



ST JAMES' WEYBRIDGE

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THIS WEEK AT ST JAMES' CHURCH, WEYBRIDGE

St James' Church is open 9.15am – 12.30pm.

- Mon 3rd 9.15am Morning Prayer; 9.15am The Ark; 7.30pm Standing Committee - Parish Office.
- Tues 4th 8.45am Worship at St James' CofE School; 9am Vestry team in Church; 9.15am Morning Prayer via Zoom; 1pm Comms meeting at the Rectory; 7.30pm Handbells group.
- Wed 5th 9.15am Morning Prayer; **11.00am Said Eucharist** followed by refreshments in Church; 7.30pm Choir practice.
- Thurs 6th *Damian & Tom at Training in Egham*; 9.15am Morning Prayer; 12noon Foodbank in Church; 1pm Burial at Burwood; 7.30pm Bell Ringing.
- Friday 7th *Damian & Tom are off duty today.*
- Saturday 8th 9.15am Morning Prayer.

NEXT SUNDAY 4 BEFORE LENT – 9th February 2025

8am Said Eucharist

10am Sung Eucharist

followed by refreshments in the Parish Centre

11:30am Family Service

LOOKING AHEAD... DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Ash Wednesday – 5th March.

11am Said Eucharist *followed by soup lunch in church.*

7.30pm Sung Eucharist. *Both services with ashing.*

Annunciation of our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday 25th March. 7:30pm Sung Festival Eucharist.

Mothers' Sunday — Sun 30th March. 10am All-Age Eucharist.

LENT COURSE 2025 - GOD FORSAKEN

The Cross – The Greatest Hope of All

STARTING: TUESDAY 11th MARCH 2pm – 3:30pm

& THURSDAY 13th MARCH 7:30pm – 9pm

Join us in Church for study and prayer as we reflect upon Mark's Gospel account of the Passion narrative and Jesus' cry from the cross, 'Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?' ('My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?' - Psalm 22).

The book for study, written by the Archbishop of York Stephen Cottrell, ponders the significance of these words from the cross.

In our sessions we will ask what it means for Jesus to have quoted them at the very end of his life and what do these words mean for us today? This is a beautiful and compelling exploration of the dark, suffering side of the Passion and how Jesus' words lead us to the greatest hope of all. We recommend you have a copy in order to read each topic in advance of the session. We begin each session with refreshments from the servery in church.

'God Forsaken' – 2023 – Stephen Cottrell - Hodder & Stoughton
ISBN10 1399805258 / ISBN13 9781399805254

CANDLEMAS – 2nd February 2025

THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE

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: Father Damian. Deacon: Revd Tom. Reader & Server: Patricia B.



10am Sung Festival Eucharist

celebrating the completion of the Access for All & Re-ordering Projects at St James' Church, with Choir and Junior Church

Today we use the Candlemas printed service booklet

Introit	Let us build a house
Gloria	Coventry
Gradual	Celtic Alleluia
Procession	Shine, Jesus, Shine
Offertory	Glorious things of thee are spoken
Communion	We hail thy presence glorious Lord Jesus Christ
Anthem	When to the temple <i>Eccard</i>
Recessional	Angel-voices ever singing

This service is followed by a reception in the Parish Centre

Celebrant & Preacher: Bishop Paul Davies. Deacon & Gospeller: Revd Tom. Organist: Lindsay Bridgwater. Reader: Patricia B. Intercessions: Keith E. Servers: Richard, Valerie & Jane. EM's: Jane & Donna. Wardens: Jill and Howard.

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

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, Caroline, Christine, Christopher, Connie, Crystal, David, Deanna, Haiquoy, Heather, Helen, Holly, Ian, Jane, John, Lindsay, Robin, Rory, Stanley, Stephen, Sue & Susan. **Recently Departed:** Audrey Bellerby, Alfred Harris, Bunny Wilson & Brenda Marsh. **In the Year's Mind:** Ena Parr, Janet Rubidge, Alan Forsyth, Anthony Purefoy, William Taylor, Susan Miller, Eric Braddon & Dorothy Bruno.

MORNING PRAYER ON TUESDAYS AT 9.15 AM

You'd be most welcome to join us on Tuesday mornings online via Zoom for Morning Prayer. It's approximately 30 minutes, and a lovely way to start the day! The Zoom link is here - <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82993801653>

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

THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE

CANDLEMAS - Sunday 2nd February 2025

COLLECT

Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh: grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ 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

Malachi 3.1–5

A reading from the book of the prophet Malachi.

Thus says the LORD God: See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight – indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years. Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts.

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

GRADUAL



GOSPEL

Luke 2.22–40

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

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.' Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus,

to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.' And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed – and a sword will pierce your own soul too.' There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna, who lived to welcome the Messiah: may we, who have received these gifts beyond words, prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes to bring us to eternal life; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

PCC AWAY DAY 2025

The PCC had our away day along with a PCC meeting on the 20th of January and set the following priorities for projects during 2025/26, including: extending church opening hours, new toilets for church, spire re-pointing, new radiators in church, audio/visual upgrade to technology, and redecoration in the small hall.

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES AT ST JAMES'

We are looking to build a finance team – do you have some skills you could offer? How is your penmanship? We will be writing the bookplates for the new hymnbooks and could use your help! If you are musical – how about joining the choir or learning to ring the bells in the tower? Other opportunities include helping as a greeter at the 8 or 10am services, assisting in Junior Church, enjoying quiet time as a church sitter a morning or two a month...there really is something for everyone!

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