



**ST JAMES'
WEYBRIDGE**

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FAIR TRADE

THIS WEEK AT ST JAMES' CHURCH, WEYBRIDGE

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

Mon 24 th	9:15am Morning Prayer; 9:15am The Ark.
Tues 25 th	9:00am Vestry team; 9:15am Morning Prayer via Zoom; 1:00pm & 7:30pm Emmaus Course; 7:30pm Handbells.
Wed 26 th	<i>Clergy at Advent quiet morning in Guildford</i> 9:15am Morning Prayer; 11:00am Said Eucharist; 7:30pm Choir practice.
Thurs 27 th	9:15am Morning Prayer; 12noon Foodbank; 7:30pm Bell Ringing.
Friday 28 th	<i>Fr Damian & Fr Tom are off duty today.</i>
Saturday 29 th	9:15am Morning Prayer; <i>Preparations all day for Christmas Festival!</i>

PLEASE NOTE: The walkway between the church and parish centre will be closed from 8am Sat 29th – 8am Sunday 30th. The Car Park will be completely closed until Sunday 30th 6pm

NEXT SUNDAY: First Sunday of Advent 30th November

8am Said Eucharist, 10am Sung Eucharist with Junior Church.

LOOKING AHEAD... DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Christmas Festival 2025 - Sunday 30th November, 12noon – 5pm, with Christingle Service at 4pm & raffle drawn at 5pm.

Sunday 7th December (Advent 2) 6pm **Compline for Advent** in the Chancel – a simple service of prayers by candlelight.

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. <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

www.ticketsource.co.uk/trebleclef

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

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 curate@stjamesweybridge.org.uk

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

Churchwardens

Steve Mason Churchwarden-K@stjamesweybridge.org.uk

Juliet Marsh Churchwarden-J@stjamesweybridge.org.uk

Christ the King – 23rd 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: Canon Richard Truss. **Server:** Fr. Tom

10am Sung Eucharist with Choir & Junior Church

Celebrant: Fr Tom. **Preacher:** Canon Richard Truss. **Gospel:** Fr Damian. **Organist:** Iain Cowden. **Reader:** Lesley B. **Intercessor:** Josh Cook. **Servers:** Steve, Valerie & James. **EM's:** Hilary, Josh & Steve. **Sides-persons:** Pat, Sue, Jean & Chris. **Coffee:** Erika & Elvira. **Warden & Lock-up:** Juliet Marsh. **Nominated Person:** Jane Mason.

Introit O Worship the King **(Omit*) 433**

Gloria Coventry

Gradual Take, O take me as I am **see over page**

Offertory Crown him with many crowns **352**

Communion Sweet sacrament divine **307**

Anthem Let all Mortal Flesh **Bairstow**

Recessional King of glory, king of peace **391**

This service is followed by refreshments in the Parish Centre

The 10am Eucharist is available to view live at:

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

One-Year Baptism Anniversary: Grace Taee.

Recently Departed: Shirley Martin, Martin Dixon & Gloria Blanchard.

In the Year's Mind: Megan Watson-Liddell, Olive Beresford, Albert Beresford, Sydney Veitch, Frank Morris, Barbara Hewson & Adrian Moran.

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.

JUNIOR CHURCH

Every 1st, 3rd, 4th & 5th Sunday of term-time. There will not be a Junior Church session on Sunday 30th November. The last Junior Church of 2025 will be Sunday 7th December.

COLLECT

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING**Colossians 1.11–20**

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians. Brothers and sisters: may you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers – all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL

**Take, O take me as I am. Summon up what I shall be.
Set your seal upon my heart and live in me.**

GOSPEL**Luke 23.33–43**

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

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, ‘Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.’ And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, ‘He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!’ The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, ‘If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!’ There was also an inscription over him, ‘This is the King of the Jews.’ One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, ‘Are you not the

Messiah? Save yourself and us!’ But the other rebuked him, saying, ‘Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.’ Then he said, ‘Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.’ Jesus replied, ‘Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.’ This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

COMPASS – DISCUSSION GROUP FOR 18-30's

We next meet on Wed 10th December at 7.30pm – please see Fr Damian or Jane Mason for the location.

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!**

WEYBRIDGE CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

One week to go! Could you volunteer a couple of hours on Sunday 30th November? We are looking for people to assist with our Christmas Festival which will be held in Church and on our grounds - many hands make light work! There are lots of jobs to do, and everyone is welcome to do something. Please speak to Sue Barnes to get more information. The Christmas Festival is our biggest fundraiser of the year, so we do need everyone's help to make it a success!

FRIENDS BOTTLE TOMBOLA - CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

Could you help us with non-alcoholic items like cordials, alcohol-free wine, and beer? Please take donations to Alyson in the Parish Office, by Thursday 27th November. Thank you!

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!