



WARBLINGTON
with EMSWORTH



Sunday 14th December The Third Sunday of Advent

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	Isaiah 35:1-10; Matthew 11:2-11
8am St Thomas à Becket	Holy Communion: Revd Lizzie Davidson and Revd Clive Main
10am St James	Holy Communion: Revd Andrew Sheard and Revd Clive Main Hymns: 401, 198, 193, 358,
10am Parish Hall	Breakfast Church for all-ages: Revd Bruce Watson and Jacqui Watson
11am St Thomas à Becket	Matins followed by refreshments: Revd Lizzie Davidson and Revd Clive Main Hymns: 499, Venite, Psalm 146 (chant 7), Jubilate, 12, 483, 11
3-4:30pm Parish Hall	Sunday Night Youth – Christmas Escape Room: Revd Bruce Watson and Jacqui Watson
6.30pm St James	Carols by Candlelight: Revd Bruce Watson and Revd Andrew Sheard
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 15 th	12:30-2pm	Anna Café Church – Parish Hall
Tue 16 th	10am	Babies, Biscuits, and Banter – Parish Office
	2:30pm	Anna Chaplains visiting Emsworth House Care Home
Wed 17 th	10am	Holy Communion - St James
	6pm	Emsworth Primary Christmas Service – St James
Thurs 18 th	9:30-11am	The Ark Toddler Group – Parish Hall
	11am	Kathy Coathup's funeral – St James
	2pm	St James School Christmas Service – St James
Fri 19 th	10am-12pm	Coffee and Chat – 17 Crowsbury Close
Sat 20 th	11am	Carols around the Lobster Pot Christmas Tree – Emsworth Quay
	2-4pm	Hot Chocolate and mince pies – St Thomas à Becket

Sunday 21st December

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Readings	Isaiah 7:10-16; Matthew 1:18-end
8am St James	Holy Communion: Revd Andrew Sheard and 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
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	Carols for Christmas: Revd Julie Price and Revd Andrew Sheard
2pm St Thomas à Becket	Hot chocolate and mince pies
6:30pm St Thomas à Becket	Carols by Candlelight: Revd Julie Price and Revd Andrew Sheard
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.	<p>We are sad to report the deaths of several members or former members of the parish. Please pray for God's comfort for their families.</p> <p>Kathy Coathup's funeral will be in St James on Thursday 18th December at 11am. All welcome afterwards for refreshments in the parish hall.</p> <p>Rosemary Hailey's funeral will be in St TaB on Thursday 8th January at 10:30am.</p> <p>Sonia Price's funeral is at The Oaks Crematorium on Monday 12th January at 10:45am.</p> <p>Celia Pilkington's funeral will be in St James on Thursday 22nd January at 11:30am.</p>
2.	<p>As well as other regular services, these are the Special Christmas Services during December. Please join us and bring family, friends, and neighbours:</p> <p>Sunday 14th December 6:30pm Carols by Candlelight – St James</p> <p>Sunday 21st December 11am Carols for Christmas – St Thomas à Becket 6:30pm Carols by Candlelight – St Thomas à Becket</p> <p>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</p> <p>Christmas Day 8am Holy Communion – St James 10am Christmas Celebration – St James (then optional short Holy Communion) 11am Christmas Service – St Thomas à Becket</p>
3.	<p>Carols Services at St Thomas à Becket: Please note that this year we will be holding two Carol Services at St Thomas à Becket on Sunday 21st December at 11am and 6:30pm. This is to try and avoid over-crowding in the evening.</p>
4.	<p>Anna Café Church Monday 15th December at 12:30pm in the Parish Hall: All are welcome to join us for this short service followed by a simple lunch. It is especially suitable for those who maybe older or more frail.</p>
5.	<p>Coffee and Chat Friday 19th December 10am – 12pm at Sue and Dan Robinson's 17 Crowsbury Close, Emsworth. All welcome.</p>
6.	<p>Carols on the Quay Saturday 20th December at 11am: All are welcome at this community carol singing.</p>
7.	<p>Hot Chocolate & Mince Pies at TàB on Saturday 20th & Sunday 21st December: 2-4pm: if you would like to help serve hot drinks and mince pies to visitors and passers-by, please contact Rev Julie Price or Clare Jury. Their contact details are on the back page of the Pew Sheet. Mince Pie donations would be appreciated.</p>
8.	<p>If you'd like to share Christmas greetings with the St James' Church family but would prefer to support a charity rather than write individual cards, you're warmly invited to sign the large card on the welcome table and make a donation to Stone Pillow, You can place your donation in the pot next to the card, or transfer it to the COLLECTIONS bank account - PCC Warblington with Emsworth - Collections Sort Code 30-93-97 and account number 01414912 with the ref: Christmas card.</p>

9.	Posters: Please take a poster of our Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services to display in windows or on your gate. Thank you!
10.	Running Free: 2026 Subscriptions renewal forms will be inside the January issue of Running Free.
11.	The Children's Society Thank you for the donation boxes I received at the Christingle. I am happy to receive more. Maureen Twitchen 51 Havant Road Emsworth. 01243 377747 07765 048586 Many thanks to all the giving which helps the vital work of this charity.
12.	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.

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