



Sunday 4th January 2026

Epiphany

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	Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12
8am St James	Holy Communion: Revd Lizzie Davidson
10am St James	Holy Communion with Pre-School Group in the Parish Office & Youth & Children's groups in the Community Centre: Revd Lizzie Davidson Hymns: 41, Holy Spirit, living breath of God (screen), 394, 113, 71
10am Parish Hall	Breakfast Church with Pre-School Group in the Parish Office & Youth & Children's groups in the Community Centre: Revd Bruce Watson
11am St Thomas à Becket	Holy Communion: Revd Clive Main Hymns: 41, 394, 113, 71
6:30pm Parish Office	Seek the Lord:
Online service	Church of England online service https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/church-online/weekly-online-services



THIS WEEK

Monday to Saturday 9:00-9:30am morning prayers on Zoom		
Mon 5 th	2:15pm	Minus One Friendship Group – Parish Hall
Tue 6 th	10am 11am 12pm	Babies, Biscuits and Banter – Parish Office Anna Chaplains visiting The Oaks Nursing Home Funeral – St Thomas à Becket
Wed 7 th	10am 11am 12pm	Holy Communion - St James Funeral – St Thomas à Becket Parish Lunch – The King's Arms
Thurs 8 th	9:30-11am 10:30am	The Ark Toddler Group – Parish Hall Rosemary Hailey's funeral – St Thomas à Becket
Sat 10 th	3pm	Epiphany Dress Rehearsal – St James

Sunday 11th January 2026

The First Sunday of Epiphany

Readings	Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 3:13-end
8am St Thomas à Becket	Holy Communion: Revd Julie Price and Revd Bruce Watson
10am St James	Family Service: Revd Andrew Sheard and Sue Sheard
11am St Thomas à Becket	Matins with refreshments: Revd Julie Price and Revd Bruce Watson
5pm Parish Hall	Sunday Night Youth Group - Bingo and Bangers
6:30pm St James	Epiphany Celebration and procession: Barbara Hammond and all Readings: Luke 2:8-11; Matthew 2:1-12
ChurchSuite	Missed the St James 10.00 Service talk – or perhaps want to hear it again? It is available on My ChurchSuite – click on the menu item St James Talks.
Online Application	Connect with God with the Everyday Faith app. Journey daily with reflections to inspire, equip and encourage you in your everyday faith. https://www.churchofengland.org/faith-life/exploring-faith/everyday-faith

PARISH NEWS

1.	Andrew, Julie, Bruce, Lizzie, Jacqui and our families wish everyone a Happy New Year.
2.	Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Christmas services in so many ways, and thank you to those who invited family, friends and neighbours to join us. It was very good indeed to see so many people worshipping joyfully with us.
3.	There will be NO 'All-in@5' on Sunday 4 th January. 'All-in@5' will be back on Sunday 18 th January and on 1 st and 3 rd Sundays from then on.
4.	New Wine Worship at Church of the Good Shepherd, Crookhorn Sunday 4th January 2026 at 6:30pm: All are welcome to come along and hear George Lorimer share his story at this service. Goerge is Jo Lorimer's son.
5.	Minus One Friendship Group: This support group for bereaved people will be meeting on Monday 5 th January at 2pm in the Parish Hall. If you have any further queries, please contact Michelle Murphy (02392 475297) or Pat Hales (01243 379283).
6.	Epiphany Celebration and Procession: A special service celebrating Epiphany will take place on Sunday 11 th January at 6:30pm in St James, it's not to be missed!!
7.	The following funerals take place this month. Please pray for God's comfort for their families. Rosemary Hailey's funeral will be in St TaB on Thursday 8 th January at 10:30am. Sonia Price's funeral is at The Oaks Crematorium on Monday 12 th January at 10:45am. Celia Pilkington's funeral will be in St James on Thursday 22 nd January at 11:30am. All are welcome afterwards for refreshments in the parish hall. For catering purposes please could you RSVP Alex and Heather Sherwood by phone or text on 07485 154211 or email heatheryoung329@msn.com many thanks.
8.	The Big Clean Friday 9th January 9am in St James Church: This year the cleaning team thought they would try a big clean after Christmas so that St James would be sparkling for the new year! If you can wield a duster, spray polish or swirl a hoover you are welcome to join us, coffee & biscuits will be provided. For more information, please contact Ineke Belfrage at ineke.belfrage@gmail.com
9.	321 Discover Life According to Jesus: Got questions about God, the world, and you? The 321 courses invited you to see life the way Jesus does. This course starts on Monday 12th January at 7:30pm in the parish office if you are interested or would like more information, please contact by email Revd Bruce Watson on pioneerminister@warblingtonwithemsworth.org
10.	St James Welcome Event Sunday 25th January: We would like to invite all those new to St James (inc Breakfast Church & Wild Church) during 2025 to join us in the Parish Hall on Sunday 25 th January after the 10am service (11:15am) for drinks and snacks. Please rsvp to the parish office at parishoffice@warblingtonwithemsworth.org
11.	Parish Weekend Away 18th-20th 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 th January 2026.
12.	Ros Birkett would like to thank all her friends and members of St James Congregation for their prayers for her recovery and safe return from Japan, it was much appreciated.
13.	Job Vacancy for a Circuit Administrator at East Solent & Downs Circuit of the Methodist Church, for more information please contact Alison Rice at alison.rice@esanddcircuit.org.uk
14.	<p>Victims and survivors of abuse - Please remember that there is support for anyone who has been affected by abuse in any way, both inside and outside the Church setting. If you would like help, please ask one of the clergy or the safeguarding team who are all available to support you. There is a specific support organisation for victims of abuse within a Church setting to be found at https://www.safespacesenglandandwales.org.uk</p> <p>Details of other organisations can be found at the bottom of the safeguarding page of the parish website. https://www.warblingtonwithemsworth.org/safeguarding/</p>

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