



ST JAMES' CHURCH, WEYBRIDGE



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THIS WEEK AT ST JAMES' CHURCH, WEYBRIDGE

- Monday 29th 9.15am Morning Prayer;
 Tuesday 30th 8.45am Worship at St James' C of E School;
 9am Vestry team in church; 10am Tots Praise in Church; 7.30pm Handbells group in the small hall; 7.30pm Emmaus group meal in Church.
 Wed 31st 9.15am Morning Prayer; 11am Said Eucharist followed by refreshments at the back of church; 7.30pm Choir practice in church.
 Thurs 1st 9.15am Morning Prayer; 1- 3pm foodbank in church; 7.30pm Bell Ringing practice.
 Friday 2nd Church open 9.15am – 12noon.
Fr Damian is off-duty today.
 Saturday 3rd 9.15am Morning Prayer; 12.00 Funeral in church, Samira Lambert RIP

Next Sunday – 2 BEFORE LENT – 4th February 2024

8am Said Eucharist (in All Souls Chapel);

10am Sung Eucharist with Choir & Sunday School

11am refreshments served in the Parish Centre

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Lord, the light of Your love is shining
 In the midst of the darkness shining
 Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us
 Set us free by the truth You now bring us
 Shine on me, Shine on me

*Shine Jesus, Shine, fill this land with the Father's glory
 Blaze Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire. Flow river,
 flow, flood the Nations with grace and mercy
 Send forth Your Word, Lord, and let there be light.*

Lord, I come to Your awesome presence
 From the shadow into Your radiance
 By the blood I may enter Your brightness
 Search me, try me, consume all my darkness
 Shine on me, Shine on me

As we gaze on Your kingly brightness
 So our faces display Your likeness
 Ever changing from glory to glory
 Mirrored here, may our lives tell Your story
 Shine on me, Shine on me

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

LEGO CLUB next session Sunday 18th Feb 4-5.30pm. All budding LEGO builder's welcome. Cost just £3.00 per young person including meal. Please let us know if you hope to come, at: stjamesweybridge@btinternet.com

CANDLEMAS 28th 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.

10AM SUNG EUCHARIST with Choir & Sunday School

Introit	O worship the Lord in the beauty	52
Gradual	Celtic Alleluia with verse 3	see reverse
Offertory	We hail thy presence glorious	310
Communion	Lord, Jesus Christ	297
Anthem	When to the Temple Mary went	Eccard
Recessional	Lord, the light of your love	

Celebrant & Preacher: Father Damian. Organist: Lindsay Bridgwater. Reader: Patricia B. Intercessor: Keith E. Servers: Steve, Jane & Richard. EMs: Julia, Jane M, Margaret & Steve. Warden & Lock-up: Steve.
 The 10am Sung Eucharist is available to view live at www.facebook.com/stjamesweybridge or later on YouTube.

12 NOON HOLY BAPTISMS

We welcome Charlie, Joseph, and Claudia Gademsetty.

Hymn Guide me O thou great redeemer 368
 Welcome: Jane and Steve

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 (first names only are given, for data protection reasons):

In acute need: Brenda, Charles, Colin, Derek, Emily, Estelle, Jane, Lindsay, Loraine, Robin, Ron & Sally.

Recently Departed: Betty Green, Rev'd John Green, Mary Edward, Gill Hutt & Samira Lambert. **In the year's mind:** Malcolm Kersey, Fred Glashier, Joe Sharp, John Hales, Albert Jenkins, Ena Parr, Janet Rubidge & Alan Forsyth.

PRAYER FOR ISRAEL AND PALESTINE

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 – 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

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

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

CANDLEMAS

Sunday 28th January 2024

A, B & C

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

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.**

Eco Church

Eco Church exists to enable us to address climate change – in faith, practice, and mission. We are establishing a new team co-chaired by Rev'd Barry Hengist & Fr Damian and we're looking for people who have a passion for the environment and how we can address that in Weybridge. Is that you or someone you know? Barry had great success with this at his former parish, so he's keen to get a team together. Speak to him or email barryhengist@gmail.com

PCC Away Day

The PCC met on Saturday to begin forming our Church Development Plan. A successful day saw us working on initiatives to grow disciples, grow diversity, and grow community. We appreciate your feedback in the survey process, and we'll keep you informed along the way. Stay tuned for updates in the coming weeks!

Lent Course

Our Lent course topic is **Act on Poverty** and will begin on Tuesday 20 February with courses at 1pm and 7.30pm. The course will run for 6 weeks. More details soon!