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THIS COMING WEEK AT ST JAMES' CHURCH WEYBRIDGE

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

Mon 2nd 9.15am Morning Prayer; 9.15am The Ark.
 Tues 3rd 8:45am Clergy lead worship at St James' School; 9.00am Vestry Team; 9.15am Morning Prayer; 7:30pm handbells group in small hall; **7:30pm Faith Confirmed** in All Souls Chapel.
 Wed 4th *Fr D at training today;* 9.15am Morning Prayer; **11am Said Eucharist followed by Church Café;** 2pm Funeral – *Ethan Baxter RIP;* 7:30pm Choir Practice in Church.
 Thurs 5th *Fr Tom in Windlesham this morning;* 9.15am Morning Prayer; 12.30pm Foodbank; 4.15pm Funeral at Leatherhead Crem – *Brian White RIP;* 7:30pm Bell Ringing.
 Friday 6th *Clergy are off duty today.*
 Saturday 7th 9.00am Gardening group; 9.15am Morning Prayer; Lumos concerts PM.

NEXT SUNDAY: 2 before Lent – 8th February
8am Said Eucharist, 10am Sung Festival Eucharist
11:30am Family Service.

FRIENDS OF ST JAMES' CHURCH

AGM – next Sunday 8th February at 11.30am in the Small Hall.
 Everyone is welcome as we celebrate our fundraising achievements in 2025 and think about plans for 2026.

Tower re-pointing works January 2026

The Friends were able to fund and help St James' PCC achieve this vital work to keep the spire in good condition as essential works were identified at our last quinquennial inspection.

FoSJ Fundraiser – Saturday evening 28th February

On 28th February, Dr. Helen Fry is returning in the evening to talk about 'Women in Intelligence', the role women played in the secret world of espionage. This is an evening not to be missed! **Tickets on sale in the hall on Sunday during coffee.**

FAITH CONFIRMED GROUPS

Held in church on a Tuesday evening at 7.30 pm, 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!

LENT COURSE 2026 – THE NAIL

Tuesdays from 24th Feb at 10 am or 7.30pm in Church

This Lent, we'll be studying *The Nail*, by Archbishop Stephen Cottrell. This book offers imaginative reflections on Christ's crucifixion. Each of the seven chapters is focused on a different key character, who describes their experience of the Passion. The nails used to crucify Christ are used as a jumping off points for their reflections. Come journey with us! You can order a copy of the book at the Weybridge Bookshop or on Amazon - ISBN: **0281066353**.

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

CANDLEMAS – 1st February

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

8am Said Eucharist

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

10am Sung Festival Eucharist

with Junior Church

Celebrant & Gospeller: Fr Tom Musson. **Preacher** Fr Damian.
Organist: Iain Cowden. **Reader:** Hans S. **Intercessor:** Donna M.
Servers: Basil, James & Jane. **EM:** Jane, Donna & Jill.
Sides-persons: Di, Matt, Alison & Margaret. **Coffee:** Pat & Carole. **Deputy Warden:** Donna. **Lock-up & Nominated Person:** **Steve Mason.**

Introit	Angel-voices every singing	336
Gloria	Coventry	
Gradual	In the Lord I'll be ever thankful	
Offertory	We hail thy presence glorious	310
Communion	O worship the Lord in the beauty	52
Anthem	When to the temple Mary went	Eccard
Recessional	Praise, my soul the King of heaven	436

6pm Taizé Service for Candlemas

Led by: Revd Barry Hengist. **Homily:** Steve Mason.
Music: Fr Tom. **Welcome:** Fr Damian

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Please remember in your prayers the following who are in need:
In Acute Need: Christopher, Connie, David, Eulyn, Fiona, Joyce, Lindsay, Michael, Peter & Robin. **Recently Departed:** Trevor Abbott, Ethan Baxter, Brian White, Peter Cutmore, Sharon Ferrari, Martin Dixon & Gloria Blanchard. **In the Year's Mind:** John Hales, Albert Jenkins, Ena Parr, Janet Rubidge, Alan Forsyth, Anthony Purefoy, William Taylor, Susan Miller & Eric Braddon. *Please send your prayer requests to:*
PCCsecretary@stjamesweybridge.org.uk

E-MAIL ADDRESSES – PLEASE UPDATE YOUR CONTACTS!

Six months ago, we introduced new St James' email addresses:

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 Fr Tom curate@stjamesweybridge.org.uk
 Juliet Churchwarden-J@stjamesweybridge.org.uk
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 Donna PCCSecretary@stjamesweybridge.org.uk

Messages to old email addresses will no longer be received.

Please return your old palm crossings for burning in preparation for Ash Wednesday!

**PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE A, B & C
CANDLEMAS Sunday 1st February 2026**

COLLECT

Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh: grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ 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 Hebrews 2.14–18

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Since the children share flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL

**In the Lord I'll be ever thankful,
in the Lord I will rejoice! Look to God, do not be afraid;
Lift up your voices: the Lord is near.
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GOSPEL Luke 2.22–40

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.** When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.' Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.' And the child's father and mother were amazed

at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed – and a sword will pierce your own soul too.' There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him. This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ. In the Lord I'll be ever thankful...**

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Father, in Christ there has sprung up a light for the righteous; accept the gifts we bring before you and grant that Christ may shine in us to the praise and glory of your name. **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna, who lived to welcome the Messiah: may we, who have received these gifts beyond words, prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes to bring us to eternal life; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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

COMPASS GROUP – 18-30'S

We meet on the 2nd Monday monthly in Church at 7.30pm for discussion, fellowship & food! See Fr Damian for more info.

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS...!

We are looking for volunteers with IT skills to join our IT group. We'd like 2-3 additions for The Ark on a Monday morning – some jobs are only 30 minutes, and once a month would be great! Could you help with quarterly church cleaning or the monthly gardening team? Contact Donna if that's of interest! pccsecretary@stjamesweybridge.org.uk

"ALLELUIA FUND" - SOUND SYSTEM UPGRADE

Your PCC is continuing to invest in technology at St James' Church, and the next phase includes replacing the amplifier that runs our sound system, along with adding in some additional speakers. This project has been added to the 'Alleluia Fund' as is outside our regular budget, but an important enhancement. Could you help fund this or one of the other items on the list? Thank you to all who have made so much possible in 2025 – and all who donated time!