WARBLINGTON with EMSWORTH

Sunday 1st November 2026
The Fourth Sunday before Advent

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	1 John 3:1-3 (p237); Luke 9:18-27 (p66)
8am **St James**	**Holy Communion with Toy Collection:** Revd Andrew Sheard and Revd Clive Main
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10am **Parish Hall**	**Breakfast Church and Holy Communion with Toy Collection:** Revd Bruce Watson and Jacqui Watson
11am **St Thomas à Becket**	**Holy Communion with Toy Collection:** Revd Julie Price and Revd Clive Main **Hymns:** 475, 418, 336, 467, 197
3pm **St Thomas à Becket**	**Service of Memories:** Revd Andrew Sheard and Revd Julie Price
6:30pm **Parish Office**	**Seek the Lord:** Revd Andrew Sheard
Online service	**Church of England online service** https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/church-online/weekly-online-services

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THIS WEEK

Monday to Saturday 9:00-9:30am morning prayers on Zoom		
Mon 2nd	11am 2:15pm 7:30pm	Funeral – St Thomas à Becket Minus One Friendship Group – Parish Hall Leaders and Co-Ordinators Gathering – Parish Hall
Tue 3rd	10am 12pm 7:30pm 8pm	Babies, Biscuits and Banter – Parish Hall Tuesday@12 Prayer Meeting – Parish Office Teaching children to listen to God's voice – Parish Office WemsFest Imar Concert – St James
Wed 4th	10am 12pm	Holy Communion - St James Parish Lunch – The Kings Arms
Thurs 5th	9:30-11am	The Ark Toddler Group – Parish Hall
Fri 6th	2:30pm 6:30pm	Anna Chaplains visiting Springfield House Youth and Community Remembrance Service Rehearsal – St James

Sunday 8th November 2026
Remembrance Sunday

Readings	1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 (p202); Matthew 25:14-30 (p27)
8am St Thomas à Becket	**Holy Communion:** Revd Andrew Sheard
10am St James	**Remembrance for all ages:** Revd Andrew Sheard
10:55am St Thomas à Becket	**Remembrance Service:** Revd Julie Price and Revd Andrew Sheard
2:45pm	**Youth and Community Remembrance Service:** Revd Andrew Sheard and Revd Bruce Watson
5pm Parish Hall	**Sunday Night Youth Group – Firepit and Smores:** Revd Bruce Watson and Jacqui Watson
6:30pm St James	**Holy Communion:** Revd Andrew Sheard
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.	**This Sunday 1st November is International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church please pray** for believers living in difficult & dangerous regions Many thanks Pat Hales.

2.	**Service of Memories this Sunday 1st November at 3pm in St Thomas à Becket:** If you would like to come to this service & remember someone who has died, you can let a welcomer know on the door your loved one's name. All welcome.
3.	**Roberts Centre - Toys for Christmas:** We will be collecting unwrapped toys & gift vouchers at all our services this **Sunday 1st November**. Please bring any donations to a church service or deliver to the Parish Office in the week before & after. These toys will be distributed by our friends at the Roberts Centre in Portsmouth to families whose Christmas may be less full than our own. Many thanks
4.	**St James Church Car Park Closure**: Please note that St James' Church car park will be closed from late Sunday 1 November until Tuesday evening, 3 November, to allow essential pothole repairs to be carried out. We apologise for any inconvenience.
5.	**Minus One Friendship Group:** This support group for bereaved people will be meeting on Monday 2nd November at 2:15pm in the Parish Hall. If you have any further queries, please contact Michelle Murphy or Caroline Free.
6.	**Teaching children to listen to God's voice**: Becca Chamberlain is coming to lead a session for all our children & youth team and any parent/grandparent. This will take place on **Nov 3rd at 7.30 in the Parish Office**. If you would like to attend, please let Jacqui Watson know.
7.	**Skittles Night** - We have a few spare places on our home group's skittles night & would love you to join us and bring a friend. The link is below. 4th Nov 6.30 -9.00 at the Barley Mow in Walderton. https://parishofwwe.churchsuite.com/events/mjkwsi9w
8.	**Stamps for Mission:** If you would like to request stamps (1st or 2nd class) I will be placing a final order at the start of November. Please contact Colin Brotherston with your requirements.
9.	**Big Clean at TaB : Friday 13 November 9am-11am** Come & help give TaB a jolly good clean throughout whether up to high corners, crevices & ceilings or little niches, nooks & crannies. Please bring brushes, brooms, dusters & polish. Refreshments provided.
10.	**Delivery of Christmas Cards:** Help is needed on **Tuesday 17th November at 2pm** to collate the Christmas cards for distribution to the volunteer deliverers. Usually, each round should take less than 30 mins to deliver. Please volunteer if you are able as we would like the delivery to reach most homes **before the 'Switching on of the Lights on November 27th**.
11.	**An invitation to all those of you who are new to St James:** Have you recently chosen to start worshipping regularly with us? If so, we would like to invite you to a short Welcome event to be held in the church hall straight after the 10 o'clock service on **Sunday 22nd November.** At this event you will have the opportunity to find out more about what goes on in our parish and to be introduced to people who hold particular roles. Light refreshments will be served and all ages are welcome. To assist with catering, it would be helpful if you could let the Parish Office know if you are hoping to attend.
12.	**Alpha in January** - thank you to those who have signed up to help at the evening & daytime Alpha. There's still time! But can we ask you to consider who you might invite?

	Maybe someone on your **Pray for 5** card. Why not invite someone to the first session initially and arrange to go with them?
13.	**Duggie Dug Dug - Nativity visit:** Doug Horley & a friend are coming to do a Nativity Show in local schools & to turn on the Christmas lights. Can anyone offer a bed & breakfast for Nov 26th & possibly 27th? See Jacqui Watson if you can asap.
14.	**Emsworth Good Neighbours** volunteer drivers take their role very seriously & many have undertaken the Driver Skills Scheme 60+ through the HCC road safety team. Jane Holt, one of the assessors has kindly agreed to give us a talk about safer driving & we would like to extend this invitation to members of the parish. The talk will be practical & friendly with recent updates for drivers, aimed particularly but not exclusively towards 'senior' drivers. **Saturday, November 21st 10am-11.30**, with refreshments. Enquiries to Sue Ingram.
15.	**THANKS** to all who donated, packed, & delivered during our harvest festival. The financial gifts, harvest food & toiletries from St James church, St Thomas à Becket & St James school which went to One Church & Beacon foodbanks & were very gratefully received. Please don't forget, all types of donations are still needed all the year round.

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