

St James



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"I am happy to lend my support to the establishment of the St James Jubilee Foundation.

My first official experience of Guernsey was my Swearing - in as Lieutenant Governor at St James on 15 April 2011 and I remember being hugely impressed with the appropriateness of the venue for such a solemn and historically-charged event.

As an architectural masterpiece and a hugely versatile auditorium for the widest variety of cultural events, its success is attributable to an enthusiastic mix of professional and voluntary work which is so typical of Guernsey at its best.

I wish the Friends of St James well in their endeavours and commend the Foundation to all who have the good of Guernsey at heart - clearly we will all benefit by the long-term security that the Foundation will bring to St James"

Air Marshal Peter Walker CB, CBE
Lieutenant Governor



The cultural heart of Guernsey

St James, as Guernsey's premier Concert and Assembly Hall is popularly known, is a striking and prominent part of St Peter Port's elegant townscape. It is a beautiful building in the Greek revival style and, together with the adjacent Dorey Centre, offers a truly multi-functional community space used by thousands of islanders each year.

For such an important space, it often surprises users that, unlike Beau Sejour and the Princess Royal Centre for the Performing Arts, St James is maintained and operated by the Friends of St James, the charitable association responsible for administering the facility and which is supported in its efforts by a large number of local individuals and island businesses through personal and corporate membership schemes.

In 2010-2011 St James celebrated twenty-five years since the building was rescued from almost certain demolition by three far-sighted men, Richard de la Rue MBE, Rodney Collette and George Bramall.

In essence, St James is now run for all island residents by a group of dedicated staff and volunteers.

The building is owned by the States of Guernsey which remains responsible for maintaining the structure but it is leased to The Friends of St James who take responsibility for its successful operation.

While the Friends receive a small annual grant from the States to assist with operational costs, in reality St James is funded by commercial operations and annual donations. Having reached our 25th Anniversary and concerned to ensure the continued availability of St James to the

people of Guernsey, the Friends have established the St James Jubilee Foundation as a charitable trust to gather funds from well-wishers and to guarantee long-term support for this important facility.

The initial objective is to raise £500,000 to ensure that St James remains an asset for the people of Guernsey and that it will continue to thrive and be protected from most adverse circumstances.

Funds raised will not be employed to pay operational overheads or, except in extreme circumstances, to cover operational losses.

St James management and Council have day to day responsibility to ensure that losses are avoided and resources are appropriate to the revenue stream.

Foundation funds will be invested prudently and, with approval of the Trustees, may be released to the Friends of St James mainly for capital projects to support St James and develop its artistic and cultural work.



St James Jubilee

It was at a public meeting on 30 October 1815 that Guernseyman Admiral Sir James Saumarez, later Lord de Saumarez who served with Nelson, proposed the idea of building St James.

The church was to provide a place of worship for the British garrison in Guernsey, where services could be held in English because, at that time, services in the Town Church were held in French. The building, designed by John Wilson, also the architect of Elizabeth College, was completed in 1818 and it now provides an uplifting and dignified architectural focal point for the Grange.

After a full life, which, for many years included its use by Elizabeth College as a chapel, the building finally became redundant in 1970 and fell into partial decay.

The Friends of St James Association was formed in 1981 to secure the restoration of St James and then to administer the building as a concert and assembly hall. Thanks to the energetic support of a small number of States

Members, the States agreed, in 1983, to pay for its restoration and the building was officially re-opened on 5 July 1985 by HRH the Duke of Kent.

Unwilling to rest on their laurels and determined to create a truly multi-purpose centre, the Friends of St James embarked upon an intense period of fund raising to replace the simple tin-roofed annexe built during the 1930's with the Dorey Centre, completed in 2002, and which now includes meeting rooms for hire, a thriving café and administration offices.

St James now provides the island with a uniquely versatile venue for concerts and public events for a variety of tastes as well as a training, presentation and function centre for the business community.

The Trustees are prominent local individuals with an interest in St James and the cultural life of the island.

- Rupert Evans** an advocate of the Royal Court in Guernsey and a former States Member as douzaine representative for St Peter Port.
- Charles Tracy** a respected figure from the world of finance with a long standing involvement in Guernsey's musical life.
- Stephen Ainsworth** current President of the Friends of St James Association and senior partner of BWCI, a leading firm of actuaries with a strong social and cultural sponsorship programme.

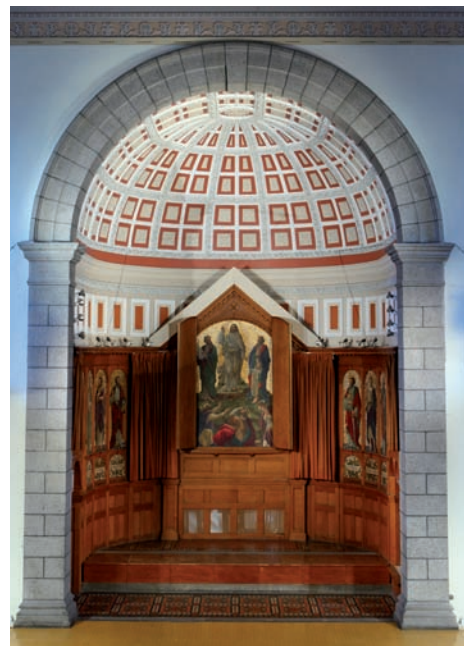
Significant donors to the St James Jubilee Foundation will be recognised as Patrons of St James and their very valuable contribution to the cultural life of the island will be marked by an annual Patron's Reception held at St James where it will be possible to experience at first-hand the magic of the building that their generosity serves to support.

Of course, anonymous gifts will be welcomed too.

We welcome both one-off gifts, regular annual payments and even a commitment to add St James as a beneficiary of your Will.

Bequests

Bequests in support of St James may be made directly to the St James Jubilee Foundation.

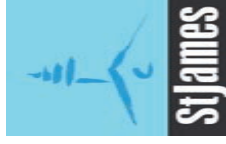


Foundation



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c/o The Treasurer
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to make a donation to the St James Jubilee Foundation

to be registered as a Patron of the Foundation (minimum donation £10,000)

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Title and Surname _____

First Name _____

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BACS payments should be made to:

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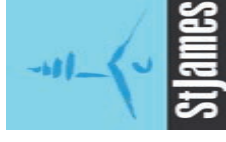
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to make a annual donation to the St James Jubilee Foundation

to be registered as a Patron of the Foundation (minimum annual donation £500)

Please find attached my details and agreement to commence a direct debit for the sum of £
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A Direct Debit Mandate form is available from St James.

Foundation Donation

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