WARBLINGTON with EMSWORTH

Sunday 15th November 2026
The Second 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 Thessalonians 5:1-11 (p202); Matthew 25:14-30 (p27)
8am **St James**	**Holy Communion:** Revd Julie Price
10am **St James**	**Holy Communion with Pre-School Group in the Parish Office & Youth & Children's groups in the Community Centre:** Revd Bruce Watson **Hymns:** 242, I will offer up my life (On Screen), 301, 520, 164
10am **Parish Hall**	**Breakfast Church with Pre-School Group in the Parish Office & Youth & Children's groups in the Community Centre:** Jerry Adams and Jacqui Watson
11am **St Thomas à Becket**	**Holy Communion followed by refreshments:** Revd Julie Price **Hymns:** 490, 234, 419, 387, 296
5pm **Parish Hall**	**All-in@5:** Revd Bruce Watson and Jacqui Watson
6.30pm **St Thomas à Becket**	**Evensong:** James Mant and Revd David Muskett **Readings:** Revelation 1:4-18 (p242); Luke 9:1-6 (p66) **Hymns:** 449, Psalm 78 vv108, Gloria (chant 8), Magnificat, Nunc Dimittis, 377, 499, 250
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 16th	3:30pm 7:30pm	Hope into Action Prayer Meeting – Parish Office Growing Leaders Celebration – Parish Hall
Tue 17th	10am 12pm 2:30pm 8pm	Babies, Biscuits, and Banter – Parish Office Tuesday@12 Prayer Meeting – Parish Office Anna Chaplains visiting Emsworth House Care Home WemsFest Blazin Fiddles – St James
Wed 18th	10am	Holy Communion - St James
Thurs 19th	9:30-11am 2pm	The Ark Toddler Group – Parish Hall Mothers' Union AGM – Parish Office
Fri 20th	10am-12pm	Coffee and Chat
Sat 21st	10-11:30am	Emsworth Good Neighbours Talk – Parish Hall

Sunday 22nd November 2026
The Sunday before Advent

Readings	Ephesians 1:15-end (p189); Matthew 25:31-end (p27)
8am St Thomas à Becket	**Holy Communion:** Revd Andrew Sheard and Revd Bruce Watson
10am St James	**Holy Communion with Youth Group and BibLE2GO in the Parish Hall:** Revd Andrew Sheard and Revd Bruce Watson
11:15am Parish Hall	**St James' Welcome Event in the Parish Hall**
11am St Thomas à Becket	**Matins:** James Mant
4pm St James Garden	**Wild Church:** Revd Bruce Watson and Jacqui Watson
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.	**Joy Wilson RIP:** A service of Thanksgiving will be held on **Friday 27th November at 1:30pm** in St James Church, Emsworth. All welcome. Please pray for Bryan, Judith and all the family.
2.	**Advent Quiet Morning at Hollybank House Saturday 28th November 9.30am - 1pm. Advent Theme:** An opportunity to spend some quiet time in prayer and reflection on the theme of Advent led by Rev Max Millet. There will be a charge of

	£5 to cover costs including tea / coffee payable in cash on the day. Sign-up sheets in both churches, or contact James Mant
3.	**Advent Service of Light Sunday 29th November at 6:30pm in St Thomas à Becket:** All welcome.
4.	**Alpha in January** – Alongside other churches in Emsworth, Southbourne and Westbourne we are running two Alpha courses in the New Year. **Tues evenings 7-9pm beginning 12 January** in The Pastoral Centre, Emsworth. **Wed mornings 10am-12noon beginning 13 January** in The Meeting Place, Westbourne. The daytime course will offer a creche. If you would like to help in any of the following ways – Small group leaders, helpers, catering, serving food & drinks, admin and prayer, creche helper - please complete the form at https://forms.gle/62GGBTaUGzEtNc119 or email the Parish Office. If you are interested in coming on the course or inviting a friend to come along you are very welcome. You can express your interest and sign up by emailing the Parish Office or https://forms.gle/LHQG5LnxZuWy738w8 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?
5.	**Coffee and Chat Friday 20th November 10am-12pm:** This month A Adamson is kindly hosting. All welcome.
6.	**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 parish hall straight after the 10 o'clock service on **Sunday 22nd November.** All ages are welcome. To assist with catering, please let the Parish Office know if you are hoping to attend.
7.	In conjunction with Emsworth Methodist Church, we are launching a **Bereavement Café on Thursday 3rd December 10.45am in the Pastoral Centre, High Street, Emsworth**. This will be an informal opportunity for anyone who has suffered loss to join us for refreshments, a chat and support. Please do come along yourselves, and spread the word, if you think that this might be of help to you or anyone that you know. For further information please contact the Parish Office or speak to Sue Round or Caroline Free.
8.	**Nativity Set Display in St James' Saturday 5th December 12-4pm:** We are planning to arrange a display of Nativity Sets in St James. Could you lend us your set? If so, please contact Phoebe Eberle. Come and enjoy the displays and refreshments will be available.
9.	**The Children's Society** M Twitchen will be at the Christingle service on **Sunday 6th December** at **10 am at St James** to collect boxes and donations. Many thanks.
10.	**Delivery of Christmas Cards to all homes in Emsworth & Warblington:** Each Christmas and Easter, 'Christians together in Emsworth' deliver a card to 6000 households. Thank you for those new people who have offered to help – we will be in touch soon. We need to recruit 3 or 4 new **Area Wardens**. Emsworth has been split into a number of Areas, and the Area Wardens take a number of bundles out to

	the homes of people who will them deliver them. If you can help with this, please contact Faith Ponsonby or the Parish Office.
11.	**The Meeting Place Westbourne SUNDAY 5pm 15th November Movie Night:** 'Cast Away': Come and watch the iconic Tom Hanks in the classic film Cast Away. Stranded but not hopeless. Ages 12+ or with parental guidance. Includes food email to reserve your serve your slot and any dietary requirements awe@themeetingplacewestbourne.co.uk
12.	**Knitted Teddies:** with very grateful thanks from the charity to all our knitters, 175 knitted teddies, scarves and part used candles were delivered last week. Please keep knitting!
13.	**Do you know someone who would benefit from this? Christmas Day meal at Emsworth Sports & Social Club**. They are offering a Traditional Christmas meal & a gift in a decorated warm building with friendly faces.For more information or to book a space call Clair by 14th December.

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