



## Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2026 The Fourth Sunday of 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***

<b>Readings</b>	1 Corinthians 1:18-end; John 2:1-11
<b>8am St James</b>	<b>Holy Communion:</b> Revd Andrew Sheard and Revd Julie Price
<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 Andrew Sheard and Revd Julie Price Hymns:
<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>Holy Communion:</b> Revd Lizzie Davidson and Revd Julie Price Hymns:
<b>5pm Parish Hall</b>	<b>All-in@5:</b> Jacqui Watson and Revd Bruce Watson
<b>6:30pm Parish Office</b>	<b>Seek the Lord:</b> Revd Andrew Sheard Praying for the Head Teacher appointment at St James School
<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>



# THIS WEEK

Monday to Saturday 9:00-9:30am morning prayers on Zoom

Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup>	2:15pm 2:30pm 7:30pm	Minus One Friendship Group – Parish Hall Revd Geoffrey Senior's funeral – Emsworth Methodist Church 3-2-1 Course – Parish Hall
Tue 3 <sup>rd</sup>	10am 11:30am	Babies, Biscuits and Banter – Parish Hall Funeral – St Thomas à Becket
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup>	10am 10:30am 12pm	Holy Communion - St James Funeral – St Thomas à Becket Parish Lunch – The Kings Arms
Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup>	9:30-11am 3:30pm	The Ark Toddler Group – Parish Hall St Thomas à Becket Leadership Team Meeting – Parish Office
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup>	2:30pm	Anna Chaplains visiting Springfield House Care Home
Sat 7 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am	Wedding Preparation Course – Parish Hall

## Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2026

### The Second Sunday before Lent

<b>Readings</b>	Romans 8:18-25; Matthew 6:25-end
<b>8am St Thomas à Becket</b>	<b>Holy Communion:</b> Revd Andrew Sheard
<b>10am St James</b>	<b>Family Service:</b> Revd Bruce Watson and Jacqui Watson
<b>11am St Thomas à Becket</b>	<b>Matins with refreshments:</b> Revd Lizzie Davidson and Revd Andrew Sheard
<b>5pm Parish Hall</b>	<b>Sunday Night Youth Group:</b> Revd Bruce Watson and Jacqui Watson
<b>6:30pm St James</b>	<b>Taizé style Holy Communion for Candlemas:</b> Revd Andrew Sheard and Revd Clive Main <b>Readings:</b> Hebrews 2:14-end; Luke 2:22-40
<b>ChurchSuite</b>	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.	<b>Praying for a new Head Teacher at St James School:</b> Please be praying for this appointment process and join us if you can at ' <b>Seek the Lord</b> ' this Sunday at 6:30pm as we focus on this.
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2.	<b>Minus One Friendship Group:</b> This support group for bereaved people will be meeting on Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February at 2pm in the Parish Hall. If you have any further queries, please contact Michelle Murphy (02392 475297) or Pat Hales (01243 379283).
3.	<b>Parish Weekend Away 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> September 2026:</b> Please pick up your letter from St James Church, Parish Hall or if you have been unable to find your letter, then please come into the Parish Office when open to collect a letter.
4.	<b>Revd Geffrey Senior's funeral will be held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February at 2:30pm in Emsworth Methodist Church.</b> All are welcome to attend.
5.	<b>Taizé Communion Service for Candlemas Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February at 6:30pm in St James:</b> All are welcome to join us for this special service.
6.	<b>Pause and Pray Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February 6-7pm in Christchurch, Portsdown:</b> Please join us for an hour of prayer to pray for our borough.
7.	<b>Ash Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February:</b> Marking the start of Lent we have the opportunity to renew our commitment to follow the way of Christ. We will have Holy Communion services (with optional ashing) at 10am and 7:30pm in St James.
8.	<b>Lent Quiet Morning at St Mary's Church Buriton Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March 9:30am-1pm:</b> Come and join us for a Quiet Morning at the start of Lent in beautiful surroundings. More details to follow, but please save the date.
9.	<b>Good Friday presentation of Sacred Music:</b> We will have just four Monday rehearsals this year, starting on <b>March 9<sup>th</sup>, in St James Church at 7:30pm.</b> Music will be provided -Karl Jenkins Requiem – no audition! Queries to Sue Ingram 01243 375063.
10.	<b>Holiday Club - Deep Sea Divers:</b> Our feedback has shown that many parents would prefer the Holiday Club to run for a whole day rather than just mornings. Therefore, this year we plan to run the club on <b>Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> August &amp; Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> August.</b> If you would be able to help, please do contact me - Jacqui
11.	<b>Monday lunchtime in St James School:</b> We are looking for a couple of extra people to help with our lunch-time clubs at St James School (1 hour). This mostly involves helping children with crafts and chatting informally about the theme. If you think you might be interested, please contact Jacqui for an informal chat.
12.	<b>A new Treasurer, and Churchwarden at St Thomas à Becket:</b> Both Peter Eberle and Dan Robinson have given notice that they would like to stand down from their roles at the APCM. Please be praying for God to call others to step into these roles. The treasurer will be part of a treasury team, which means the work is shared out and not so onerous on any one individual. Please speak to Andrew if you are interested or would like to know more.
13.	<b>Toiletries Collection for Stop Domestic Abuse:</b> There will be a box at the back of each church for the collection of new unopened toiletries such as deodorant, body spray, shower gel, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrushes for both adults and children, bath and hand towels. If you have any questions, please contact Maureen Twitchen.
14.	<b>Emsworth Good Neighbours celebrates its 30<sup>th</sup> birthday this year:</b> We are a community of volunteers, helping mostly elderly and frail residents of Emsworth,

	<p>supported by the Good Neighbours Network through our Diocese. Last year our wonderful volunteers carried out over 1300 acts of kindness, including 600 car trips to medical appointments. We would be so grateful for more volunteers – any time you could spare would be so appreciated. Mileage and parking expenses are paid. Some of our drivers have ‘retired’ recently and others temporarily stepped down. <b>If you would consider volunteering or would like to know more please be in touch.</b> You would be well supported. Sue Ingram 01243 375063. Thank you.</p> <p><a href="http://www.emswortgoodneighbours.org">www.emswortgoodneighbours.org</a></p>
15.	Possible outing to the Royal Albert Hall on Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> December, for the matinee performance of the Sir John Rutter Christmas Concert with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra. Approximate departure time from Emsworth 11am and return time 7:45pm. The price including the concert ticket and coach travel approximately £90. Further details in the March edition of Running Free.
16.	Apologies Coffee and Chat this month on Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> February is being hosted at 5 Barn Close NOT 5 Emsbrook Close as noted in Running Free’s What’s On.

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