



## Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> December The Fourth Sunday of Advent

<b>Readings</b>	Isaiah 7:10-16; Matthew 1:18-end
<b>8am St James</b>	<b>Holy Communion:</b> Revd Andrew Sheard & Revd Lizzie Davidson
<b>10am St James</b>	<b>Holy Communion with Pre-School Group in the Parish Office &amp; Youth &amp; Children's groups in the Community Centre:</b> Revd Lizzie Davidson <b>Carols:</b> 17, 5, 40, 29, Tell out my soul (screen)
<b>10am Parish Hall</b>	<b>Breakfast Church with Pre-School Group in the Parish Office &amp; Youth &amp; Children's groups in the Community Centre:</b> Revd Bruce Watson
<b>11am St Thomas à Becket</b>	<b>Carols for Christmas:</b> Revd Julie Price & Revd Andrew Sheard <b>Carols:</b> 35, 40, 32, 38, 17, 24, 31
<b>6:30pm St Thomas à Becket</b>	<b>Carols by Candlelight:</b> Revd Julie Price & Revd Andrew Sheard
<b>Online service</b>	<b>Church of England online service</b> <a href="https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/church-online/weekly-online-services">https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/church-online/weekly-online-services</a>
<b>Online Application</b>	Connect with God with the Everyday Faith app. Journey daily with reflections to inspire, equip and encourage you in your everyday faith. <a href="https://www.churchofengland.org/faith-life/exploring-faith/everyday-faith">https://www.churchofengland.org/faith-life/exploring-faith/everyday-faith</a>

## Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Eve

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

## Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Day

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

## Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> December The First Sunday of Christmas

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

## This Fortnight

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

## PARISH NEWS

1.	Andrew, Julie, Bruce, Lizzie, Jacqui, & our families wish everyone in the parish a <b>peaceful and joyful Christmas.</b>
2.	<b>Christmas Day 10am at St James:</b> Please bring a present to show.
3.	<b>Thank you very much to everyone who has helped with our celebrations of Christmas this year</b> – 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 <b>Stone Pillow</b> , 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 <b>with the ref: Christmas card.</b>
5.	<b>Christmas cards at St James:</b> The box for the exchange of Christmas cards is available at the back of St James, please make sure you check it.
6.	<b>The Children's Society:</b> 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.	<b>The Tearfund Quiz:</b> Thank you for your kind donations at the Tearfund Quiz and auction of promises we raised £622. Thank you, Paul Chapman.
8.	<b>Running Free January 2026</b> 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. <b>Rosemary Hailey's</b> funeral will be in St Tab on Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> January at 10:30am. <b>Sonia Price's</b> funeral is at The Oaks Crematorium on Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> January at 10:45am.

	<b>Celia Pilkington's</b> funeral will be in St James on Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> 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 <a href="mailto:heatheryoung329@msn.com">heatheryoung329@msn.com</a> many thanks.
10.	<b>The Big Clean Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January 9am in St James Church:</b> 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 <a href="mailto:ineke.belfrage@gmail.com">ineke.belfrage@gmail.com</a>
11.	<b>St James Welcome Event Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January:</b> 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 <sup>th</sup> 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 – <a href="mailto:paul.chapman@blueyonder.co.uk">paul.chapman@blueyonder.co.uk</a> or 07305 406566
13.	<b>Parish Weekend Away 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> September 2026:</b> 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 <sup>th</sup> January.

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