

Traditionally “St James”, the St James after whom our congregation is named, is remembered on “Feastday:” July 25 each year.

There were several St James living at the time Jesus was alive, and they too had their peculiarities, that is, why they were remembered. They are remembered on other days.

If St James is our Christian name, what is our surname?

Our surname is Lutheran—Lutherans are part of the larger group of people called Christian.

The name Lutheran has connections to a person called Luther. Luther didn't want any group of Christians to be called Lutherans.

To find out some more about how that name came to be connected to a group of Christians, look in the brochure called,

“**St James Christian Community,**
Who are we?”

It has its own interesting tale.



In Summary:
Our first aim is to be followers of Jesus Christ, but since our organisational Christian name is St James, we want to be like St James in that he was a follower of Jesus Christ and wanted others to know the benefits of knowing Jesus as their spiritual leader.

We would like to use attributes regarding St James to be connecting points with people today, to help us bring practical help and spiritual confidence to others.

God bless you, and if we can be of further assistance to you in your faith journey, or in finding lasting meaning in your life, contact details are given below.

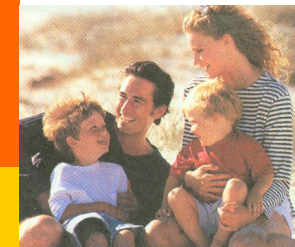
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Why is there a
“St James”
in Whyalla?



*St James people.
We are a Christ Centred
Community, Loving and
Caring for all people.*

Our “Christian” name: “St James”

- This is the only self chosen part of our local organization name.
- To find out who “St James” was read the brochure “**St James, Who was he?**”



- **One of the main reasons** for choosing St James was because this James was a follower and disciple of Jesus. We do not idolise St James the person, as if he were better than Jesus or that he is in some way superior to other people. But like St James, we value & do what is in harmony with what Jesus taught and did.



- Over the centuries a mentor status has been attributed to St James by the Christian Church, and to a lesser extent by the general public in some countries.



- St James was a mentor for who?

St James, the Patron Saint of Labours.

How Come?

The most telling incident that bought James a patron saint status was that long after his death, an extraordinary helpful occurrence was attributed to St James in the battle of Clavijo in Spain where the locals were fighting against the Moors.



Over the centuries labourers have sometimes been a used and abused group of people. St James became their adopted spiritual patron because...

St James has this reputation of “fighting for the common people”, He was a close friend and disciple of Jesus, thereby seemingly being “well connected”, He was a fisherman (a somewhat labour intensive task in his day.

Why in Whyalla?

Especially in our early “hay days” Whyalla had the ship building and steel works.

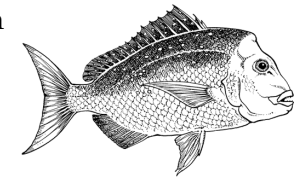
This meant there were a lot of labourers in Whyalla.

The ships to fishing boats is a loose connection back to St James the fisherman.



◆ Extra reasons: St James the fisherman:

Whyalla is on the coast with good fishing and famous sea life. Eg, The Cuttle Fish at Point Lowly, The Snapper Fishing competition, the King Fish farming, and all the other fish in the waters off Whyalla. An obvious connection!



- ◆ **St James’ nick name “Son of Thunder”**
A man of real conviction in what he was doing.

We certainly would like to foster a real conviction in what we do when we try to live out our mission statement by being hopeful helpful and genuine in what we do.

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