



ST JAMES' CHURCH, WEYBRIDGE



www.stjamesweybridge.org.uk The Parish Office: 01932 856399 Email stjamesweybridge@btinternet.com

Parish Office hours term-time Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 9.30am - 1pm.

Rector The Revd. Father Damian Harrison-Miles BTh.

01932 481167 Email damomiles@btinternet.com



Churchwardens

Steve Mason ssmason@btinternet.com

Jill Wilson jillwilson133@gmail.com

DURING THIS WEEK AT ST JAMES

St James' Church is open daily from 9.15am until 12.30pm.

Monday 20th 9.15am Morning Prayer,
9:45am Flower guild meeting in Church to plan
for Advent & Christmas.

Tuesday 21st 8.45am Fr D Leading worship at St James School;
10am Tots Praise in Church;
1pm Emmaus Group (Theme: The Bible)
7.30pm Emmaus Group.

Wed 22nd 9.15am Morning Prayer; **11am Said Eucharist;**
11:30am Refreshments served in Church;
6pm Festival marshalls Meeting,
7:30pm Choir Practice.

Thurs 23rd 9.15am Morning Prayer; 1- 3pm Foodbank in
Church; 7:45pm Bell Ringing practice.

Friday 24th Church open 9am-12noon. Fr D off-duty.

Saturday 25th Church open 9am-12noon;
St James' Primary School Christmas Fair.

Next Sunday – CHRIST THE KING – 26th November 2023

8am Said Eucharist (in All Souls Chapel);

10am Sung Eucharist with Choir & activity packs for children

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Please remember in your prayers the following who are in need
(first names only are given, for data protection reasons):

In acute need: Ansar, Anthony, Bernie, Bob, Brenda, Cath,
Charles, Charu, Crystal, Dave, Derek, Graham, Ian, Iain, Jane,
Jeanette, Joanna, Jennifer, Jenny, John, Josephine, Kathleen,
Keith, Lindsay, Mark, Mary, Muriel, Olivia, Pat, Paul, Pauline,
Raymond, Robert, Roy, Sally, Shirley, Simon, Stella, Sue, Ted,
Tim, Trevor & Veronica.

Recently Departed: Gillian Moore, Donald Longmore & Susan
Hampson.

In the year's mind: Ian Murdoch, Winsome Leeper, Norman
Lornie, Elizabeth Livesey, Olive Beresford, Albert Beresford &
Sydney Veitch (Priest).

PRAYER FOR ISRAEL AND PALESTINE

**Isaiah 11.9, "They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy
mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the
LORD as the waters cover the sea."**

God of mercy, we pray earnestly, send your Holy Spirit of
peace and comfort, to surround all those whose lives have
been torn apart by violence and death in Israel and Palestine.
Amen. Donations could make a huge difference to the
conditions of those affected.

EMMAUS GROUPS 2023

Tuesday 21st November at 1pm or 7:30pm – theme is *the
Bible. The handout will be sent via mailer*

Future sessions: 28.11.23 - Prayer, our life lived out with God
January 2024 sessions

16.01.24 - Living God's way and serving the Lord

23.01.24 - Relationships, love, time, forgiveness and money

30.01.24 – 7:30pm last session and sharing a meal together.

2 BEEFORE ADVENT – 19th November 2023

Gluten free wafers are available; please ask one of
the Wardens. For use of the hearing loop please select T.

8am Said Eucharist

Celebrant & Preacher: Father Damian.

Intercessions: Josh. Server and Welcome: Shirley.

10am Sung Eucharist with choir and Sunday school

Introit Be thou my vision 339

Gradual In the Lord I'll be ever thankful

Offertory Immortal, invisible, God only wise 377

Anthem Listen Sweet Dove Ives

Communion O happy band of pilgrims 418

Recessional King of glory, king of peace 391

Celebrant & Preacher: Father Damian.

Reader: Christine P. Intercessions: Keith E.

**Organist: Lindsay Bridgwater. Servers: Richard, Valerie
& Tiffany. EM's: Valerie, Donna, Alison & Julia.**

The 10am Sung Eucharist is available to view live at
www.facebook.com/stjamesweybridge or later on YouTube.

11am refreshments served in the Parish Centre.

**4pm Lego Club – last session of the year! Led by
Father Damian. Join us for some fun!**

FORTHCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 3rd December – Advent Sunday

Weybridge Christmas Festival, in and around the Church &
Halls, 11:30pm-5pm, 3pm Christingle with Bishop Paul, 4pm
lights switch-on with guest celebrities from Esher panto!

We need your help with this outreach event. Please invite
family, friends, and neighbours to join in. Thank you.

Sunday 17th December - Nine Lessons and Carols 6pm

FOODBANK NEEDS – NOVEMBER

Cereal, jam, rice, rice pudding, dog food, antibacterial spray,
bars of soap, nappies (sizes 2, 6 & 7), shampoo, shower gel,
tampons, toothbrushes, & washing up liquid. You can also
give a financial donation via [Runnymede Foodbank | Helping
Local People in Crisis](http://Runnymede Foodbank | Helping Local People in Crisis)

LEGO CLUB next session Sunday 21st January 2024,

4-5.30pm All budding LEGO builder's welcome. Cost just
£3.00 per young person including pasta meal. Please let us
know if you hope to attend: stjamesweybridge@btinternet.com

WINTER PRIZE DRAW

Can you help sell raffle tickets? £2 each/£10
per book. Packs are available from the Hall
over coffee! Top prizes of £500, Spa Day
for 2, personal training sessions, £100
Lebanese Please restaurant voucher
and many more wonderful prizes too.



Cheques should only be made payable to: **Weybridge PCC.** We have a contactless payment device for card payments in Church.

Reg. Charity No: 1130714. Items for the newsletter and mailer by Thursday 9am – to damomiles@btinternet.com

COLLECT

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING Thessalonians 5.1–11

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

Concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, 'There is peace and security,' then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing. This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

Taizé

**In the Lord I'll be ever thankful, In the Lord I will
rejoice. Look to God, do not be afraid,
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near;
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near.**

**GOSPEL**

Matthew 25.14–30

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to his disciples, 'The kingdom of heaven is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two

more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'" This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope: bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

Parish Giving Scheme - Electoral Roll members who have provided an email address will have received letters this week about giving and the Parish Giving Scheme. A big thank you to those who are contributing financially to our ministry and mission at St James' Church. We need to grow spiritually so that we may better reflect Christ in our daily lives. We need to grow numerically because others need Christ in their lives and because new parishioners add life and vitality to our church. Please reflect and pray on your giving to make our growth possible. The Stewardship team is available after church on Sunday to answer any questions you may have. Thank you!

