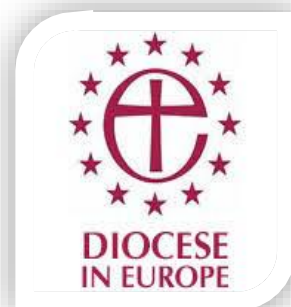
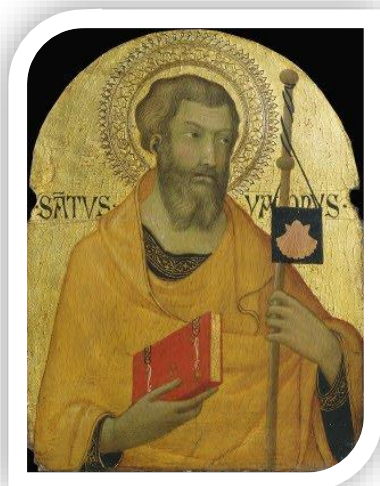


# The Church of St James, Porto



## IMPORTANT DATES IN THE HISTORY OF ST JAMES CHURCH AND THE BRITISH COMMUNITY IN OPORTO

1642	First British Consul in Oporto
1661	First reference to Chaplains in Oporto
1671-1807	Fourteen Chaplains to the British Factory
1691	First reference to the Treasurer (British Factory)
1716	Chaplaincy records held at the British Factory
1726	Birth of John Whitehead, British Consul (1756-1802)
1785	Building of the Factory House started (completed 1790)
1787	Purchase of Cemetery land
-	Oporto British Hospital founded (closed 1968)
1788	First recorded burial in the Cemetery
1798	First headstone placed in the Cemetery
1802	Death of John Whitehead
1809	Birth of John James Forrester
1814-1824	One Chaplain to the British Merchants
1814	British Association established
1815	Building of the Chapel started (completed 1818)
1817	New Mortuary Chapel built
1820	John Whitehead monument completed
1825-1874	Two Consular Chaplains
1831	Font installed in the Chapel
1842	Bishopric of Gibraltar established
1843	Consecration of the Chapel and Cemetery by the Bishop of Gibraltar, George Tomlinson. The Chapel named St James
1847	Building of the gallery with organ
1855	Oporto Cricket Club (later OCLTC) founded
1861	Death of Joseph James Forrester, Baron of Portugal
1866	Enlargement of the Chapel started (completed 1868) Chancel window installed New Mortuary Chapel built Oporto British Rowing Club (OBRC) founded (closed 1955)

1869	St James becomes part of the Diocese of Gibraltar (formed 1842)
1875 – 2021	Nineteen Chaplains to St James
1876	New register of graves started
1890	Choir and organ moved from the gallery to the body of the Church Oporto Niblicks (Golf) Club (OGC) founded
1891	Distressed British Subjects Fund (later BCF) established
1894	Oporto British School (OBS) founded
1899- 1939	Three Chaplains were also the Headmasters of the OBS
1903	Brass Eagle lectern presented to the Church Oporto British Club (OBC) founded. Merged with the OCLTC in 1967
1922	War Memorial completed, with names of the British Community – 25 from World War 1 and 7 from World War 2.
1926- 1936	Eight stained glass windows installed
1929	Name of British Episcopal Church of St James discontinued
1931- 1939	Monthly Parish Magazine
1935	New Vestry consecrated
1938	Concert given by Guilhermina, Suggia
1941 1942 1944	Commonwealth War Graves Commission 7 RAF 3RCAF 1 RAAF Airmen
1957	Visit of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth 11
1974	New organ installed
1979	Visit of Princess Anne
1984	Visit of Margaret Thatcher, British Prime Minister
1985	Visit of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth 11
1987	Visit of the Prince and Princess of Wales
1990	Visit of Princess Alexandra
1991	Inauguration of the Well House
1998	Well Magazine started (printing ceased 2022)
2005	British Consulate closed
2014	Extension of the Well House completed (Blessing in 2015)
2015	New Church booklet printed
2019	Joseph James Forrester plaque installed
2022	War Memorial restored
2023	New organ installed

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