

The Vicar and Parochial Church Council of St Andrew's Cathedral
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A THANKSGIVING
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Organ & Bells

LED BY THE RIGHT REVD RENNIS PONNIAH
THE BISHOP OF SINGAPORE

ST ANDREW'S CATHEDRAL
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In this Bicentennial Year of Singapore,
St Andrew's Cathedral resounds her praises
and renews her rich heritage
to the glory of God.



The Organ Pipes

The pipe organ has been a part of the history of the Cathedral since 1861.

In the 1970s, when electronic organs were popular, this organ fell into disuse. The pipes were silent until 2008. This was when the first phase of the project to restore the organ and pipes was started; 415 pipes were restored. This work involved shipping the pipes back to the United Kingdom. In its second and final phase in 2017, another 600 pipes were sent there to be restored.

In June 2019, a set of the restored pipes was placed at the South Vestry. Another set of 12 wooden pipes stand at the West Gallery, 6 on each side of the silver pipes. These produce the lowest notes for the organ pedals. All pipes are played from the same console.

Today, over a thousand renewed pipes to the existing electronic organ will be used to produce a grander sound and to lend brilliance to worship. This has been made possible with God's amazing grace, the faithfulness of His people and the generous support of donors.

The Bells

In 1889, the Cathedral received a peal of eight bells from the family of Captain J. S. H. Fraser, H.E.I.C.S. These bronze bells were cast at the John Taylor & Co. Foundry in Loughborough, England, the same bell foundry that cast the bells of St Paul's Cathedral in London, England.

These eight bells, each named after an apostle, have been rung every Sunday for services, weddings, funerals, Easter and Christmas. They are the city's call to worship, continuing an Old Testament tradition of worship using the clashing sounds of cymbals. They are a part of Singapore's heritage of sounds in the civic district landscape.

While Anglican church bells are typically rung by change-ringing, the Cathedral bells had been sounded only by striking them with clappers. In change-ringing, bells are swung in an arc of 360 degrees and this produces a more majestic sound than other methods of bell ringing.

In 2018, we raised funds to add the option of change ringing. With the keen support of the congregation, the funds raised for this work resulted in a surplus which allowed for the purchase of 5 more new bells, the refurbishment of the bell tower, and the equipping and training of the bell-ringing ministry. St Andrew's Cathedral looks forward to majestically ringing out the praises of God in our land.

