



ST JAMES' CHURCH, WEYBRIDGE



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THIS WEEK AT ST JAMES' CHURCH, WEYBRIDGE

Monday 1st January 2024 – NEW YEAR'S DAY

The Parish office is only open on Tuesday this week.

Fr Damian is off-duty Monday 1st & Tuesday 2nd January.



Tue 2nd 9am-2pm Parish Office open.

Wed 3rd St James' CofE School Spring Term starts today

9.15am Morning Prayer; 11am Said Eucharist

Followed by refreshments at the back of church.

Thurs 4th 9.15am Morning Prayer, 11am funeral at Woking Crematorium, Linda Dorothy Jones RIP; 1- 3pm Foodbank in Church.

Friday 5th 1pm funeral at Woking Crematorium,

EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD Diane Studt RIP;

7.30pm SUNG FESTIVAL EUCHARIST

8.45pm 12th Night party at the back of Church

9pm the Winter Prize Draw!

Saturday 6th 9am Lights and decorations down at Church, Parish Centre and Churchyard. Join in!



Next Sunday – BAPTISM OF CHRIST - 7th January 2024

8am Said Eucharist (in All Souls Chapel);

10am Sung Eucharist with Choir & Sunday School

11am refreshments served in the Parish Centre



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:** Stan Millinger, Rene Allen & Margaret Hayward.

Prayer list notice – From next Sunday the In Acute Need list will be renewed. If you'd like a name to remain, or to add someone new, please contact Niki in the Parish Office – thank you. 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](#)

CHRISTMAS 1 – 31st 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 SAID EUCHARIST WITH CAROLS

Introit Unto us a boy is born 39

Gradual Celtic Alleluia see over page

Offertory See, amid the winter's snow see over No Anthem

Communion In the bleak mid-winter 28

Recessional Joy to the world see over page

Celebrant & Preacher: Father Damian. **Organist:** Lindsay Bridgwater. **Reader** Julia. **Intercessor** Donna. **Servers:** Ron, Julia & Tiffany. **EMs:** Julia, Donna, Valerie, and Neill.

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

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.

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

CHRISTMAS TREES, DECORATIONS & FLOWERS

Thank you to all who donated for our lovely Christmas flowers. Squires did us proud with two trees for beside the high altar, supported with contributions from the choirs that sang during December and the Crib is inspiring. Thank you.

12TH NIGHT BRING & SHARE PARTY & PRIZE DRAW!

Following the Eve of Epiphany Eucharist (Friday 5th January), we will draw our Winter Prize Draw during a celebration party. Please bring with you: wine, cheese, nibbles, and other yummy food & drink to share.

Questions? Email: julietmarsh@aol.com

Saturday 6th January from 9am – help needed please with taking down the decorations at Church, in the Parish Centre and around the buildings. Thank you!

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!*

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

COLLECT

Almighty God, who wonderfully created us in your own image and yet more wonderfully restored us through your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as he came to share in our humanity, so we may share the life of his divinity; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING Galatians 4.4–7

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Galatians. When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!' So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God. This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL**GOSPEL Luke 2.15–21**

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

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth the life of an earthly home: help your Church to live as one family, united in love and obedience, and bring us all at last to our home in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Thank you to all who have helped in any way make this a wonderful Christmas season, not least your generous offering of time at St James' in many ways. Thank you for your gifts and cards. Father Damian and family.

**OFFERTORY CAROL**

See, amid the winter's snow,
Born for us on earth below,
See the tender Lamb appears,
Promised from eternal years.

*Hail, thou ever-blessed morn;
Hail, redemption's happy dawn!
Sing through all Jerusalem,
Christ is born in Bethlehem.*

Lo, within a manger lies,
He who built the starry skies:
He who, throned in heights sublime,
Sits amid the cherubim.

Say, ye holy shepherds, say,
What your joyful news today?
Wherefore have ye left your sheep,
On the lonely mountain steep?

'As we watched at dead of night,
There appeared a wondrous light;
Angels, singing peace on earth,
Told us of a Saviour's birth.'

Sacred infant, all divine,
what a tender love was thine,
Thus to come from highest bliss,
Down to such a world as this!

Virgin mother, Mary, blest,
by the joys that fill thy breast,
Pray for us, that we may prove
worthy of the Saviour's love.

Edward Caswall (1814-1878)

**RECESSIONAL CAROL**

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!

Let earth receive her King;

Let every heart prepare him room

And heaven and nature sing

And heaven and nature sing

And heaven, and heaven, and nature sing!

Joy to the earth! The Saviour reigns!

Let us our songs employ;

While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains

Repeat the sounding joy

Repeat the sounding joy

Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy!

He rules the world with truth and grace,

And makes the nations prove.

The glories of his righteousness

And wonders of his love,

And wonders of his love,

And wonders, wonders, of his love.

We wish you and yours a lovely New Year's weekend holiday and a joyful and peaceful 2024.