



**ST JAMES'
WEYBRIDGE**

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THIS CHRISTMAS WEEK AT ST JAMES' CHURCH

*St James' Church is usually open daily 9.15am-12.30pm
except for New Year's Day when it is closed.*

**The Clergy are off duty until Saturday 3rd January.
The Parish Office is closed until Monday 5th January.**

Mon 29th & No services in St James' Church.

Tues 30th

Wed 31st 9.15am Morning Prayer; 11am Said Eucharist with Fr D followed by Church Café; 2pm Wedding.



Thurs 1st Jan The Church is CLOSED.

Friday 2nd *No services in St James' Church.*

Saturday 3rd 9.15am Morning Prayer; No Gardening today.



NEXT SUNDAY: Epiphany of our Lord – 4th January 2026

8am Said Eucharist, 10am Sung Festival Eucharist, 6pm Epiphany Carols before the Crib, followed by party at the back of Church – please bring food or wine to share!

LOOKING AHEAD... DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tues 6th January 2026 Lights Down – Twelfth Night – Please help take down our decorations and lights at Church and around the grounds from 9am!

Sun 18th – Sun 25th January 2026 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – activities coming soon!

Mon 19th January 2026 PCC Meeting

7pm Eucharist, 7.30pm Meeting in Church.

Mon 26th January 2026 Wedding Couples Preparation 7.30pm

Sat 31st January 2026 PCC & Clergy away-day

FoSJ – Next 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 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, come along!

EPIPHANY CELEBRATION – SUNDAY 4th JANUARY

Something wonderful – 6pm Epiphany Carols before the Crib, followed by our popular bring & share 12th night 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 our Christmas festivities.



Holy Innocents – 28th December 2025

Gluten free wafers are available; please ask a warden.

For use of the hearing loop please select T.

**A very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year
from everyone at St James' Church, Weybridge.**

8am Said Eucharist

Celebrant, Gospeller & Preacher: Revd Canon Richard Truss.

Welcome, Reader & Server: Chas & Sandra Burston.

10am Said Eucharist with carols

Celebrant, Preacher & Gospeller: Revd Canon Richard Truss.

Organist & Cantor: Iain Cowden. **Reader:** Christine P.

Intercessor: Donna M. **Servers:** Richard, Valerie & James. **EM:**

Valerie & Jill W. Sides-persons: Pat, Sue, Chris & Jean. **Coffee:** Erika K & Elvira S. **Deputy Warden:** Jill Wilson.

Nominated Person: Donna Miller.

There is no formal choir today.

Introit **Unto us a boy is born** **700**

Gradual **Celtic Alleluia** *see over page for refrain*

Offertory **Christians awake!** **94**

Communion **O Little Town of Bethlehem** **508**

Recessional **Joy to the world** **370**

**This Eucharist is followed by refreshments
served in the Parish Centre.**

This service 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, Christine, Christopher, Connie, David, Deanna, Fiona, Graham, Haigouy, Heather, Helen, Ian, Jane, Kathy, Lindsay, Lisa, Margaret, Michael, Neville, Robin, Rory, Sarah, Sheila, Stephen, Susan & Tony.

Recently Departed: Heather Brittain, Martin Dixon, Marianne Sahagian, & Gloria Blanchard.

In the Year's Mind: Kathleen Wakelin, Stan Millinger & Grace Prevost.



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

HOLY INNOCENTS

Sunday 28th December 2025

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COLLECT

Heavenly Father, whose children suffered at the hands of Herod, though they had done no wrong: by the suffering of your Son and by the innocence of our lives frustrate all evil designs and establish your reign of justice and peace; 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

Jeremiah 31.15–17

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah. Thus says the LORD: A voice is heard in Ramah, lamentation and bitter weeping. Rachel is weeping for her children; she refuses to be comforted for her children, because they are no more. Thus says the LORD: Keep your voice from weeping, and your eyes from tears; for there is a reward for your work, says the LORD: they shall come back from the land of the enemy, there is hope for your future, says the LORD: your children shall come back to their own country. 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 1: 18–25

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**
Now after the Wise Men had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.” Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, “Out of Egypt I have called my son.” When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken

through the prophet Jeremiah: “A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more.” This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ, in your humility you have stooped to share our human life with the most defenceless of your children: may we who have received these gifts of your passion rejoice in celebrating the witness of the Holy Innocents to the purity of your sacrifice made once for all upon the cross; for you are alive and reign, 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

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

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Thank you to all who have given donations in support of our Christmas flowers display. If you would still like to donate, please use a gift-aid envelope marked FLOWERS.

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 are taking a break for the Christmas holidays and will return on 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 will start anew with the prayer list for 1 January. If you would like to add someone to the list, please email Donna at PCCSecretary@stjamesweybridge.org.uk

CHRISTMAS THANK YOU

A sincere thank you to everyone who has given their time and support to our Advent and Christmas services and events 2025. It has been truly inspiring and wonderful.

