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**ST JAMES'
WEYBRIDGE**

THIS WEEK AT ST JAMES' CHURCH, WEYBRIDGE

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

Mon 15th 9:15am Morning Prayer; 9:15am The Ark
Christmas Party in Church – *please book in!*

Tues 16th 9:00am Vestry team; 9:30 Junior Carols
rehearsal in church; 11am MGR nativity play;
11.45am Funeral in Church, *Dillian Robbins
RIP*; 7:30pm Handbells.

Wed 17th 9:15am Morning Prayer; **11:00am Said
Eucharist** followed by *Church Café*; 5–7pm
Junior Carols; 7pm FGB at St James' School;
7:30pm Choir practice.

Thurs 18th 9:15am Morning Prayer; 12noon Foodbank.
Fr Tom is off duty; 12noon School Christmas
Lunch; 7:30pm Treble Clef concert in Church.

Friday 19th *Fr Damian is off duty*; 9.15am Morning Prayer.

Saturday 20th *Fr Damian is off duty*; 9.15am Morning Prayer.

NEXT SUNDAY: Advent 4 – 21st December

8am Said Eucharist, 10am Sung Eucharist,
4pm children's Christmas Party

LOOKING AHEAD... DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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/Junior Church) 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

Epiphany Sunday – 4th January 2026

8am Said Eucharist, 10am Sung Festival Eucharist,
6pm Epiphany Carols before the Crib, *followed by party.*

*Twelfth Night – Tuesday 6th January 2026. Please help take
down our decorations and lights at Church from 9am!*

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!

FAITH CONFIRMED GROUPS

Introduction sessions 1pm & 7.30pm Tuesday 6th January.
This course is for possible confirmation candidates and those
wishing to explore in more detail the teachings of our
Christian faith from an Anglican perspective. If you would like
to renew your understanding and commitment, come along!

Advent 3 – 14th December 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.

Welcome/Reader: Chas & Sandra.

10am Sung Festival Eucharist

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

Organist: Iain Cowden. **Reader:** Richard S. **Intercessor:** Pat B.

Servers: Basil, Valerie & Richard. **EM's:** David, Alison & Howard.

Sides-persons: Jeff, Hilary, Richard & Jill. **Coffee:** Ann & Patricia.

Warden & Lock-up: Howard Freeman. **Nominated Person:**

Hilary Butler.

Introit	On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry	12
Candle Song	see Advent service card	
Gradual	Prepare the way of the Lord	see reverse
Offertory	A great and mighty wonder	21
Communion	Come down, O Love divine	137
Anthem	People Look East	Trad.
Recessional	Come, thou long-expected Jesus	3

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

11.30am Family Service

Theme: Mary & Joseph travel to Bethlehem – Luke 2.1-7

Led by Fr Tom Musson. **Reader:** Deborah Langston.

Welcome: Sue Scrivener.

Song 1: The Virgin Mary had a Baby Boy	670
Song 2: Little Donkey	859
Song 3: One more step	525

6pm Traditional Nine Lessons and Carols

See printed service sheet

Officiant: Fr Damian. **Preacher:** Canon Richard Truss. **Gospel &
Intercessions:** Fr Tom. **Servers:** Oliver, Valerie & Jane.

Welcome: Lesley, Charles, Pat, Matt & Richard. **Refreshments:**
Hilary, Alan & Edward. **Nominated Person:** **Steve Mason.**

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, Christine, Christopher, Connie, David,
Deanna, Fiona, Graham, Haiqouy, Heather, Helen, Ian, Jane,
Kathy, Lindsay, Lisa, Margaret, 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:** Joan Hulbert, Doris Edwards & Maureen Dixon.

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

ADVENT 3

YEAR A

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

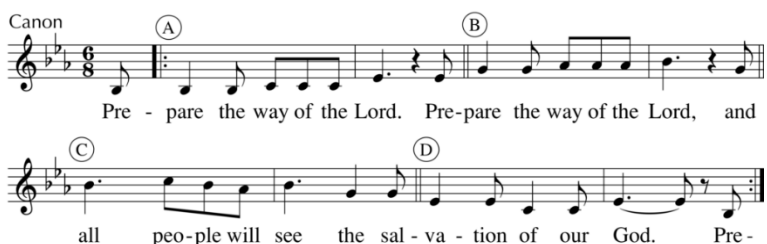
Isaiah 35.1–10

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveller, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away. This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL



GOSPEL

Matthew 11.2–11

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

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to Jesus, 'Are you

the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?' Jesus answered them, 'Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me.' As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you." Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

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.**

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 a space at info@stjamesweybridge.org.uk

ST JAMES' CHRISTMAS CARDS

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

JUNIOR CHURCH & FAMILY SERVICE

We will resume Junior Church on Sunday 19th January 2026. Our next Family Service is Sunday 14th December at 11.30 am. Everyone is welcome!

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

We will be collecting donations (card/£) for Christmas flowers on the 14th – all support is appreciated. 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 curate@stjamesweybridge.org.uk

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

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