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THIS COMING WEEK AT ST JAMES' CHURCH WEYBRIDGE

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

Mon 5th MGR resumes today. 9.15am Morning Prayer;
9.15am The Ark; 7:30pm Properties
Committee meeting in Church.
Tues 6th *12th night* St James' CofE Spring term starts today.
9.15am Morning Prayer. This morning lights &
decorations down at Church & Churchyard;
1pm & 7:30pm Faith Confirmed introduction.
Wed 7th 9.15am Morning Prayer; **11am Said Eucharist**
followed by Church Café; 2pm Standing
Committee; 7:30pm Choir Practice in Church.
Thurs 8th 9.15am Morning Prayer; 11am Norfolk House;
12.30pm Foodbank; 7:30pm Bell Ringing.
Friday 9th Clergy are off-duty today.
Saturday 10th 9.15am Morning Prayer.

NEXT SUNDAY: **Baptism of Christ** – 11th January 2026

8am Said Eucharist, 10am Sung Festival Eucharist,
11:30am Family Service.

LOOKING AHEAD... DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sun 18th – Sun 25th January 2026 Week of Prayer for
Christian Unity – activities coming soon!
Mon 19th January 2026 PCC Meeting 7:30pm in Church.
Mon 26th January 2026 Wedding Couples Preparation 7.30pm
Sat 31st January 2026 PCC & Clergy away-day
FoSJ – AGM – Sunday 8th February 11:30am Small Hall.
Next FoSJ Fundraiser – Saturday evening 28th February
Dr. Helen Fry, who gave us a fascinating talk on 'The
Spymaster' in April 2023, is coming back at the end of
February to talk about 'Women in Intelligence', the role
women played in the secret world of espionage.

FAITH CONFIRMED GROUPS

Introduction sessions will be held at 1pm & 7.30pm **THIS
Tuesday 6th January**. A course not just for confirmation
candidates but also 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
about our church, come along!

EPIPHANY CELEBRATION – THIS SUNDAY 4th JANUARY

Something wonderful – 6pm Epiphany Carols
before the Crib, followed by our popular bring
& share Epiphany party at the back of church.
Please bring a bottle of wine and/or a plate of
Food to share (especially cheese!) and help
celebrate the conclusion to the festivities.



CHRISTMAS THANK YOU

A sincere thank you to everyone who has given their time and
support to our Christmas services 2025. Thank you from Fr
Damian and Fr Tom for your cards, gifts and support.

Churchwardens

Steve Mason Churchwarden-K@stjamesweybridge.org.uk
Juliet Marsh Churchwarden-J@stjamesweybridge.org.uk

EPIPHANY – 4th January 2026



Gluten free wafers are available; please ask a warden.
For use of the hearing loop please select T.



**A Happy New Year from everyone
at St James' Church, Weybridge.**



Fr Tom is covering services in Esher Parish this morning.

8am Said Eucharist

Celebrant, Gospeller & Preacher: Fr Damian Harrison-Miles.
Welcome, Reader & Server: Vacancy. *Could this be you?*

10am Sung Festival Eucharist

Celebrant, Preacher & Gospeller: Fr Damian. **Organist:** Iain
Cowden. **Reader:** Helen G. **Intercessor:** Ann D. **Servers:** Richard,
Valerie & Tiffany. **EM:** David, Jane, Howard & Steve. **Sides-**
persons: Di, Matt, Alison & Margaret. **Coffee:** Pat & Carole.

Deputy Warden: Jane Mason. **Nominated Person:** Donna M.

Introit	Brightest and best of the suns	85
Gloria	Coventry	963
Gradual	Celtic Alleluia	See over page
Offertory	We three Kings of Orient are	724
Communion	O worship the Lord in the beauty	552
Anthem	Lo! star-led chiefs	Crotch
Recessional	The first Nowell	641

Service followed by refreshments in the Parish Centre.

This service is available to view live at:

www.facebook.com/stjamesweybridge and on YouTube

6pm Epiphany Carols *before the Crib*

See printed service booklet

Led by: Fr Tom. **Gospel & Intercessions:** Fr Damian.
Homily: Revd Barry. **Reader 1:** Louise B. **Reader 2:** Jill Wilson.
Sidesperson: Jane Mason. **Warden:** Steve Mason.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Please remember in your prayers the following who are in need:

In Acute Need: Connie, Fiona & Michael.
Recently Departed: Duncan Reid, Heather Brittain, Martin
Dixon, Marianne Sahagian, & Gloria Blanchard.

In the Year's Mind: Rene Allen, Margaret Hayward, Stephen
Murdoch & Dorothy Bumpus.

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS...!

We are always looking for volunteers to help keep St James'
Church running and wonderful. Could any of these roles work
for you? Contact: pccsecretary@stjamesweybridge.org.uk

- 8am Sunday server/reader/welcome
- Quarterly Church hoovering/dusting
- 1st Saturday monthly 9am Church gardening / tidy

O SNAPDRAGON

A very big thank you to Lesley Behrendt for her scent-sational
job as the flower team lead. Stepping into the head role is
Louise Beresford. Flower to the people!

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

EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

Sunday 4th January 2026

Years A, B & C

COLLECT

O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at last behold your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**



FIRST READING

Isaiah 60: 1–6

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.
Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD. This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL



Cantor Verse:

You are the Christ everlasting.
Born for us all, of a Virgin.
You have conquered death,
opened heaven to all believers!



GOSPEL

Matthew 2: 1–12

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**
In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of

Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel." Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road. This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord God, the bright splendour whom the nations seek: may we who with the wise men have been drawn by your light discern the glory of your presence in your Son, the Word made flesh, 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 a space at info@stjamesweybridge.org.uk

JUNIOR CHURCH & FAMILY SERVICE

Our next Family Service is **Sunday 11th January at 11.30 am.** We will resume Junior Church on **Sunday 18th January.** Everyone is welcome!

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

THE ARK

We have taken a break for the Christmas holidays but return **tomorrow**, the first full Monday of term-time, **5th January 2026.** Our suggested donation per child from January is £2. Our highest ever attendance this Autumn was 49 children! A sincere thank you to all who have helped in any way during 2025 to make this group the joyful success it is. Well done.

PRAYER REQUESTS

We have started anew with the prayer list from the 1st January. If you would like to add someone to the list, please email Donna at PCCSecretary@stjamesweybridge.org.uk

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