



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

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**Services for Sunday 2nd March 2025
Sunday Last before Lent**

St James Parish Centre

10am Parish Holy Communion
Revd Juliet Jensen

St Bartholomew's

10am Parish Holy Communion
Revd Ian Gardner

Collect

Almighty Father,
whose Son was revealed in majesty
before he suffered death upon the cross:
give us grace to perceive his glory,
that we may be strengthened to suffer with him
and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen

First Reading: Exodus 34: 29-end

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterwards all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

Psalm 99

The Lord is king; let the peoples tremble!
He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!
The Lord is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.
Let them praise your great and awesome name.
Holy is he!
Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity;
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

Extol the Lord our God; worship at his footstool.

Holy is he!

Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel also was among those who called on his name.

They cried to the Lord, and he answered them.

He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud; they kept his decrees, and the statutes that he gave them.

O Lord our God, you answered them; you were a forgiving God to them, but an avenger of their wrongdoings.

Extol the Lord our God, and worship at his holy mountain; for the Lord our God is holy.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 3: 12-4.2

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practise cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

Holy Gospel: Luke 9: 28-36

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah' - not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!' When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

Intercessions

We pray for those who are ill at this time or in other forms of need, especially those we know. We remember 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 Pauline Martin, Ralph Darby and Nora Powell, recently departed. We pray for their families and friends and all those who grieve.

We pray for Roland & Ruth; Lucy & Alex; Damien & Lauren; James & Rebecca; George & Chloe and Max & Georgina as we read their Banns of Marriage in preparation for their weddings in the coming months.

Post-communion prayer

Holy God,
we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ:
may we who are partakers at his table
reflect his life in word and deed,
that all the world may know his power to change and
save.
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

This Week

Tues 4th March

10.30am Lent Prayer Course at Dursley Methodist
10.30am Staff meeting, Parish centre
12noon Shrove Tuesday Pancake Race,
Parsonage Street, Dursley
7.30pm Methodist Lent House group

Weds 5th March – Ash Wednesday

12pm Ash Wednesday Service at St Giles, Uley
2-4pm Ageing Gracefully Course at St George's,
Upper Cam
7.30pm Ash Wednesday Service at St James,
Dursley

Thurs 6th March

9am Morning Prayer in The Parish Centre
10am Holy Communion in The Parish Centre

Friday 7th March

12pm Light Lent Lunch in The Parish Centre,
Dursley

2.30pm World Day of Prayer, Cam Methodist

Saturday 8th March

9-12pm Bring and Take event at St James

Services for 9th March 2025

First Sunday of Lent

St James Parish Centre, Dursley

10am Parish Holy Communion

St Giles, Uley

10am Parish Holy Communion

Dursley Tabernacle

4pm Churches Together Lent Service

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-
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Live Stream this week, will be from St James Parish
Centre.

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

Until the weather warms up I will be working from home. I will be in the office each Thursday morning between 9-12.30pm.

If you need to contact me please email

ewelmebenefice@gmail.com

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Clare

Morning & Evening Prayer

Morning Prayer

9am Parish Centre, every Thursday

Evening Prayer

No zoom evening prayer this week as it's


Ash Wednesday

Zoom Meeting ID: 893 3298 0143

Passcode: 899154

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Ash Wednesday Services



12 noon at St Giles, Uley
7.30pm at St James, Dursley.
Communion service with Imposition of ashes

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St James, Dursley



Light Lent Lunches 2025

Starting on 7th March, from 12 noon
in St James Parish Centre, Dursley.

Soup, bread and tea or coffee will be served
each Friday during Lent.
All are welcome.

All donations will be donated
to our nominated charities
(James Hopkins Trust, Julius and
Dora Orphanage, Medecins Sans
Frontiere, Longfield Hospice).





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/>

Electoral Roll Renewal

2025 is a renewal year for all church electoral rolls. Every PCC must remove all names from the roll and invite individuals to reapply, regardless of recent local electoral roll renewals. The new roll application will be open from 9th March until 13th April there will be paper forms and you will also be able to electronically enter your details.

