

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

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**Services for Sunday 1st February 2026
The Presentation of Christ**

St James, Dursley

10am Parish Holy Communion
Revd Juliet Jensen

St Bartholomew's, Nympsfield

10am Parish Holy Communion
Revd Ian Gardner

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 Caroline, Keith, Kath, Ann, Albie, Carol, Sam, Jane, Marion, Charlie and Rita. Be with them in their suffering, support and comfort them and give them peace of mind in times of trouble.

We give thanks for the life of Susan Whatley, Richard Graham, and Hector Barrett, recently departed, and 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

This Week.

Monday 2nd February

6pm Vestry Time

Wednesday 4th February

6pm Evening prayer via Zoom.

Thursday 5th February

9am Morning prayer at St James

10am Holy Communion at St James

Saturday 7th February

7pm Quiz night at Uley Village Hall

Services for 8th February 2026 2nd Sunday before Lent

St James, Dursley

10am Parish Holy Communion

6.30pm Choral Evensong

St Giles, Uley

10am 2nd Sunday Special Service "From the Manger to the Cross".

Evening prayer via Zoom is on Wednesday at 6pm, to join please use this login - Link - Meeting ID: 811 3331 8043

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QUIZ NIGHT



**7th February 7 pm
for 7.30 pm start
Uley Village Hall**


Teams of 6. £10 per person including light refreshments
Bar and Raffle Prizes

Friends of St Giles raising money to refurbish a room in the
Church for Church and Community Use.

To book tickets: marionmills@btinternet.com 01453 861001

St Giles, Uley

Second Sunday Special Service
Sunday 8th February
10am
"From the Manger to the Cross"



**A Celebration of Trees,
Wood & Growth**
Hot drinks & croissants from 9.45am

The Live Stream this week is from St James.
Link
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LISCCrCagsw>

**Job Vacancy - Admin to the Chaplain at
Eastwood Park**

<https://jobs.justice.gov.uk/careers/JobDetail/13734-Part-time-Business-Administrator-Chaplaincy-0-5-FTE/13734>

Light Lent Lunches

Please volunteer to Cynthia or Anthea if you can help wash up, serve, waiter, make soup or cake.

Light Lent Lunches 2026

Starting on 23rd February, from 12 noon
in St James Parish Centre, Dursley.

Soup, bread, cake and tea or coffee will be served each Monday during Lent.

All are welcome.

All donations will be donated to our nominated charities.



| LENT 2026 A CLOUD OF WITNESSES |  All the services take place at 6.00pm at different churches | | | | | | |
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|  <p>A series of Ecumenical Evening Services reflecting on some of the great people of the faith in the past centuries, and what they can say to us today</p> | <table><tr><td>22nd February "William Tyndale" St George's Cam GL11 5PQ</td><td>15th March "Mother Julian of Norwich" Dursley Methodist Church GL11 4BS</td></tr><tr><td>1st March "George Whitefield" Dursley Tab GL11 4LW</td><td>22nd March "St Benedict" St Dominic's GL11 4ES</td></tr><tr><td>8th March "Thomas Merton" The Quarry Chapel GL11 6JA</td><td>Don't forget the Walk of Witness on Good Friday 3rd April</td></tr></table> | 22nd February "William Tyndale" St George's Cam GL11 5PQ | 15th March "Mother Julian of Norwich" Dursley Methodist Church GL11 4BS | 1st March "George Whitefield" Dursley Tab GL11 4LW | 22nd March "St Benedict" St Dominic's GL11 4ES | 8th March "Thomas Merton" The Quarry Chapel GL11 6JA | Don't forget the Walk of Witness on Good Friday 3rd April |
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St James Church with

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BECOMING CHURCH TOGETHER

SHINE!

IT'S CHILD'S PLAY

Sunday 15th February 2026
10am-11am

EVERYONE WELCOME


Refreshments


Games


Music

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