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**Services for Sunday 28th January 2024
Presentation of Christ**

St Giles

10am

Benefice Holy Communion
Revd Ian Gardner

St James

6.30pm

Choral Evensong
Canon Richard Morgan

Collect

Almighty and ever-living God,
clothed in majesty,
whose beloved Son was this day presented in
the Temple,
in substance of our flesh:
grant that we may be presented to you
with pure and clean hearts,
by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen

First Reading: Malachi 3: 1-5

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way
before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly
come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in
whom you delight - indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of
hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who
can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit
as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the
descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver,
until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness.
Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing
to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.
Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to
bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers,
against those who swear falsely, against those who
oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and
the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and
do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts.

Psalm 24

The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it, the world, and
those who live in it; for he has founded it on the seas,
and established it on the rivers.

Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD?

And who shall stand in his holy place?

Those who have clean hands and pure hearts,
who do not lift up their souls to what is false,
and do not swear deceitfully.

They will receive blessing from the LORD,
and vindication from the God of their salvation.

Such is the company of those who seek him,
who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient
doors! that the King of glory may come in.

Who is the King of glory?

The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient
doors! that the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of glory?

The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory.

Second Reading: Hebrews 2: 14-end

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he
himself likewise shared the same things, so that through
death he might destroy the one who has the power of
death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives
were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that
he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of
Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers
and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful
and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a
sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because
he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to
help those who are being tested.

Holy Gospel: Luke 2: 22-40

When the time came for their purification according to the
law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present
him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every
firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and
they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the
law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young
pigeons.'

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was
Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking
forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit
rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy
Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the
Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into
the temple; and when the parents brought in the child
Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law,
Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,
'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,
according to your word; for my eyes have seen your
salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all
peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory
to your people Israel.'

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what
was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and
said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the
falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that
will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be
revealed - and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel,
of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived
with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then
as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the
temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night
and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise
God and to speak about the child to all who were looking
for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of
the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of
Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with
wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

Intercessions

We pray for those who are ill at this time or in other forms of need, especially those we know. We remember Jacquelin, Paul, Malcolm, Pauline, Phyllida, Kate, Raymond, Ann, Joyce, Bobbie, Les, Paul, Beryl, Julie, Robert, David, Mel, Janet, Jean, Bernard, Rita, Norma, Joan, Marion, Rose, Francis, Sue, Tina, Lottie, Rory, Tommie & 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 Romala Vaisey, Tom Potts & Gordon McKillop recently departed. We pray for their families and friends and all those who grieve.

Post-communion prayer

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna, who lived to welcome the Messiah:
may we, who have received these gifts beyond words, prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes to bring us to eternal life;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.
Amen

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 ewelmebenefice@gmail.com

Pastoral Care

Please let Chris Raffle (01453 545684 or 07517 380772), 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 Nympsfield.

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

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This Week

Weds 31st January

9am Morning Prayer via Zoom

6pm Evening Prayer via Zoom

Thurs 1st February

9am Morning Prayer in St James

10am Holy Communion at St James

Sat 3rd February

10am Messy Church at St Giles, Uley

Services for 4th February 2024

2nd Sunday before Lent

St Bartholomew's

10am Parish Holy Communion

St James

10am Parish Holy Communion

St Giles

6pm Evening@St Giles- Informal Worship

No Live stream today, the next will be 11th

February from St Giles, then 25th February from St James

To read the weekly diocesan update please click on this link- <https://gloucester.anglican.org/>

Jan Vonberg will be off duty from 28th January to 5th February inclusive.

Morning and Evening Prayer in January/February

Morning prayer No Zoom Morning Prayer until 31st January, we will still meet at 9am on Thursdays in St James.

Evening prayer via Zoom will be at 6pm on Wednesday evenings.

The link can be found by going into our website- www.ewelmebenefice.co.uk





Saturday 17th February
We will be meeting at 9.30am to clean the Parish Centre, in readiness for the upcoming interview day. Please volunteer so that

our building looks shiny, loved and welcoming for our prospective new Rector.



10.30am at St James, Dursley.

Harry van Wijk

A versatile musician who works as concert organist, church musician and choir director at van de Oude Helenakerk in Aalten, Holland. He has played concerts in several countries in Europe and the USA. As well as playing with the best music from organ literature he enjoys exploring film music with organ, synthesizer and percussion, or music with organ and narrator.



There is no charge, but a retiring collection will be taken, the proceeds of which will go to the work of St James' church.

QUIZ NIGHT

With celebrity quiz master-
Matthew Fort

7PM SATURDAY 2ND MARCH
Uley Village Hall

TICKETS £10 AVAILABLE IN ADVANCE FROM ULEY COMMUNITY STORES TO INCLUDE SNACKS

Cash Bar Proceeds in aid of Church Funds

SHORT ELBOW & DJ BUMBLE **AT ULEY VILLAGE HALL**

17TH FEBRUARY 2024 FROM 7.30PM

TICKETS £10 FROM ULEY COMMUNITY STORES

IN AID OF THE CHURCH WALL FUND AND THE LANTERN FESTIVAL

BAR SERVING ULEY ALE & WINES