On the form there are also questions for permission to contact you for Ewelme Benefice communications, details of your next of kin (for use in emergencies) and gift aid details.

Dates for The Annual Parochial Church Meetings are –

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

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



Been spring cleaning?
St James' Church Eco-group
in association with Dursley Freegle

BRING & TAKE

Choose to re-use | Save money! | Waste less | Share more

Saturday 8th March 2025
9.00am – 12 noon
St. James' Church, Dursley

BRING what you no longer need,
TAKE what you could use: **It's all FREE**
Toys, games, clothing and household goods.
(No electricals thank you)

Don't throw it away; give it away with Freegle

The Ewelme Benefice
The power of faith in a conflicted world

difference.

Lent Study Course

A Church of England course on the theme of difference and how we work with that in our faith and in our contemporary world.

The five themes:
1 God's call
2 Crossing divides
3 Navigating disagreement
4 Practising forgiveness
5 Risking hope

Via Zoom on Thursday evenings on 13th, 20th 27th March, 3rd and 10th April.
7.30pm and lasting about an hour to an hour and a half.

Zoom Details-ID: 893 3298 0143
Passcode: 899154

For more details please contact David Vonberg - revdavidvonberg@gmail.com

LENT PRAYER COURSE

6 SESSIONS
LED BY
REVD JIMMY CULLINGFORD

**how to pray
a simple guide
for normal
people
pete greig**

MEETING EACH TUESDAY
STARTING 4TH MARCH

10.30am DURSLEY METHODIST CHURCH
7.30pm HOUSE GROUP

for more details contact
Revd Jimmy Cullingford
01453 542565

The Prayer Course is an six-week journey through the Lord's Prayer, with 24-7 Prayer founder Pete Greig and co-host Poppy Williams.

Each session includes a video, a guide for small group discussion and practical ideas for prayer.

The Prayer Course is based on Pete Greig's book How To Pray: A Simple Guide for Normal People.



You are invited to join the **Changemakers Conference 2025** from 10.30 – 1.30 on 8th March, at **Christ Church, Nailsworth.**

The Conference takes place in London but will be streamed so we can join in

from our own areas.

You can watch the Conference at home or join with others at a Regional Watch Party. (You can of course also attend the London venue).

From previous experience, joining with others enables the sharing of ideas.

We have set up venues as follows, but you could still make your own local arrangements to watch with friends or church family members. Please register and encourage others to do so, as well. Bishop's Cleeve Methodist Church, GL52 8NT

Trinity URC Henleaze, Bristol, BS9 4BT.

ChristChurch, Nailsworth, GL6 0DQ.

Purton Methodist Church, Nr Swindon, SN5 4DR

Please register via caid.org.uk/conference

with thanks, **Yvonne Penn**

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BLESSED

LENT SERVICES ON
THE BEATITUDES



**SUNDAYS
AT 4PM
DURING LENT
ALL WELCOME**

MAR 9th - DURSLEY TAB URC GL11 4BW

MAR 16th - ST GEORGE'S CAM GL11 5PQ

MAR 23rd - ST GILES ULEY GL11 5SN

MAR 30th - DURSLEY METHODIST GL11 4BS

APRIL 6th - ST BART'S CAM GL11 5JX

Ewelme Benefice

St James The Great, Dursley Coffee, Cake and Music 2025

April 26th	Claire Hobbs
May 31st	Keith Hearnshaw
June 28th	Martin Bell
July 26th	Pavlos Triantaris
August 30th	John Pennington
September 27th	Nigel Davies
October 25th	Jonathan Hope

Coffee and homemade cake will be served from 10.30am.
The music begins at 11am and last for 30-40 minutes



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

St Giles Church, Uley

presents

Music for a Sunday Afternoon

featuring

The Butcher's Ukes Ukelele Group

Sunday 16th March 3pm

A free informal concert in church
followed by refreshments & a chance to chat

Donations welcome for the upkeep of the church