



ST JAMES' CHURCH, WEYBRIDGE



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THIS WEEK AT ST JAMES' CHURCH, WEYBRIDGE

- Monday 8th 9.15am Morning Prayer; 7.30pm properties committee meeting at the Rectory.
- Tue 9th 8.45am Worship at St James' CofE School; 9am vestry team in church; 7.30pm Handbells Group in the small hall; 7.30pm Liturgy & Ministry group meet via Zoom.
- Wed 10th 11am Said Eucharist followed by refreshments at the back of church; 7.30pm Standing Committee in parish office; 7.30pm choir practice in church.
- Thurs 11th 9.15am Morning Prayer; 11am Norfolk House communions; 1-3pm foodbank in church; 1.45pm Church Together in Weybridge meeting; 7.30pm Bell Ringing practice.
- Friday 12th Church open 9.15am - 12noon. Fr Damian is off-duty today.
- Saturday 13th 9.15am Morning Prayer; church open 9.15am - 12noon; 2pm - 7pm Chertsey District Bell Ringers AGM with 4.30pm Evening Service in Church.

Next Sunday – EPIPHANY 2 - 14th January 2024

8am Said Eucharist (in All Souls Chapel);

10am Sung Eucharist with Choir

11am refreshments served in the Parish Centre

11:30am Family Service in All Souls Chapel

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: Brenda, Charles, Colin, Estelle, Jane, Lindsay, Ron & Trevor. **Recently Departed:** Samira Lambert & Greg John Mason. **In the year's mind:** Dorothy Bumpus, Tom Chatfield & Ron Gow.

Prayer list notice – the *In Acute Need* list has been renewed. If you'd like a name added please contact Niki in the Parish Office on stjamesweybridge@btinternet.com or 01932 856399.

GENERAL NOTICES

Flowers To make a special donation to our weekly flowers, perhaps in memory or celebration, please see the notice displayed at the back of the church. Mark your gift-aid envelopes with 'Flowers.'

Tot's Praise! 10am every **Tuesday** of term-time in St James' Church. Fun songs and stories for parents/carers with pre-school age children/babies. Bring a snack with you for them to enjoy.

Care In Weybridge We need more volunteer drivers! Call 07881 698381 9am - 12 noon any weekday, or email: volunteeringforcareweybridge@outlook.com

Wedding Couples Preparation session on Monday 5th February 8pm in church. Essential for all couples planning on being married at St James during 2024!

BAPTISM OF CHRIST – 7th January 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 & Intercessions: Father Damian.

Server & Reader: Patricia B.



10AM SUNG FESTIVAL EUCHARIST

With Choir and Sunday School

Introit	On Jordan's bank the Baptist cry	12
Gradual	Celtic Alleluia	
Offertory	O Jesus, I have promised	420
Anthem	Lo, star-led chiefs	Crotch
Communion	I the Lord of sea and sky see over page	
Recessional	Guide me, O thou great redeemer	368

Celebrant & Preacher: Father Damian. Organist: Lindsay Bridgwater. Reader David O. Intercessor Donna M. Servers: Richard, Valerie & Tiffany. EMs: Neill, Donna, Valerie, and Alison. Warden: Jill.

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

EMMAUS GROUPS JANUARY 2024 SESSIONS

Next sessions 1pm or 7.30pm in Church. 16th - Living God's way and serving the Lord, 23rd - Relationships, love, time, forgiveness, and money. These are stand-alone and all are welcome to the discussion. We begin with refreshments. 30th - 7:30pm only last session and sharing a meal together. Please sign up at the back of church for the meal. Thank you.

FOODBANK NEEDS – JANUARY

Instant mash, long life milk, tinned meat, tinned spaghetti, tinned tuna/fish, antibacterial spray, conditioner, deodorant, liquid hand soap, razors, shaving foam & toilet roll. **Runnymede Foodbank | Helping Local People in Crisis**

DESERT ISLAND DISCS with Fr Damian in the hot seat!

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

Have you heard our heating faculty has been approved?

As a result, every little bit helps! Please donate to the church <https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/15926#>

Christmas Eve/Christmas Day attendance numbers were the best for several years, close to 1,200 people. Many of those were visitors – thank you for being so welcoming!

What are your plans Saturday morning 6th January? Could you help at church with our Christmas deconstruction and cleaning? There are both big and small jobs for those who like ladders and those who like their feet firmly on the ground, working in small teams. Hope to see you from 9am.

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 – items to damomiles@btinternet.com

BAPTISM OF CHRIST

YEAR B

COLLECT

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Acts 19.1–7

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the inland regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, 'Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?' They replied, 'No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.' Then he said, 'Into what then were you baptized?' They answered, 'Into John's baptism.' Paul said, 'John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.' On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied – altogether there were about twelve of them. This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL



GOSPEL

Mark 1.4–11

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

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.' In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You

are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.' This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord of all time and eternity, you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son: by the power of your Spirit complete the heavenly work of our rebirth through the waters of the new creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

OFFERTORY HYMN

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin,
My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am Lord. Is it I Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me:
I will hold your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them;
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life for them.
Whom shall I send?

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](#)