



Churches of St Giles, Holy Cross & St Bartholomew

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Services for Sunday 8th December 2024 **2nd Sunday of Advent**

St James

10am

Parish Holy Communion

Revd Juliet Jensen

St Giles

10am

Parish Holy Communion

Revd Jane Wood/Tony King

Lighting The 2nd Candle on the Advent Wreath

Today our candle reminds us of the Prophets – especially those who foretold the coming of the Saviour of the world

Prayer

God our Father, you spoke to the prophets of old of a Saviour who would bring peace. You helped them to spread the joyful message of his coming kingdom. Help us, as we prepare to celebrate his birth, to share with those around us the good news of your power and love. We ask this through Jesus Christ, the Light who is coming into the world. **Amen**

Lord Jesus, Light of the world, the prophets said you would bring peace and save your people in trouble. Give peace in our hearts at Christmastide and show all the world God's love. Amen

Collect

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever.

Amen

First Reading: Baruch 5

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on for ever the beauty of the glory from God. Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God; put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting; for God will show your splendour everywhere under heaven.

For God will give you evermore the name, 'Righteous Peace, Godly Glory'.

Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height; look towards the east, and see your children gathered from west and east at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that God has

remembered them.

For they went out from you on foot, led away by their enemies; but God will bring them back to you, carried in glory, as on a royal throne.

For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low and the valleys filled up, to make level ground, so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God.

The woods and every fragrant tree have shaded Israel at God's command.

For God will lead Israel with joy, in the light of his glory, with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

The Benedictus

Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel, who has come to his people and set them free.

He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour, born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets God promised of old to save us from our enemies, from the hands of all that hate us, to show mercy to our ancestors, and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham:

to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

Free to worship him without fear, holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.

And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way, To give his people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of all their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning is now

and shall be for ever. Amen.

Second Reading: Philippians 1: 3-11

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that on the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Holy Gospel: Luke 3: 1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

"Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

Intercessions

We pray for those who are ill at this time or in other forms of need, especially those we know. We remember Joy, Sam, Jane, Paul, Edward, Liz, John, Mary, Thelma, Ben, Paul, Phyllida, Ann, Bobbie, Les, Paul, Derek, Julie, Robert, David, Rita, Norma, Joan, Marion, Rose, Francis, Sue, Tina, Lottie, Rory, Tommie, Carol and Jenny. Be with them in their suffering, support and comfort them and give them peace of mind in times of trouble.'

We ask for your prayers for Chris Raffle and Jenny Blease, recently departed. We pray for their families and friends and all those who grieve.

Post-communion prayer

Father in heaven,
who sent your Son to redeem the world
and will send him again to be our judge:
give us grace so to imitate him
in the humility and purity of his first coming
that, when he comes again,
we may be ready to greet him
with joyful love and firm faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Morning and Evening Prayer in December

Morning prayer on via Zoom on Wednesday at 8.45am

Morning prayer in person at 9am on Thursdays in St James

Evening Prayer Wednesday at 6pm via Zoom

Zoom Meeting ID: 893 3298 0143 Passcode: 899154

This Week

Mon 9th December

7pm Sounds of Music Concert in St James

Weds 11th December

8.45am Morning prayer via Zoom

6pm Evening prayer via Zoom

Thurs 12th December

9am Morning Prayer in St James

10am Holy Communion at St James

Fri 13th December

6.30pm Copious Notes Concert at Holy Cross

Saturday 14th December

From 12pm Christmas Carvery in St James Parish Centre

Services for 15th December 3rd Sunday of Advent

St James

8am Said Holy Communion

10am Service of the Word

12.30pm Baptism

St Giles

10am Parish Holy Communion

Market Place, Dursley

7.30pm Beer & Carols



The very saddest of news that our dear friend Chris Raffle died on Wednesday, she was very involved in church life and will be greatly missed by so many.
Rest in Peace , Chris and rise again in glory.

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Pastoral Care

Please let Revd Juliet (07776910890) or Revd Jane Wood (07983 623525) know of those who need to be contacted or are in hospital and we will get in touch. Moya Wallis (01453 861675) and Pat Jones (860696) are happy to be contacted for Uley, Owlpen and Nymphsfield.

