



ST JAMES' WEYBRIDGE

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THIS WEEK AT ST JAMES' CHURCH, WEYBRIDGE

St James' Church open times will vary this week – see below

- Mon 23rd 9.15am Morning Prayer; No Ark until Monday 6th January; **2.30pm Carols at Norfolk House**
- Tues 24th 9am Vestry team in Church; 9.15am Morning Prayer via Zoom; 3pm & 5pm Crib Services; **11:30pm Midnight Mass** with Carols.
- Wed 25th **10.00am Sung Festival Eucharist of Christmas** followed by coffee & Christmas cake in Church.
- Thurs 26th St Stephen – no services today. Church closed.
- Friday 27th *Damian & Tom are off duty until Saturday 4 January*
- Saturday 28th Church open 9am – 12.30pm.



NEXT SUNDAY CHRISTMAS 1 – 29th December 2024
8am Said Eucharist
10am Said Eucharist with Carols

JUNIOR CHURCH

Every 1st, 3rd, 4th and 5th Sunday of term-time in the Small Hall at 10am for children aged 3-11 years. We will resume after Christmas on Sunday 19th January.

LEGO CLUB

Next meeting **Sunday 19th January** at 4pm. Please book-in now at stjamesweybridge@btinternet.com

LOOKING AHEAD... DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Norfolk House Christmas Carols - Monday 23rd Dec, 2pm.

Christmas Eve - 3pm or 5pm Crib & Toy services; 11:30pm Midnight Mass with Carols.

Christmas Day - 10am Sung Festival Eucharist.

Epiphany Sunday – 5th January '25 8am Said Eucharist; 10am Sung Eucharist; 6pm Carols before the Crib *followed by party!*

Lights Down – Volunteers please for Saturday 11th January from 9am around the church and parish centre grounds.

PCC & Clergy Team Away Day – Saturday 18th January

PCC Meeting – Monday 20th January, 7pm Eucharist, 7.30pm Meeting in Church.

Wedding Couples Preparation – Monday 27th January, 7.30pm.

Candlemas Celebrations (The Presentation of Christ in the Temple) Sunday 2nd February, Sung Festival Eucharist with The Rt Revd Paul Davies, Bishop of Dorking.

Seasonal Greetings from St James' cards are now on sale at the back of Church, priced at £1.50 each



ADVENT 4 – 22nd December 2024

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: Fr Damian.

Deacon: Rev'd Tom. **Server & Reader:** vacancy

10am Sung Parish Eucharist

Today we use the new Complete Anglican Hymn Book.

Introit	Tell out, my soul	631
Candle Song	<i>(printed in the Advent service card)</i>	
Gradual	In our darkness	<i>see over page</i>
Offertory	Of the Father's love (omit vv 4 & 5)	486
Communion	The angel Gabriel	634
Anthem	My Lord has come	<i>Will Todd</i>
Recessional	God rest you merry (omit vv 4, 5 & 6)	229

The service is followed by refreshments in the Parish Centre.

Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Damian. **Deacon & Gospeller:**

Rev'd Tom. **Organist:** Lindsay Bridgwater. **Reader:** Richard.

Intercessions: Ann D. **Servers:** Oliver, Valerie & Julia.

Eucharistic Ministers: Valerie, Donna & Julia.

Wardens: Hilary Butler & Juliet Marsh.

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

12noon Holy Baptism

We welcome Gaia Hobday to our Church family.

Led by Revd Tom. Welcome: Fr Damian

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

If you'd like a name added please contact the Parish Office.

Please remember in your prayers the following who are in need:

In acute need: Anne, Anthony, Christopher, Christine, Colin, Connie, Crystal, Haiquou, Heather, Helen, Holly, Ian, Jane, Lindsay, Margaret, Robin, Sophie & Stanley. **Recently departed:** Sue Coles, Susan Benham, John Hill, Amy, Ann Field & Hazel Halliday. **In the Year's Mind:** Stuart Lawrence, Alan Davison, Peter Watson, Ivy Crafter & Albert Todman.

MORNING PRAYER ON TUESDAYS AT 9.15 AM

Please join us on Tuesday mornings via Zoom for Morning Prayer. It's 30 minutes, and a lovely way to start the day! The Zoomlink is here - <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82993801653>

FAITH CONFIRMED

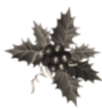
Thank you to all who took part in our adult Faith Confirmed group this autumn. We have enjoyed brilliant discussions. The final children's session is on Sunday 26th January, 4pm.

EPIPHANY CELEBRATION – SUNDAY 5th JANUARY

Something new – 6pm Epiphany Carols before the Crib, followed by our popular bring & share 12th night party at the back of church. Please bring a bottle of wine and/or a plate of food to share (especially cheese!) and help celebrate the conclusion to our Christmas festivities.

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 Tuesday 9am – items to damomiles@btinternet.com



COLLECT

God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our Saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING Micah 5.2–5a

A reading from the book of the prophet Micah.
The LORD says to his people: But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore, he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labour has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL

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

GOSPEL Luke 1.39–55

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

Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.' And Mary said, 'My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to

Abraham and to his descendants for ever.' This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

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POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Heavenly Father, who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of the promised Saviour: fill us your servants with your grace, that in all things we may embrace your holy will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

VISITING THE PARISH OFFICE

We have an exceptionally busy Parish Office, and we know you value being able to drop in to chat to Ann and ask questions. But we also need to ensure Ann has time to complete her work on our behalf, without being regularly interrupted. Moving forward, unless you have made an appointment IN ADVANCE with Ann, we respectfully ask you only drop in between the hours of 11am – 12noon, Monday to Friday. Please respect the Parish Office as a workspace, and not a place for casual conversations and cups of tea.

Thank you for your understanding.

GIFT FOR THE CHURCH PLUS MATCHED GIVING

While you are busy with your holiday shopping and preparing for the Christmas season, could you add St James' Church to your Christmas gift list this year? Most of us contribute via the Parish Giving Scheme or through other planned giving, so we don't naturally think of an **additional gift** for the Church for Christmas. And your contributions are needed this year more than ever. During the holidays, we are especially aware of your gifts and how they benefit our wider church community. A parishioner has pledged to match **YOUR** giving at our Christmas services, so please give generously! Thank you for all you do and Merry Christmas from all of us at St James' Church Weybridge!

LIGHTS DOWN – YOUR CHURCH NEEDS YOU!

Thank you to everyone who has helped decorate our Church so beautifully this Christmas and assisted with the services in any way. Saturday 11th January, from 9.00am - we need your help to take down the church Christmas lights and pack everything away for another year. Thank you so much.

