



WARBLINGTON
with EMSWORTH



Sunday 15th February 2026

The Sunday Next Before Lent

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 Peter 1:16-end; Matthew 17:1-9
8am St James	Holy Communion: Revd Julie Price and Revd Lizzie Davidson
10am St James	Holy Communion: Revd Lizzie Davidson Hymns: 70, 167, 242, 82, In Christ alone (screen)
10am Parish Hall	Breakfast Church for all-ages: Revd Andrew Sheard
11am St Thomas à Becket	Holy Communion followed by refreshments: Revd Julie Price and Andrew Sheard Hymns: 390, 343, 234, 459, 377
5pm Parish Hall	All-in@5: Revd Lizzie Davidson and Revd Andrew Sheard
6.30pm St Thomas à Becket	Evensong: James Mant and Revd David Muskett Readings: 2 Kings 2:1-12; Matthew 17:9-23 Hymns:
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 16 th	12:30-2pm 7:30pm	Anna Café Church – Parish Hall Growing Leaders Meeting – Parish Office
Tue 17 th	10am 2:30pm 4-5pm	Babies, Biscuits, and Banter – Parish Office Anna Chaplains visiting The Oaks Care Home Pancake Party – Parish Hall
Wed 18 th Ash Wednesday	10am 7:30pm	Holy Communion with optional ashing - St James Holy Communion with optional ashing – St James
Thurs 19 th	2pm	Mothers' Union AGM – Parish Office
Fri 20 th	10am-12pm	Coffee and Chat

Sunday 22nd February The First Sunday of Lent Generous with time

Readings	Ephesians 3:14-21; John 12:1-8
8am St Thomas à Becket	Holy Communion: Revd Lizzie Davidson and Revd Clive Main
10am St James	Holy Communion with Youth Group and Bible2GO in the Parish Hall: Revd Andrew Sheard and Revd Clive Main
11am St Thomas à Becket	Matins: Revd Julie Price and Revd Clive Main
4pm St James Garden	Wild Church – Revd Bruce Watson, Jacqui Watson and Revd Lizzie Davidson
6:30pm Emsworth Methodist Church	Reflective Service
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.

PARISH NEWS

1.	Anna Café Church Monday 16th February 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.
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2.	<p>Pancake Party! Tuesday 17th February 4-5pm in the Parish Hall: All families welcome and bring friends for pancakes, games and fun. Please book your place via the link below via the parish website or scan the QR code.</p> <p>https://parishofwwe.churchsuite.com/events/snxoev2k</p> 
3.	<p>Ash Wednesday 18th February: 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.</p>
4.	<p>The Ark Toddler Group will NOT be running on Thursday 19th February. Many thanks from all the team for all your support.</p>
5.	<p>Lent Quiet Morning 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. Sign-up sheets in church today.</p>
6.	<p>Good Friday presentation of Sacred Music: We will have just four Monday rehearsals this year, starting on March 9th, in St James Church at 7:30pm. Music will be provided - Karl Jenkins Requiem – no audition! Queries to Sue Ingram.</p>
7.	<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 in a group. Home Group members – check with your Home Group leader. Not in a Home Group? Clive Main is offering a new Lent Group, day/time/venue tba. Sign-up sheets are in church, or contact Clive Main. You can find the video and study guides on https://www.churchofengland.org/generosity-resources</p>
8.	<p>Mothers' Union AGM Thursday 19th February at 2pm in the Parish Office: All are welcome to come along to Mothers' Union annual meeting.</p>
9.	<p>Parish Weekend Away 18th-20th September 2026 at The Solent Hotel and Spa Fareham PO15 7AJ: Have you signed up to come yet? If not please get your booking form in soon. You can book now and pay later! We are asking for deposits by 27th March. If you haven't received a letter yet, please pick one up from either church or the parish hall.</p>
10.	<p>Children and Youth Training event - April 23rd: If you are involved in working with our young people in any capacity, you are invited to a training evening from 7.30 to 9.30. This will be run in conjunction with the diocese's children and youth team. Further details to follow, but it would be great if you could keep this date free.</p>
11.	<p>A new Treasurer, and Churchwarden at St Thomas à Becket: 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.</p>
12.	<p>New Home Group: Lizzie and Jacqui will be hosting a home group on a Monday evening (starting 9th March) 7:30pm at Lizzie's house. If you are interest in joining this group, then please do contact either of them for more details.</p>

13.	Emsworth Primary School is looking for two new community Governors. Could you be one of them? The commitment is six Governor Meetings a year, 5.30-7.30pm, face to face (or on Teams). Some experience in the education world preferred but not essential. Speak to Bruce Watson if you'd like more information.
14.	Eco Church Silver: Achieving this is one of the goals is our Parish Mission and Action Plan. Comprehensive briefings on the various aspects of the current climate crisis were held in front of a large audience in London in Nov of last year. Videos of these briefings are available to watch on YouTube - enter "National Emergency Briefing" into the search field and you will be able to choose which you wish to watch. The case made for change is backed by real-world evidence and is highly persuasive.
15.	Lovely 2-floor house, Stag's Nook in Lochearnhead, Scotland, close to Stirling and Glasgow. Wonderful views and super walks by the lochsides. Available from March 13th - 20th. Sleeps 6, in 2 en suite bedrooms, with double sofa bed in sitting room. Beautifully furnished and equipped. You might even get to make a snowman!! We have already paid for this but cannot go. Free, but a donation to the Parish would be welcome. Check the website website, http://www.heritagepropertyscotland.co.uk . Please contact Faith as soon as possible, as I have to inform the managers who will be coming.

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