



## Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 'Christ the King'

#### New Today? Welcome!

We would be delighted to keep in touch. Please fill in a Welcome card (from sides people) or contact our Parish Office to be added to our email list.

#### Our vision:

# To see our lives and community transformed and renewed by encountering God and responding to His love in Jesus

Readings	Colossians 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-43			
8am	Holy Communion: Revd Julie Price and James Mant			
St Thomas à Becket				
10am	Confirmation Service with Holy Communion and			
St James	BibLE2GO:			
	The Right Reverend Dr Jonathan Frost			
	Hymns: 432, King of kings, majesty, Holy Spirit, we			
	welcome you, In Christ alone, 392, 103			
11am	Matins: James Mant			
St Thomas à Becket	<b>Hymns:</b> 345, Venite, Psalm 46, Te Deum, 443, 134, 352			
12:30pm	Baptism: Revd Bruce Watson. Welcome to Sidney and his			
St Thomas à Becket	family and friends.			
4pm	Wild Church: Revd Bruce Watson and Jacqui Watson			
St James Garden				
6.30pm	Reflective Service			
Emsworth Methodist				
Church				
Online service	Church of England online service			
	https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-			
	worship/church-online/weekly-online-services			
Online	Connect with God with the Everyday Faith app. Journey daily			
Application	with reflections to inspire, equip and encourage you in your			
	everyday faith.			
	https://www.churchofengland.org/faith-life/exploring-			
	faith/everyday-faith			



#### **THIS WEEK**

Monday to Saturday 9:00-9:30am morning prayers on Zoom				
Tue 25 <sup>th</sup>	10am	Babies, Biscuits and Banter – Parish Hall		
	11am	Anna Chaplains visiting Prinsted Care Home		
Wed 26 <sup>th</sup>	10am	Holy Communion - St James		
	12pm	Funeral – St Thomas à Becket		
	7:30pm	WemsFest Flook – St James		
Thurs 27 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am	The Ark Toddler Group – Parish Hall		
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup>	11am	Anna Chaplains visiting White Lodge Care Home		
	5:20pm	Switching on of the Christmas Lights – St Peters		
		Square, Emworth		
Sat 29 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am-1pm	Advent Quiet Morning – Hollybank House, Emsworth,		
		PO10 7UN		

### Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November The First Sunday of Advent

Readings	Isaiah 2:1-5; Matthew 24:36-44			
8am	Holy Communion: Revd Andrew Sheard			
St James				
10am	Holy Communion with Youth Group and BibLE2GO in Parish			
St James	Hall: Revd Andrew Sheard			
11am	Matins: Revd Julie Price and Revd Andrew Sheard			
St Thomas à Becket				
6:30pm	Advent Service of Light - Christians Together in Emsworth			
St Thomas à Becket	Ecumenical Service: Revd Andrew Sheard and Revd Julie			
	Price			
ChurchSuite	Missed the <b>St James 10.00 Service talk</b> – or perhaps want to			
	hear it again? It is available on My ChurchSuite – click on the			
	menu item St James Talks.			

#### **Parish News**

1. Parish Weekend Away 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> September 2026: We are going to the Solent Hotel and Spa Fareham PO15 7AJ. It is comfortable, with great facilities and easy to reach. We are planning a programme with inspiring spiritual input and time to relax and enjoy. Also, a great programme for children and youth. We are very thankful again that costs will be subsidised by the Trinity Trust. Further Details and bookings open Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

Switching on of the Christmas Lights - Friday 28th November at 5:20pm: Please 2. note this date and come along to support and pray at this large community event in Emsworth, led by our clergy. 3. Advent Quiet Morning at Hollybank House, Hollybank Lane, Emsworth, PO10 **7UN Saturday 29th November 9.45am-1pm:** An opportunity to spend some quiet time in prayer and reflection. There will be a charge of £5 to cover costs including tea/coffee payable in cash on the day. Sign-up sheets in both churches, or contact James Mant 07971 766242 or jamesnmant@gmail.com Advent Service of Light Sunday 30th November 6:30pm at St Thomas à Becket: 4. All welcome. Volunteers needed on Thursday 4th December at 11:30am for an hour in the 5. **Parish Office** to help prepare Christingle bags. All are welcome. 6. Carol singers from Emsworth Churches will be collecting donations for Christian Aid on Saturday 6th December from 10am to 12 noon in Emsworth Square. Come and join us if you can! If you are able to provide any musical accompaniment, please contact Jon Hardcastle on 07759 415840. 7. The Children's Society: Maureen Twitchen will be collecting the donation boxes at the Christingle service on 7th December at 10 am in St James. Thank you for all your help and donations. If you have any questions, please contact Maureen Twitchen on 01243 377747 or 07765 048586 8. Christmas Bring and Share Lunch will be held on Wednesday 10 December 2025 in St Thomas a Becket Church at about 12 noon. All are welcome. Please put your names on the list at the back of the church. Any queries to Liv Dykes, 01243 372231. Youth Events: Sunday Night Youth - Christmas Escape Room Sunday 14th 9. December 3-4pm in the Parish Hall **Hungry** - Years 9 + 10 – fortnightly on a Thursday at 7 Lapwing Close Youth Alpha - Years 7 + 8 - fortnightly on a Thursday at 7 Lapwing Close High Tide – Youth Service – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December 7-9pm Cosham Baptist Church please see Facebook to book. For more information contact Childrenandyouth@warblingtonwithemsworth.org 10. **Tearfund!** If you were not able to attend the Quiz Night, but would like to donate to support Tearfund's "Transforming Communities" work, can you please use the following link to associate your donation with our parish: https://www.justgiving.com/page/wwetearfundquiz2025 11. The Ark Toddler Group is looking for help from a couple of people who could be called upon when we are short of team. Either to help in the kitchen or with the families. If you think you might be able to help, please contact. Jacqui 12. FOODBANK: Please DON'T FORGET TO "BRING A TIN" next time you visit either of our churches. Please visit either https://onechurch.fyi/foundation or https://beaconchurchhavant.org.uk/community/beacon-food-bank/ for ideas on what to donate.

#### 13. December Special Christmas Services:

#### Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December

10am Christingle Family Service – St James

#### Sunday 14th December

6:30pm Carols by Candlelight – St James

#### Sunday 21st December

11am Carols for Christmas – St Thomas à Becket

6:30pm Carols by Candlelight – St Thomas à Becket

#### **Christmas Eve**

4:30pm Crib Service – St James (children can dress up!)

6:30pm Crib Service – St James (reflective and quieter)

9pm "Midnight" Mass – St Thomas à Becket

11:30pm Midnight Mass – St James

#### **Christmas Day**

8am Holy Communion – St James

10am Christmas Celebration – St James (then optional short Holy Communion)

11am Christmas Service – St Thomas à Becket

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