



**Churches of St James,  
St Giles, Holy Cross & St Bartholomew**

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**Services for Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2025  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany**

**St Giles**

**10am**

Benefice Holy Communion

*Revd Juliet Jensen/Revd Jane Wood*

**Collect**

Almighty God,  
whose Son revealed in signs and miracles  
the wonder of your saving presence:  
renew your people with your heavenly grace,  
and in all our weakness  
sustain us by your mighty power;  
through Jesus Christ your Son 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: Nehemiah 8: 1-3, 5-6, 8-10**

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law.

And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, 'Amen, Amen', lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshipped the Lord with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, 'This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep.' For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, 'Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.'

**Psalm 19: 1-6**

The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.

There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard; yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.

In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun,  
which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy. Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them; and nothing is hidden from its heat.

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12: 12-31a**

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptised into one body - Jews or Greeks, slaves or free - and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot were to say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear were to say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you', nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.' On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honourable we clothe with greater honour, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

**Holy Gospel: Luke 4: 14-21**

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.'

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.'

### Intercessions

We pray for those who are ill at this time or in other forms of need, especially those we know. We remember David, John, Sam, Jane, Paul, Edward, Liz, John, Mary, Thelma, Ben, Paul, Phyllida and Rita. 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 Marion Pagett, recently departed. We pray for her family and friends and all those who grieve.

### Post-communion prayer

Almighty Father,  
whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world:  
may your people,  
illumined by your word and sacraments,  
shine with the radiance of his glory,  
that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed  
to the ends of the earth;  
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.  
**Amen**

### This Week

**Mon 27<sup>th</sup> January**

**OFFICE CLOSED all week, please contact Clare by email or phone 07778842060**

**Weds 29<sup>th</sup> January**

**6pm** Evening prayer via Zoom

**Thurs 30<sup>th</sup> January**

**9am** Morning Prayer in St James

**10am** Holy Communion at St James

### **Services for 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2025 The Presentation of Christ**

**St Bartholomew's**

**10am** Parish Holy Communion

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**Pastoral Care**

Please let Revd Juliet (07776910890) 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](mailto:ewelmebenefice@gmail.com) 07778842060

**There will be an extra Live Stream this week from St Giles, the next will be from St James on 2<sup>nd</sup> February.**

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](mailto:ewelmebenefice@gmail.com)

### New Boiler at St James

The faculty has been granted, so the new boiler will be fitted on w/c 3<sup>rd</sup> March.

We 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](mailto: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"



### 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.

Friends of St. Giles are organizing a Quiz Evening on 8<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm in Uley Village Hall, this is part of a fundraising effort to repair the churchyard wall. I am helping organize a raffle to be held at this event and would like to ask you to consider donating a small prize of wine, chocolates or item of your choice. I would be happy to collect this or you can leave it at my house 8 Court Garden. I need to have prizes before 8<sup>th</sup> February. It would be great if you wish enter a team of 6 for this fun evening. There will be a bar to purchase beer, wine and soft drinks. Light refreshments will be included in the ticket price which is £10 per person.

Many thanks in anticipation!

*Marion Mills (01453 861001)*

### Morning & Evening Prayer

#### **Morning Prayer**

9am St James, every Thursday

#### **Evening Prayer**

6pm every Wednesday via Zoom

**Zoom Meeting ID: 893 3298 0143 Passcode: 899154**

**The office** is currently closed I am working from home, you will still be able to contact me by email.

[ewelmebenefice@gmail.com](mailto:ewelmebenefice@gmail.com) or on 07778842060 Clare



Friends  
of  
Uley Church

# TRIVIA QUIZ NIGHT

**Friends of St Giles Present  
A TRIVIA QUIZ NIGHT**

**With Quiz Master Angela Jones**

**Saturday 8th February 2025**

**7.00 p.m. Uley Village Hall**

**Teams of 6 people @ £10 per head**

**including light refreshments**

**Cash bar serving beer and wine**

**Tickets available from**

**Marion Mills 07855 609703**

**[marionmills@btinternet.com](mailto:marionmills@btinternet.com)**

**Or Uley Community Stores**

**Proceeds in aid of St Giles**

## Quiz & Hot Supper

St James Parish Centre

**February 22nd**

**7pm**

Teams of 6 max. £10/person

Bring own drinks.

Raffle.

Come along and join a team.

Proceeds to St James Church

funds and and Teckels

Animal Sanctuary

To book text to 07837265024

or

leave a message 01453 546895