



WARBLINGTON
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Sunday 1st March 2026

Second Sunday of Lent

Generous with wealth

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	2 Corinthians 9:6-11; Luke 12:13-21
8am St James	Holy Communion: Revd Andrew Sheard
10am St James	Holy Communion with Pre-School Group in the Parish Office & Youth & Children's groups in the Community Centre: Revd Clive Main and Revd Andrew Sheard Hymns: 427, All I once held dear (screen), 465, 261, 15
10am Parish Hall	Breakfast Church with Pre-School Group in the Parish Office & Youth & Children's groups in the Community Centre: Revd Bruce Watson and Revd Andrew Sheard
11am St Thomas à Becket	Holy Communion: Revd Julie Price and Revd Andrew Sheard Hymns: 449, 383, 439, 73, 453
5pm Parish Hall	All-in@5: Revd Bruce Watson, Jacqui Watson, and Revd Andrew Sheard
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 2 nd	2:15pm	Minus One Friendship Group – Parish Hall
Tue 3 rd	10am	Babies, Biscuits and Banter – Parish Hall
Wed 4 th	10am	Holy Communion - St James
	11am	Funeral – St Thomas à Becket
	12pm	Parish Lunch – The Kings Arms
Thurs 5 th	9:30-11am	The Ark Toddler Group – Parish Hall
Sat 7 th	1pm	Wedding – St Thomas à Becket

Sunday 8th March 2026 Third Sunday of Lent Generous with talents

Readings	Romans 12:3-8; Matthew 25:14-30
8am St Thomas à Becket	Holy Communion: Revd Julie Price
10am St James	Family Service with Baptisms: Revd Lizzie Davidson, Sue Sheard and Revd Andrew Sheard
11am St Thomas à Becket	Matins with refreshments: Revd Julie Price
5pm Parish Hall	Sunday Night Youth Group: Revd Bruce Watson and Jacqui Watson
6:30pm St James	Holy Communion: Revd Lizzie Davidson and James Mant
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>Looking Forward – Giving Back Letters There is a named letter ready for everyone in all services today. Please don't go home without yours!! If you are new and there isn't a named letter there are spares for you to take. We would very grateful if you would give this careful and prayerful consideration. Many thanks Andrew</p>
2.	<p>Minus One Friendship Group: This support group for bereaved people will be meeting on Monday 2nd March at 2pm in the Parish Hall. If you have any further queries, please contact Michelle Murphy or Pat Hales.</p>
3.	<p>We are sad to report that Phyllis Pearson has died, her funeral will be at The Oaks on Tuesday 17th March at 2:30pm. Please keep her children Sharon and John and all the family in your prayers.</p>
4.	<p>Open Doors World Watch List 2026: Praying for persecuted Christians in the 50 countries across our world where it is most costly to follow Christ. Please help yourself to a booklet from the back of the church today.</p>
5.	<p>Lent Quiet Morning – Coming Home at St Mary's Church, Buriton, GU31 5RT Saturday 7th March 9.30am-1pm led by Revd Annie McCabe: Come and join us for a Quiet Morning at the start of Lent in beautiful surroundings. The morning will be based around the wisdom of Henri Nouwen's book 'Return of the prodigal' Sign-up sheets in both churches and parish hall today.</p>
6.	<p>Southbourne Free Church on Saturday 7th March at 3pm will be hosting Jonathan Parkinson CEO to speak about Caring for Life a Christian charity come along to hear stories around the theme of rescued, rebuilt, and restored. All are welcome and there will be refreshments afterwards. For more details please contact Pastor Paul.</p>
7.	<p>NEW LENT GROUP: meet on Wednesday evenings 7.00-8.30 pm at 75 Horndean Road (next to Emsworth Hotel/Blooms). Interested in joining? Contact Revd Clive Main.</p>
8.	<p>Lent Course 2026: the parish will be using the excellent CoFe 'Living generously' course: 5 sermons, 5 study sessions. We encourage everyone, if possible, to study this course with others in a group. Home Group members, check with your HG leader. Video and study guides on: https://www.churchofengland.org › generosity-resources</p>
9.	<p>Good Friday presentation of Sacred Music: we will have just four Monday rehearsals this year, starting on 9th March in St James church at 7.30pm. Karl Jenkins Requiem - music will be provided, no audition! Queries to Sue Ingram</p>
10.	<p>Wild Church and The Children's Society invite you to a challenge of fun, games and quizzes for all ages in the Parish Hall on Sunday 22nd March 4 to 5 pm, refreshments available. Contact Bruce or Maureen Twitchen for more information.</p>
11.	<p>New Home Group: Lizzie and Jacqui will be hosting a home group on a Monday evening starting 9th March at 7.30pm at Lizzie's home. If you are interested in joining this group, please do contact either of them for more details.</p>
12.	<p>March issue of Running Free is in both churches today.</p>
13.	<p>Children & Youth Training Event – 23rd April: if you are involved in working with our young people in any capacity, you are invited to a training evening from 7.30-9.30pm,</p>

	this will be run in conjunction with the Diocese's Children & Youth Team. Further details to follow. Please keep this date free.
14.	Parish Weekend Away 18th-20th September 2026: Solent Hotel & Spa Fareham Have you signed up to come? Nearly 100 people have booked so far but we have space for 150. Please get your booking form in soon. You can book now and pay later. We are asking for deposits by 27 th March. If you haven't received a letter, please pick one up from either church, the parish hall or the parish office.
15.	A brief reminder for those intending to join us on 4th December, at the Royal Albert Hall for the Sir John Rutter Christmas concert matinee performance, the booking details will be in the March edition of Running Free.
16.	Stop Domestic Abuse would like to thank St James' Church parishioners for the recent donation of toiletries for service users at the refuges. Many families arrive on an emergency basis, having not had time to pack essentials, and are very grateful indeed.

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