You can also contact Clare in The Parish office-
ewelmebenefice@gmail.com 01453 549280

Sharing the Common Cup

Across the Ewelme Benefice, the PCC's decided in September to return to sharing the Common Cup at Services of Holy Communion, as requested by Bishop Rachel and Bishop Robert. Mostly the sharing of the Common Cup has been welcomed, although we acknowledge that it is difficult for some, who have felt more comfortable with intinction (dipping the wafer into the wine). It is entirely acceptable to receive the Sacrament in one kind, in other words to simply receive the bread, as we no longer use intinction. To ensure that our practices of sharing the Common Cup are hygienic, the rim is firmly wiped with a fresh piece of linen, and the cup moved around each time. We are reminded that to receive Holy communion in one kind, is sufficient, and people may do this for a variety of reasons. We request that you receive in one kind and refrain from sharing the cup if you are unwell with a head cold or something similar. If any of this is causing particular distress, please bring this to the attention of the ministry team.

New Boiler at St James

We will need to raise £50k to meet the costs of the new gas boiler in St James.

If you can help, please contact our parish office

ewelmebenefice@gmail.com

or make a donation

Sending cash or cheque:

Make payable to

"PCC DURSLEY FABRIC FUND"

With reference

"BOILER" written on the back

Send to St James Parish office

Silver Street

Dursley

GL11 4NA

Transferring a donation by BACS

To: PCC Dursley Fabric Fund

AC NO; 02391693

SORT CODE;30-98-29 Reference "Boiler"



No Live Stream this week, the next will be on 15th December from St Giles, Uley.

Service Sheet for Worship at Home

If you are unable to join the Sunday services, please do make use of the reflective service for use at home alongside the prayers and readings for the day which can be found on this pew sheet. If you would like a copy please contact the office ewelmeeparishoffice@gmail.com

Intercessions and Pastoral Prayer.

From January at St James if there is someone named on the pew sheet to be prayed for they will be on the list for a month. You can always ask for them to go back on. We will include their surname where permission has been given. The Pastoral Prayer group prays for people with ongoing needs, if you think this would be suitable for your situation please speak to Maragret Lloyd (544741). A form is available on the prayer desk or email Clare in the Parish Office or a member of the clergy team.



Please can you make donations towards the Christmas Flowers in St James. BACs bank transfer To: PCC Dursley Fabric Fund AC NO; 02391693 SORT CODE;30-98-29 Reference Christmas Flowers



St James The Great, Dursley

Christmas Carvery


Saturday

14th December

Parish Centre

from 12 noon

Donations will be very welcome



Songs Drinks

COPIOUS NOTES

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND

WELCOME YOU TO A

MUSICAL CELEBRATION

of CHRISTMAS IN

OWL PEN

HOLY CROSS CHURCH

FRIDAY 13TH DEC 6:30 PM

Christmas Fairs.

Thank you to everyone who made the Christmas Fair in St Giles a success on 23rd November, around £1000 was raised.

A thank you to everyone who helped at St James Christmas Market on 29th November £2279.05 was raised. **A brilliant effort by all!**



SHOPPERS' CAROLS

St James The Great, Dursley

Saturday 21st December

11am

FESTIVE REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE



St James The Great, Dursley

Carol Service

Sunday

22nd December 2024

6.30pm



Christmas in The Ewelme Benefice 2024



1st December

6.30pm Advent Carols at St James, Dursley

14th December

12noon Christmas Carvery at St James Parish Centre

15th December

7pm Beer & Carols at the Market Place, Dursley

18th December

6pm Carols & Christingle at St Bartholomew's, Nympsfield

20th December

6pm Carols by Candlelight at Holy Cross, Owlpen

21st December

11am Shoppers Carols at St James

22nd December

6.30pm Carols by Candlelight at St James, Dursley

24th December

4pm Crib & Christingle Service at St James, Dursley

4pm Crib & Christingle service at St Giles, Uley

11pm Midnight Mass at St James

25th December

8am Said Holy Communion at St James, Dursley

10am Parish Holy Communion at St James, Dursley

10am Parish Holy Communion at St Giles, Uley

Everyone is very welcome at any of the services.