, and Mike Halls.

This season also marked a turning point for the StJ Creative Team, who began writing more original music – not just to produce content, but as an act of worship, discipleship, and community. Over three years, 18 songs were developed, and in 2023, the team began recording what would become *Cross & Resurrection* – a worship project set to be released on 7th June 2025. This latest project was built more slowly



and collaboratively, with an emphasis on cultivating vulnerability through creativity and drawing in as many voices from the church family as possible. 22 creatives have contributed – some still worshipping with us, others now part of different communities, but all forever part of the story God is telling at StJ.

Songwriting contributions for Cross & Resurrection include Matt Courtney, Oli Rugg, Debs Davies, Abi Lubyayi, Sam Shandley, Andrew Bailey, Isaac Simms, Lara Pitt, Ethan Miller, Mel Jones, Bethan Daniels, and John Lisle.

Where should we plant?

As a Resource Church we have a focus on Church Planting.

We want to help churches throughout our diocese to become better versions of themselves by sending planting teams to Revitalise existing communities, becoming effective in mission and discipleship and viable for the long-term.

We've started our first Revitalisation at St Mary's Wavertree, and in the last eighteen months the Church has more than doubled in size. We celebrate the significant number of people in the Wavertree community who have become Disciples of Jesus through the Church plant and particularly on our Alpha courses.

As the Church grows in number, we are asking God to help us make a Bigger Difference in the community we are part of; and we are thankful for the work of STM Minis for pre-school families, for the Lilyfield's group reaching retired people, for the Foodbank and the Uniform groups who use our building.

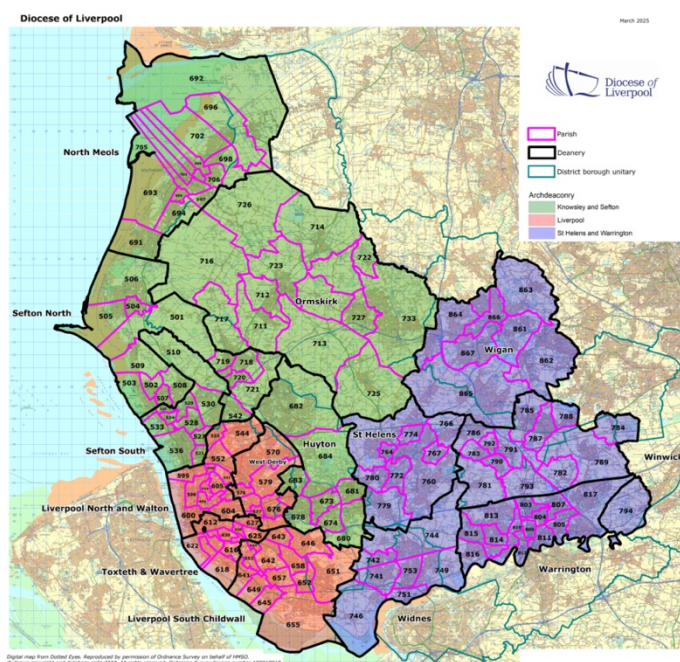
We are praying for our new Youth Project to reach young people and their families over the coming years.

St James' PCC puts £7000 aside each year for Church planting, and we have built up a Planting Fund ready to seed fund new Parish Revitalisations. We want to give away some of our Best Resources – people, skills and money – to help other Churches in our Deanery and Diocese flourish. We are ready for our next Church plant, and our hopes are that we could get into a Regular Rhythm of Church Planting: Revitalising another Church every 2 or 3 years.

Might God be calling You to be part of a Church Plant in the future? Where in the City Region do you live, work or study?

How is the Anglican Church doing in your local patch? Are there others from our Church who live close to where you live or work and share your Heart for Planting? Could you be part of bringing new Life and Hope to your local Community through a Parish Revitalisation?

Could you be part of this Planting Movement?



The Future

What could the future of St James look like?

We're in the early stages of planning our next building project and making the space better fit for purpose by:

- Installing a new heating system for the Main Space
- Making a better cafe and servery area
- Putting some extra breakout space underneath the balconies
- Restoring the balconies with new access points and seating space to increase capacity

Here's some architect drawings:

