



**ST JAMES'
WEYBRIDGE**

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THIS WEEK AT ST JAMES' CHURCH, WEYBRIDGE

St James' Church is open daily 9.15am-12.30pm

Mon 1st

9:15am Morning Prayer; 9:15am The Ark;
9.30am Clergy staff meeting.

Tues 2nd

9:00am Vestry team; 9:15am Morning Prayer
via Zoom; 10:00am Fr. Tom at Manby Lodge
Infant School; **1:00pm & 7:30pm Emmaus**

Course: 7:30pm Handbells.

9:15am Morning Prayer; **11:00am Said**
Eucharist followed by Church Café;

7:30pm Choir practice.

9:15am Morning Prayer; 12noon Foodbank;

7:30pm Bell Ringing.

Fr Damian & Fr Tom are off duty today.

Saturday 6th

9.00am Gardening group; 9.15am Morning
Prayer with Canon Richard.

NEXT SUNDAY: Second Sunday of Advent 7th December

8am Said Eucharist, 10am Sung Eucharist, 6pm Compline

LOOKING AHEAD... DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 8th December 6.30pm - Memorial Service in association with Lodge Brothers Funeral Directors.

Friday 12th December 7.30pm - Weybridge Male Voice Choir (WMVC) Christmas concert. Tickets:

<https://bit.ly/47P2Zn4>

Sunday 14th December (Advent 3) 6pm - NINE LESSONS & CAROLS, followed by mulled wine and mince pies.

Friday 19th December 7.30pm - Treble Clef concert.

Tickets: www.ticketsource.co.uk/trebleclef

Sunday 21st December (Advent 4) 4pm Family & Children's (Lego Club) Christmas Party in the Main Hall.

Monday 22nd December – 2pm Norfolk House Carols

Christmas Eve, Wednesday 24th December

11am Said Eucharist followed by Church Café; 3pm & 5pm Crib & Toy Services; 11:30pm Midnight Mass.

Christmas Day, Thursday 25th December

10am Sung Festival Eucharist followed by Coffee & Cake

FOODBANK REQUESTS

We need to add the following to our cupboard: tinned fruit/meat soup/veggie meals, fruit juice, shampoo & sanitary pads. Christmas chocolates and other treats are also needed!

CHURCH CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

Incorporating Lego Club, Junior Church, and all church children, we are holding our ever-popular Christmas party in place of the usual Lego Club session on Sunday 21st December from 4-6 pm in the Parish Centre, Main Hall. Please book your child in at info@stjamesweybridge.org.uk

A sincere thank you to those who have decorated our church inside and out for the festive season. It looks wonderful!

Churchwardens

Steve Mason Churchwarden-K@stjamesweybridge.org.uk

Juliet Marsh Churchwarden-J@stjamesweybridge.org.uk

Advent Sunday – 30th November 2025

Gluten free wafers are available; please ask a warden.

For use of the hearing loop please select T.

8am Said Eucharist

Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Damian. **Servers:** Chas & Sandra

10am Sung Festival Eucharist

Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Damian. **Gospeller:** Fr Tom. **Organist:**

Iain Cowden. **Reader:** Katherine. **Intercessor:** Steve. **Servers:**

Steve, Jane & James. **EM's:** Jill, Neill & Steve. **Sides-persons:**

Lesley, Jill & Donna. **Coffee:** Christine & Trish. **Warden & Lock-up:** Donna & Howard. **Nominated Person:** Howard Freeman.

Introit **Hark! A herald voice is calling** 5

Candle Song see service card

Gradual **Prepare the Way of the Lord** see over page

Offertory **Lo! He comes** 9

Communion **The Advent of our God** 14

Anthem **And the Glory of the Lord** G.F. Handel

Recessional **Wake, o wake!** 16

This service is followed by refreshments at the back of Church

The 10am Eucharist is available to view live at:

www.facebook.com/stjamesweybridge and on YouTube

12-5pm Weybridge Christmas Festival

12-3pm – Musical Entertainment in Church

4pm Christingle Service

Talk by Bishop Andrew, followed by a torchlight procession.

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: Amy, Ann, Christine, Christopher, Connie, David, Deanna, Fiona, Graham, Haiqouy, Heather, Helen, Ian, Jane, Lindsay, Lisa, Neville, Robin, Rory, Sarah, Sheila, Stephen, Susan & Tony.

Recently Departed: Dillian Robbins, Joe Beresford, Martin Dixon, Marianne Sahagian, & Gloria Blanchard.

In the Year's Mind: Robert Haines, John Blackburn, Brian Neave, Dorothy Edmondson, Barrie Anderson, Bill Morrell, Thomas Raybould & Nanci Miller.

Our Director of Music, Lindsay Bridgwater, has been unwell and is taking some leave. Please keep him, and his wife Marianne in your thoughts and prayers.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES INVITATION CARD – DELIVERY

Please help by delivering a pack of our beautiful Christmas invitation cards to one of the roads in our parish – available from the back of church. Please cross off the list provided, the name of the road you will deliver to. Thank you.

SMALL GROUPS AT ST JAMES'

If you have not already joined a small group, and would like to do so or hear more information, please email Fr. Tom at

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 rector@stjamesweybridge.org.uk](mailto:rector@stjamesweybridge.org.uk)



COLLECT

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Romans 13.11–14

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans. Brothers and sisters, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires. This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL

Canon

Pre - pare the way of the Lord. Pre-pare the way of the Lord, and
all peo-ple will see the sal - va - tion of our God. Pre -

GOSPEL

Matthew 24.36–44

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

Jesus spoke to his disciples: 'About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken, and one will be left. Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore, you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is

coming at an unexpected hour.' This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

LEGO CLUB

For children and young people aged 4+, accompanied by a parent or carer. £3 per child, with a simple meal provided. Our next session is **Sunday 18th January at 4pm. Do book-in!**

ST JAMES' CHRISTMAS CARDS

There will be beautiful Christmas cards designed by Valerie Bird for sale at the back of the church starting on Sunday. Cards are £1.50 each, and can be paid for in cash or via the card machine.

MITZVAH DAY FOOD COLLECTION

A big thank you to everyone who helped at Morrison's on Sunday to collect food with North West Surrey Synagogue for the Runnymede Foodbank. 54 crates of food were collected which is particularly useful at this time when the foodbank is preparing Christmas hampers, Food4Lunch bags (meals for children eligible for free school meals during the school holidays) as well as the usual client parcels. To top it off, we now have a lovely partnership with our local synagogue!

LIVING IN LOVE AND FAITH

The House of Bishops has made a series of key decisions on the future direction of the Church of England's Living in Love and Faith (LLF) process, which explores questions of relationships, sexuality and marriage. Final proposals will be agreed by them in December. As an inclusive church, we believe in full inclusion for all. Inclusive Church has prepared an open letter to the Bishops. You are invited to add your name, should you choose, to the many people who also believe in equality for all. <https://bit.ly/4oOyN24>

PCC MEETING UPDATES

*We've approved for the work on the spire to take place – most likely in late 2026 or in 2027

*We've had a grant from Richer Sounds to provide two mobile display screens for church and the parish centre

*We reviewed our 2026 fees for hiring the church

*Church heating project is now 90% complete, with new radiators installed - and it feels so much warmer in church!

*Plans are underway for some exciting children and family events in 2026!

JUNIOR CHURCH & FAMILY SERVICE

Our last Junior Church for children 3-11 years before the Christmas break will be Sunday 7th December in the Small Hall at 10 am. We will resume on Sunday 19th January 2026. Our next Family Service is Sunday 14th December at 11.30 am. Everyone is welcome!