



# 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.**

**St James CofE School Holiday until Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January.**

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> 9.15am Morning Prayer

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> 9.15am Morning Prayer; 2:30pm Norfolk House carols with St James' Choir.

Wed 20<sup>th</sup> 9.15am Morning Prayer; **11am Said Eucharist**; 11:30am Refreshments served in Church; 7:30pm Choir Practice.

Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> **Deadline for all Christmas Newsletters is 8am.** 9.15am Morning Prayer; 1- 3pm Foodbank in Church; 7:45pm Bell Ringing practice.

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> **Fr D is off-duty until Sunday morning.** No Parish Office today.

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> Church Christmas flowers arranged today.

## Next Sunday – Advent 4 – 24<sup>th</sup> December 2023

### CHRISTMAS EVE

**8am Said Eucharist** (in All Souls Chapel);

**10am Sung Eucharist** with Choir & activity packs for children,

11am refreshments served in the Parish Centre

**3pm Crib & Toy Service**

4-5pm visit the donkeys in the church garden!

**5pm Crib & Toy Service**

**11:30pm Midnight Mass** with candles and carols

### 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, Colin, 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 and Vanessa. **Recently Departed:** Linda Dorothy Jones, Greg John Mason & Diane Studt. **In the year's mind:** Maureen Dixon, Edwin Dixon & Stuart Lawrence.

### 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.

Financial donation via:

**Runnymede Foodbank | Helping Local People in Crisis**

## ADVENT 3 – 17<sup>th</sup> December 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 & Intercessions: Father Damian.**

**10AM SUNG EUCHARIST** with choir & Sunday School

Introit	On Jordan's Bank	12
Candle Song	The Holly & the ivy	see service card
Gradual	In our darkness	see reverse side
Offertory	Come thou, redeemer	omit* 3, 4, 5 19
Anthem	People, look east the time is near	Trad.
Communion	Hark my soul	see reverse side
Recessional	It came upon the midnight clear	

**Celebrant & Preacher: Father Damian. Organist: Lindsay Bridgwater. Reader: Gretchen S. Intercessions: Patricia B. Servers: Steve, Jane & Richard.**

**EMs: Jane, Donna, Alison & Steve.**

The 10am Sung Eucharist is available to view live at [www.facebook.com/stjamesweybridge](http://www.facebook.com/stjamesweybridge) or later on YouTube. 11am refreshments served in the Parish Centre with sale of Marmalade, jam, and chutney as well as Prize Draw tickets.

### 6pm CANDLE-LIT NINE LESSONS & CAROLS SERVICE

Followed by Mulled Wine and Mince Pies in the Parish Centre

## ADVENT SEASON AT ST JAMES' CHURCH, WEYBRIDGE

### Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December CHRISTMAS EVE (Advent 4)

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

**3pm and 5pm FAMILY CRIB & TOY SERVICE**

Please bring a new, unwrapped toy to donate

### CHRISTMAS AT ST JAMES' CHURCH, WEYBRIDGE

**11:30pm CHORAL MIDNIGHT MASS**

With individual candles, Carols & Holy Communion

### Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December CHRISTMAS DAY

10am Sung Choral Eucharist

Followed by refreshments at the back of church.

### Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> December – John Apostle & Evangelist

11am Said Eucharist (With Canon Richard Truss)

Followed by refreshments at the back of church.

### Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> December CHRISTMAS 1 / New Year's Eve

8am Said Eucharist; 10am Said Eucharist with carols

**12noon Holy Baptisms**

**DESERT ISLAND DISCS** with Fr Damian in the hot seat!

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January, 7:30pm in The Parish centre. Tickets available now in aid of the Friends of St James. *Don't miss it!*

### EMMAUS GROUPS 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.

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](mailto:damomiles@btinternet.com)

## COLLECT

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING **Isaiah 61.1–4, 8–11**

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.  
The servant of the LORD said: The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion – to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, to display his glory. They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. For I the LORD love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the LORD has blessed. I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations. This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL **John 1.6–8, 19–28**

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**  
There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, 'I am not the Messiah.' And they asked him, 'What then? Are you

Elijah?' He said, 'I am not.' 'Are you the prophet?' He answered, 'No.' Then they said to him, 'Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?' He said, 'I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, "Make straight the way of the Lord,"' as the prophet Isaiah said. Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, 'Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?' John answered them, 'I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal.' This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**



## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts; kindle in us the fire of your Spirit that when your Christ comes again we may shine as lights before his face; who is alive and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

**WEYBRIDGE CHRISMAS FESTIVAL FEEDBACK PLEASE**

Please share your feedback to Juliet Marsh on [julietmarsh@aol.com](mailto:julietmarsh@aol.com). There will also be paper and a feedback box this Sunday on the raffle table during coffee.

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS**

There will be a collection at the end of the service this Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December - Thank you to those who have already donated. If you prefer to use the card reader, please mention or note that your donation is for the flowers. Thank you.

**PRESERVES FOR CHURCH FUNDS – 11AM THIS SUNDAY**

Marmalade, jam, and chutney sale in the parish centre after the 10am service (17<sup>th</sup>). Proceeds to our Church.

**COMMUNION HYMN**

**Hark, my soul, it is the Lord;  
'tis thy Saviour, hear his word;  
Jesus speaks, and speaks to thee,  
'Say, poor sinner, lov'st thou me?**

**'I delivered thee when bound,  
and, when wounded, healed thy wound;  
sought thee wandering, set thee right,  
turned thy darkness into light.**

**'Can a woman's tender care  
cease towards the child she bare?  
Yes, she may forgetful be, yet will I remember thee.**

**'Mine is an unchanging love, higher than the heights above,  
deeper than the depths beneath,  
free and faithful, strong as death.**

**'Thou shalt see my glory soon,  
when the work of grace is done;  
partner of my throne shalt be:  
say, poor sinner, lov'st thou me?'**



**Lord, it is my chief complaint that my love is weak and faint;  
yet I love thee, and adore; O for grace to love thee more!**