



Sunday 21st and 28th December 2025

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.

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 & 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 Carols: 17, 5, 40, 29, Tell out my soul (screen)
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 & Revd Andrew Sheard Carols: 35, 40, 32, 38, 17, 24, 31
6:30pm St Thomas à Becket	Carols by Candlelight: Revd Julie Price & Revd Andrew Sheard
Online service	Church of England online service https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/church-online/weekly-online-services
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

Wednesday 24th December Christmas Eve

10am St James	Holy Communion Service: Revd Clive Main
4:30pm St James	Crib Service (children can dress up if they want to): Revd Andrew Sheard, Sue Sheard, & Revd Lizzie Davidson Carols: 9, 32, In a stable cold (screen), 25, 3, 17
6:30pm St James	Crib Service (quieter and reflective): Revd Andrew Sheard & Revd Lizzie Davidson Carols: 31, 32, 36, 38, 17
9pm St Thomas à Becket	'Midnight' Communion: Revd Julie Price & Revd Bruce Watson Carols: 36, 38, 21, 19, 32, 31
11:30pm St James	Midnight Communion: Revd Lizzie Davidson & Revd Bruce Watson Carols: 32, 38, 21, 10, 30, 31

Thursday 25th December Christmas Day

8am St James	Holy Communion: Revd Andrew Sheard
10am St James	Family Christmas Celebration: Revd Bruce Watson, Jacqui Watson, & Revd Lizzie Davidson Followed by a short Holy Communion: Carols: 9, 14, 47, 37, 31
11am St Thomas à Becket	Christmas Service: Revd Julie Price & Revd Andrew Sheard Carols: 31, 20, 24, 3, 17

Sunday 28th December The First Sunday of Christmas

Readings	Hebrews 2:10-18; Matthew 2:13-end
8am St Thomas à Becket	Holy Communion: Revd Julie Price & James Mant
10am St James	Holy Communion: Revd Andrew Sheard & James Mant Hymns: 48, 4, 20, 24
11am St Thomas à Becket	Matins: Revd Julie Price and James Mant Hymns: 39, Venite, Psalm 133 (chant 2), Te Duem, 42, 21, 25
6:30pm Emsworth Methodist Church	Reflective Service:

This Fortnight

Monday to Saturday 9:00-9:30am morning prayers on Zoom		
Tue 23 rd	10am 11am	NO Babies, Biscuit and Banter – Parish Office Anna Chaplains visiting Prinsted Care Home
Wed 24 th	10am	Holy Communion Service – St James
Thurs 25 th		Merry Christmas from us all at Warblington with Emsworth NO Ark Toddler Group – Parish Hall
Tues 30 th	10am	NO Babies, Biscuit and Banter – Parish Office
Wed 31 st	10am	Holy Communion Service – St James
Thurs 1 st	9:30am	Happy New Year from us all at Warblington with Emsworth NO The Ark Toddler Group – Parish Hall

PARISH NEWS

1.	Andrew, Julie, Bruce, Lizzie, Jacqui, & our families wish everyone in the parish a peaceful and joyful Christmas .
2.	Christmas Day 10am at St James: Please bring a present to show.
3.	Thank you very much to everyone who has helped with our celebrations of Christmas this year – wardens, musicians, choirs, readers, sides people, welcomers, those who served refreshments, decorators, publicity & much more.
4.	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 .
5.	Christmas cards at St James: The box for the exchange of Christmas cards is available at the back of St James, please make sure you check it.
6.	The Children's Society: Thank you for your kind donations at the Christingle service, the amount collected was £481.06. This amount helps to provide therapy & well-being support to thousands of children. Thank you, Maureen Twitchen.
7.	The Tearfund Quiz: Thank you for your kind donations at the Tearfund Quiz and auction of promises we raised £622. Thank you, Paul Chapman.
8.	Running Free January 2026 will be in both churches on Sunday 28th December and a 2026 Annual Subscription form tucked into each copy. Many thanks to all the distributors of Running Free, I am so grateful for your continuing support, Clare Jury
9.	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. 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.

	<p>Celia Pilkington's funeral will be in St James on Thursday 22nd 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.</p>
10.	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
11.	St James Welcome Event Sunday 25th January: We would like to invite all those new to St James (inc Breakfast Church & Wild Church) to join us in the Parish Hall on Sunday 25 th January after the 10am service (11:15am) for drinks and snacks.
12.	Could the lady who successfully bid for the month of prayer at the Tearfund auction please contact Paul Chapman – paul.chapman@blueyonder.co.uk or 07305 406566
13.	Parish Weekend Away 18th-20th September 2026: We are going to the Solent Hotel and Spa Fareham PO15 7AJ. 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.

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