

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

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**Services for Sunday 9th February 2025
4th Sunday before Lent**

St James Parish Centre

10am

Parish Holy Communion

Canon Richard Morgan

St Giles

10am

Parish Holy Communion

Revd Juliet Jensen/Revd David Vonberg

Collect

God our creator,
who in the beginning
commanded the light to shine out of darkness:
we pray that the light of the glorious gospel of Christ
may dispel the darkness of ignorance and unbelief,
shine into the hearts of all your people,
and reveal the knowledge of your glory
in the face of 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: Isaiah 6: 1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.'

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: 'Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!'

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: 'Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.' Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I; send me!'

Psalm 138

I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise; I bow down towards your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness; for you have exalted your name and your word above everything.

On the day I called, you answered me, you increased my strength of soul.

All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord, for they have heard the words of your mouth.

They shall sing of the ways of the Lord, for great is the glory of the Lord.

For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly; but the haughty he perceives from far away.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies; you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me.

The Lord will fulfil his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O Lord, endures for ever.

Do not forsake the work of your hands.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11

Now I should remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you - unless you have come to believe in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to someone untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them - though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

Holy Gospel: Luke 5: 1-11

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, 'Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.' Simon answered, 'Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.' When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signalled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, 'Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!' For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.' When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

Intercessions

We pray for those who are ill at this time or in other forms of need, especially those we know. We remember Danny, John, Sam, Jane, Paul, Edward, 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 Ralph Darby, Nora Powell, Bernard Bowden and Valerie Mitchell, recently departed. We pray for their families and friends and all those who grieve.

Post-communion prayer

Generous Lord,
in word and eucharist we have proclaimed the mystery of your love:

help us so to live out our days

that we may be signs of your wonders in the world;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Amen

This Week

Mon 10th February

11am Valerie Mitchell's funeral at Gloucester Crem

Weds 12th February

6pm Evening prayer via Zoom

Thurs 13th February

9am Morning Prayer in St James

10am Holy Communion at St James

Fri 14th February

12.30pm Wedding meeting at The Rectory

Sun 16th February

3pm Music for a Sunday afternoon at St Giles-
The Lace String Quartet

Services for 16th February 2025 3 Sundays before Lent

St Giles

10am Parish Holy Communion

St James Parish Centre

8am Said Holy Communion

10am Service of The Word

Churchwardens-

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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 07778842060

No Live Stream this week, the next will be from St Giles on 16th February.

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

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



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

Light Lent Lunches

Will have a new format this year.

They will be served in the Parish Centre, on Fridays, we will serve soup, bread and tea or coffee. The idea is for three volunteers, each to bring an agreed soup, and to run the session. Expenses will be met.

If you would like more information, please contact Ann King wathy@gmx.co.uk or 01453 298897

Safeguarding Officers



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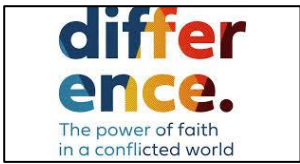
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This year's Lent study is called "Difference"

It is a course set up by the Church of England on the theme of difference and how

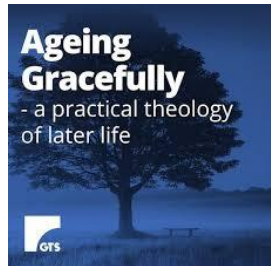
we work with that in our faith and in our contemporary world.

There will be five themes:

- 1 God's call
- 2 Crossing divides
- 3 Navigating disagreement
- 4 Practising forgiveness
- 5 Risking hope

This will take place by Zoom on Thursday evenings beginning on 13th, 20th 27th March, and 3rd and 10th April. Each evening starting 7.30pm and lasting about an hour to an hour and a half.

For further details see David Vonberg.



Ageing Gracefully Course at St George's, Upper Cam.

You are invited to join in with the Ageing Gracefully course. It starts on **March 5th and will run for 6 weeks from 2pm to 4pm, during Lent.** The course is led by Ian Donald, a retired

Doctor and Christian. It is designed for those who are ready to confront the process of ageing, blending medical expertise with biblical insight and practical Christian wisdom.

For more information please look at this link, <https://gloucester.anglican.org/2024/ageing-gracefully-course-practical-theology-of-later-life/>



Tyndale Trail

There are many connections to William Tyndale in our area, and we are hoping to make these facts more available and accessible as part of a Tyndale Trail.

This will help highlight some of our historic churches, provide opportunities for people to encounter a faith-filled story in faith-filled places, and provide an opportunity for those people to support those historic buildings financially.

This is part of our deanery strategic plan: to make the best use of our current assets, of which our historic church buildings are a significant part.

We already have some data, made some connections with The Bible Society and The Tyndale Society, and have an enthusiast who has put in some groundwork. The next step is to hold a gathering of interested people to review what we have, hear some different voices and perspectives, and work out our next steps. This meeting is taking place on 25th March at 10am. Venue to be confirmed. If you wish to attend please fill in this RSVP link

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfU61MFX5qLSjNum7VlyP3lr74H2vJBCyuR_38J5ayCmcCacq/viwwform?usp=dialog

2025 Nominated Charities

St James PCC have nominated 4 charities. £500 will be given to -



The James Hopkins Trust



Julius and Dora Orphanage



Longfield Community Hospice



Médecins Sans Frontières

Separate events will be arranged to raise money for each charity.

St James Boiler.

All St James services will be conducted in The Parish Centre until we have the new boilers fitted in St James. The scheduled start date for installation is 3rd March 2025.



Dates for The Annual Parochial Church Meetings are –

The Parish of Uley with Nympsfield and Owlpen- 11th May 2025 at St Giles.

The Parish of Dursley- 18th May 2025 at St James.

Uley Parish need to nominate 2 new Churchwardens, as Moya Wallis has served for 3 years.

Dursley needs a new one too, as Jan Vonberg has also completed her 3 years.

Please pray for people to come forward and volunteer for these roles.