



ST JAMES' WEYBRIDGE

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THIS WEEK AT ST JAMES' CHURCH, WEYBRIDGE

St James' Church is open daily from 9am – 12:30pm

- Mon 16th 9.15am Morning Prayer;
9.15am – 11.15am The Ark Christmas Party.
- Tues 17th 9am Vestry team in Church; 9.15am Morning Prayer via Zoom; **2pm All our Yesterday's service**; 7.30pm Handbells.
- Wed 18th 9.15am Morning Prayer; 9.45am Visit from preschools in Church; **11.00am Said Eucharist followed by coffee**; 7.30pm Choir practice.
- Thurs 19th 9.15am Morning Prayer; 1pm Foodbank; 5:30pm St James' Juniors Carols (Years 5 & 6); 7.30pm Bell Ringing.
- Friday 20th *Damian & Tom are off duty today.*
7.30pm Treble Clef Choir concert.
- Saturday 21st 9.15am Morning Prayer.

NEXT SUNDAY ADVENT 4 – 22nd December 2024

8am Said Eucharist
10am Sung Eucharist with Choir

JUNIOR CHURCH

Every 1st, 3rd, 4th and 5th **Sunday of term-time** in the Small Hall at 10am for children aged 3-11 years. We will resume after Christmas on Sunday 19th January.

LEGO CLUB

Next meeting **Sunday 19th January** at 4pm. Please book-in now at stjamesweybridge@btinternet.com

LOOKING AHEAD... DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Nine Lessons & Carols** - Sunday 15th Dec, 6pm.
- The Ark Christmas Party** – Monday 16th Dec, 9.30am-11am
- All our Yesterdays service** – Tuesday 17th Dec, 2pm.
- St James' Junior Yr 5 & 6 Carols** – Thursday 19th Dec,
- Treble Clef Christmas Concert** - Friday 20th Dec, 7.30pm.
- Norfolk House Christmas Carols** - Monday 23rd Dec, 2pm.
- Christmas Eve** - 3pm or 5pm Crib & Toy services; 11:30pm Midnight Mass with Carols.
- Christmas Day** - 10am Sung Festival Eucharist.
- Epiphany Sunday** – 5th January '25 8am Said Eucharist; 10am Sung Eucharist; 6pm Carols before the Crib *followed by party!*
- Lights Down** – Volunteers please for Saturday 11th January from 9am around the church and parish centre grounds.
- Wedding Couples Preparation** – Monday 27th January 7.30pm.
- Wait and watch** as Mary and Joseph make their way to Bethlehem throughout Advent Season!



We are collecting to support the cost of **flowers** for the Christmas and Epiphany season. Please place your donation in a gift-aid envelope marked flowers (or donate at the font with the card reader). Thank you for your support!

ADVENT 3 – 15th December 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: Fr Damian.
Deacon: Rev'd Tom.
Server & Reader: Open

10am Sung Parish Eucharist

The service is followed by refreshments in the Parish Centre.

Introit	On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry	12
Candle Song	<i>printed in Advent service card</i>	
Gradual	In our darkness	<i>see reverse</i>
Offertory	A great and mighty wonder	21
Communion	O come, O come, Emmanuel	11
Anthem	People Look East	<i>Trad.</i>
Recessional	Come, thou long-expected Jesus	3

Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Damian. **Deacon & Gospeller:** Rev'd Tom. **Organist:** Lindsay Bridgwater. **Reader:** David K. **Intercessions:** Patricia B. **Servers:** Julia, Valerie & Richard. **EM's:** Jane, Valerie & Neill.

Wardens: Jane Mason & Donna Miller.

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

6pm Nine Lessons & Carols

Led by Revd Tom Musson, **Preacher:** Fr Damian.
Welcome: Jill Wilson and Donna Miller
A service sheet has been prepared for this special service. Followed by mulled wine & mince pies in the Parish Centre.

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, Christopher, Christine, Connie, Crystal, Haiqouy, Heather, Helen, Holly, Lindsay, Margaret, Philip, Robin, Sophie & Stanley. **Recently departed:** Sue Coles, Susan Benham, John Hill, Ann Field, Amy & Hazel Halliday.
In the Year's Mind: Joan Hulbert, Doris Edwards, Maureen Dixon & Edwin Dixon.

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>

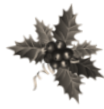
FAITH CONFIRMED

Thank you to all who took part in our adult Faith Confirmed group this autumn. We have enjoyed brilliant discussion. The final children's session is Sunday 26th January, 4pm.

Seasonal Greetings from St James' cards are now on sale at the back of Church. priced at £1.50 each

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

**COLLECT**

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING Philippians 4.4–7

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

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

GOSPEL Luke 3.7–18

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

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.' And the crowds asked him, 'What then should we do?' In reply he said to them, 'Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.' Even tax-collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, 'Teacher, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.' Soldiers also asked him, 'And we, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.' As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the

thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.' So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people. This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

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POST COMMUNION PRAYER

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts; kindle in us the fire of your Spirit that when your Christ comes again we may shine as lights before his face; who is alive and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

WEYBRIDGE CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

CONGRATULATIONS EVERYONE !! Thanks to your enthusiasm, support and hard work, the Weybridge Christmas Festival was a great success. The farmer's Christmas market had a wonderful variety of stalls and was very popular with visitors. The church was full all day with musical performances, the Christingle service and then carol singing. The decorations in the church and the lights in the church grounds and round the Parish Centre look wonderful. Through sponsorship, donations and our stalls of mulled wine, cakes, raffle, Santa's Grotto and children's activities, we raised £5000 for St James' Church. A wonderful achievement which will go towards future church projects. WELL DONE!!

VISITING THE PARISH OFFICE

We have an exceptionally busy Parish Office, and we know you value being able to drop in to chat to Ann and ask questions. But we also need to ensure Ann has time to complete her work on our behalf, without being regularly interrupted. Moving forward, unless you have made an appointment IN ADVANCE with Ann, we respectfully ask you only drop in between the hours of 11am – 12noon, Monday to Friday. Please respect the Parish Office is a workspace, and not a place for casual conversation and cups of tea.

Thank you for your understanding.

GIFT FOR THE CHURCH

While you are busy with your holiday shopping and preparing for the Christmas season, could you add St James' Church to your Christmas gift list this year? Most of us contribute via the Parish Giving Scheme or through other planned giving, so we don't naturally think of an **additional gift** for the Church for Christmas. During the holidays, we are especially aware of your generosity and how it benefits our wider church community. And your contributions are needed this year more than ever. Thank you for your generosity and Merry Christmas from all of us at St James' Church Weybridge!