

Thought for the day – Friday 9th July 2021

By Revd John Marshall

Dear Saint James

Dear Saint James, thank you so much for sharing in sixty years of ministry. It was a joy to take part in the service on the 4th July --- it was good to worship, remember and be surprised – and cry.

So thank you all those who organised and took part in the service. Thank you for the gifts – I am sure they will find their way into thoughts for the day. We enjoyed the cake too.

The first official time we came to Saint James was for fireworks and a bonfire in church house garden. We were warmly welcomed and that welcoming has continued and Saint James has continued to welcome worshippers and passers by.

I remembered a wedding at St James, and indeed we attended weddings at St James, of people from Kings Acre.

We remember the ministry of Vic Sheen, Colin Gale, Charles Cotton, Les Sanders, John Ohen and Kit Gunasekera.

Maggie remembers St James from before we came in 1995, as she used to pray with Jill Gale and her job share partner, for our own churches, after school on Wednesday evenings after we had done the planning for the following week as we were in parallel classes. So she had great delight in actually meeting you in person.

We are grateful for the sharing, loving, praying and worshipping and the meals.

Dear Saint James we thank God for you all, and remember “We are workers together with Christ.” (2 Corinthians 6.1)

John.