



# ST JAMES' CHURCH, WEYBRIDGE



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## CHRISTMAS WEEK AT ST JAMES' CHURCH, WEYBRIDGE

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

10am Sung Choral Eucharist

*Followed by refreshments at the back of church.*

*Fr Damian is off-duty Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> – Friday 29<sup>th</sup>.*

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

11am Said Eucharist with Canon Richard Truss

*Followed by refreshments at the back of church.*

Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> Parish Office open 9am – 1pm Thurs/Fri

*Deadline for newsletter is 8am.*

1- 3pm Foodbank in Church.

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> 6pm wedding rehearsal in church

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> 12 noon wedding in Church



### Next Sunday – **CHRISTMAS 1** - 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023

8am Said Eucharist (in All Souls Chapel);

10am Said Eucharist with Carols,

11am refreshments served in the Parish Centre

12 noon Holy Baptism – Tobias William Kettel

## 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. **Recently Departed:** Linda Dorothy Jones, Greg John Mason, Diane Studt & Vanessa Hinchliffe. **In the year's mind:** Peter Watson, Ivy Crafter, Albert Todman & Kathleen Wakelin.

**Prayer list notice** – the list will be wiped clean for January. If you have someone you'd like to add, please reach to Niki in the Parish Office [stjamesweybridge@btinternet.com](mailto:stjamesweybridge@btinternet.com) or 01932 856399.

## 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.

**Appeal** – Many people have been killed or displaced after the escalation of violence in Israel and Palestine. Please consider a donation to Christian Aid and share hope with people in need. [Middle East Crisis Appeal](#) | [Christian Aid](#)

## 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.

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

## ADVENT 4 – 24<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

Introit	Tell out, my soul	186
Candle Song	The holly & the ivy	see service card
Gradual	In our darkness	see over page
Offertory	Sing we of the blessed Mother	185
Anthem	The Angel Gabriel	see over page
Communion	A great and mighty wonder	21
Recessional	God rest you merry, gentlemen	25

**Celebrant & Preacher: Father Damian. Organist: Lindsay**

**Bridgwater. Reader: Louise B. Intercessions: Hilary B.**

**Servers: Oliver, Julia & Valerie.**

**EMs: Margaret, Donna, Julia & Neill.**

*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 following the service.*



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

*Please bring a new, unwrapped toy to donate to a child*

### 11:30pm CHORAL MIDNIGHT MASS

*With individual candles, Carols & Holy Communion*

*\*We plan to live stream Midnight Mass*

## Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January **EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD** (12<sup>th</sup> night!)

### 7.30pm Sung Festival Eucharist

*\*We plan to live stream Epiphany*

## 12<sup>TH</sup> NIGHT BRING & SHARE PARTY & PRIZE DRAW!

Following the Eve of Epiphany Eucharist, we will draw our Winter Prize Draw during a celebration party.

Please bring with you: wine, cheese, nibbles, and other yummy food and drink to share.

Questions? Email: [julietmarsh@aol.com](mailto:julietmarsh@aol.com)



## 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.

## CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM OUR LEADERSHIP TEAM

A sincere thank you to the many people who have helped in any way to make this Advent and Christmas at St James so beautiful and moving. It has been just fantastic.



**We wish you and yours a very Merry**

**Christmas and a joyful and peaceful New Year.**



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)

## ADVENT 4

## YEAR B

### 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

**Romans 16.25–27**

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

To God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith – to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory for ever! **Amen.** This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### GRADUAL

*Taizé*

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

### GOSPEL

**Luke 1.26–38**

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

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.' Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her. This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## 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.**

### CHRISTMAS TREES, DECORATIONS & FLOWERS

Thank you to all who donated for our lovely Christmas flowers. Squires did us proud with two lovely trees for the high altar, supported with contributions from the choirs that sang during December. With the High Altar Crib they look beautiful and a fitting celebration of the feast of Christmas.

### HELP NEEDED PLEASE, SATURDAY 6 JANUARY!

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> January from 9am. Removal of all Christmas decorations inside our buildings and extra cleaning. Outside the church – removal of the Christmas tree and various lighting strings and supports. Wrap up warm and bring heavy duty gloves! Thanks for your help.

### DESERT ISLAND DISCS

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

### COMMUNION ANTHEM

The angel Gabriel from heaven came,  
his wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame;  
"All hail," said he, "thou lowly maiden, Mary,  
most highly favoured lady," Gloria!

"For known a blessed Mother thou shalt be,  
all generations laud and honour thee,  
Thy Son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold,  
most highly favoured lady," Gloria!

Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head,  
"To me be as it pleaseth God," she said,  
"My soul shall laud and magnify his holy name."  
Most highly favoured lady, Gloria!

Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ, was born  
in Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn:  
and Christian folk throughout the world will ever say--  
"Most highly favoured lady," Gloria!

