

## THE TRUSTEES

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

They are:

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| 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. |

## BEQUESTS

Bequests in support of St James may be made directly to the St James Jubilee Foundation which is a charitable trust registered with the Registrar of Non-Profit Organisations under the provisions of the Charities and Non-Profit Organisations (Registration) (Guernsey) Law, 2008 as amended, with reference number CH392

Any questions or enquiries concerning St James or the Jubilee Foundation should be directed to:

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For more information about St James, its events and activities, please visit

[www.stjames.gg](http://www.stjames.gg)

*Where there's a Will  
there's a legacy*

so what we leave behind is worthy of  
serious consideration



**St James**  
the cultural heart of Guernsey

## ST JAMES IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE ISLAND'S HISTORY

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

It was conceived as a place of worship for the English-speaking military garrison in Guernsey because, at that time, services in the Town Church were held in French.

Designed by John Wilson who was also the architect of Elizabeth College, the building was completed in 1818 and now provides an uplifting and dignified architectural focal point in the Grange.

After a full life, which included, for many years, its use as a chapel by Elizabeth College, 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 annex built during the 1930's with the magnificent Dorey Centre, completed in 2002 and which comprises meeting rooms, 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.**

## KEEPING THE LIGHTS ON AT ST JAMES

St James 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, while the building is owned by the States of Guernsey which remains responsible for maintaining the structure, the Friends of St James, through a group of dedicated staff and volunteers, are responsible for its successful operation.

Although benefiting from a small annual grant from the States to assist with operational costs, St James is effectively funded by operational surpluses and annual donations.

Reaching our 25th Anniversary and concerned to ensure the continued availability of St James to the people of Guernsey, the Friends established the St James Jubilee Foundation. This is a charitable trust established to gather funds from well-wishers to ensure long-term support for this important facility.

## THE ST JAMES JUBILEE FOUNDATION

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

The Trustees welcome the support of all who are interested in maintaining the rich cultural heritage of our island.

Key details are set out overleaf.