

ST JAMES' CHURCH, WEYBRIDGE



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DURING THIS WEEK AT ST JAMES

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

Monday 4th Parish Office is closed today

9-11am Church tidy & clean post Festival event

Tuesday 5th 8.45am Fr D leading assembly at St James Sch;

10am Tots Praise in Church;

No Emmaus until January

Wed 6th 9.15am Morning Prayer; 11am Said Eucharist;

11:30am Refreshments served in Church;

7:30pm Choir Practice.

Thurs 7th 9.15am Morning Prayer; 1- 3pm Foodbank in

Church; 5pm Heathside Carol Concert;

7:45pm Bell Ringing practice.

Friday 8th Church open 9am-12noon;

7:30pm Male Voice Choir Concert in church.

Saturday 9th Fr D off-duty. Church open 9am–12noon.

Next Sunday - Advent 2 - 10th December 2023

8am Said Eucharist (in All Souls Chapel);

10am Sung Eucharist with Choir & activity packs for children, 11am refreshments served in the Parish Centre

11:30am Family Service "Mary & Joseph travel to Bethlehem"

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, Christine, 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. Recently Departed: Gillian Moore & Greg John Mason. In the year's mind: Brian Neave, Dorothy Edmondson, Barrie Anderson, Bill Morrell, Thomas Raybould, Nanci Miller, Michael Veitch & Megan Watson-Liddell.

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." Let us pray for all involved in any way: 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.

FOODBANK NEEDS – DECEMBER

Cereal, coffee, instant mash, instant noodles, jam, long life juice, rice, rice pudding, squash, tinned meat, dog food, antibacterial spray, bars of soap, deodorant, hand soap, nappies (sizes 6 & 7), shampoo, shaving foam, shower gel, tampons, toothbrushes, toothpaste & washing up liquid. You can also give a financial donation via Runnymede Foodbank | Helping Local People in Crisis

ADVENT SUNDAY – 3rd December 2023

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

Due to the Festival today please note

No parking in the church car park on Sunday.

No drop off or pick up at the church gates on Sunday. Parking in Churchfields car park – charge from 12noon.

8am Said Eucharist

Celebrant, Preacher & Intercessions: Father Damian.

10am Sung Eucharist with choir, activity packs for kids

Introit Hark, a herald voice is calling **Candle Song** The Holly & the ivy see service card Gradual In our darkness see reverse side

Offertory Wake O wake with tidings thrilling 16

Communion The advent of our God Anthem And the glory of the Lord Handel

Recessional Lo! he comes with clouds

Celebrant, Preacher & Intercessions: Father Damian.

Reader: Helen G. Organist: Lindsay Bridgwater. Servers: Richard, Valerie & Charlotte.

EM's: Jane M, Valerie, Julia & Steve.

The 10am Sung Eucharist is available to view live at www.facebook.com/stjamesweybridge or later on YouTube. 11am refreshments served at the back of St James' Church.

11:30am - 5pm WEYBRIDGE CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

3pm Christingle with Bishop Paul Davies 4pm Churchyard lights switch-on with the Mayor of Elmbridge and guest celebrity, Sinitta!

ADVENT SEASON AT ST JAMES' CHURCH, WEYBRIDGE

Sunday 10th December (Advent 2)

8am Said Eucharist; 10am Sung Eucharist with Choir; 11:30am Family Service

Monday 11th December 6.30pm Memorial Service

association with Lodge Brothers Funeral Directors

Sunday 17th December (Advent 3)

8am Said Eucharist; 10am Sung Eucharist with Choir and Sunday School;

6pm CANDLE-LIT NINE LESSONS & CAROLS SERVICE

Followed by Mulled Wine and Mince Pies Served in the Parish Centre

Sunday 24th December Christmas Eve (Advent 4)

8am Said Eucharist; 10am Said Eucharist with hymns;

3pm or 5pm FAMILY CRIB SERVICE

CHRISTMAS AT ST JAMES' CHURCH, WEYBRIDGE

11:30pm CHORAL MIDNIGHT MASS

With individual candles, Carols & Holy Communion

ADVENT 1 YEAR B

COLLECT

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING 1 Corinthians 1.3–9

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians. My brothers and sisters: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind – just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you – so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

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In our darkness there is no darkness with you O Lord, the deepest night is clear as the day.

GOSPEL

Mark 13.24-37

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

Jesus said to his disciples: 'In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in clouds" with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep

awake – for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.' This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

LEGO CLUB next meet Sunday 21st January 2024, 4-5.30pm in the large hall. All budding LEGO builder's welcome. Cost just £3.00 per child including pasta meal. Please let us know if you hope to attend: stjamesweybridge@btinternet.com

EMMAUS GROUPS 2023

Tuesday 28th November at 1pm or 7:30pm – theme is *Prayer. The handout will be sent via mailer.*

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.

WINTER PRIZE DRAW

Can you help sell raffle tickets? £2 each/£10 per book. Packs are available after church and over coffee!



Pot/Dipper; Bluebell 33 - Initial Placemat/Coaster; Bachmanns Patisserie -

Tickets available: through the Parish Office or contact stjamesweybridge@btinternet.com, Ref: Prize Draw

or Sunday mornings 11am -11.30am in the Parish Centre.

Registered under the Gambling act 2005, licence: Elmbridge Borough Council LN/202300666.

Reg Charity No. 113074 Promoter: Mrs SM Scrivener, 42 Fortescue Road, Weybridge, Surrey, KT13 8XG
Tickets are not transferable and may not be purchased by persons under 16 years of age.

Extra Large Sacher Torte Cake