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**Services for Sunday 17th March 2024
Fifth Sunday of Lent**

St James

8am

Parish Holy Communion

Revd Jane Wood

10am

Worship on the theme of St Patrick

Revd David Vonberg

St Giles

10am

Parish Holy Communion

Revd Peter Cheesman

Dursley Methodist Church

6pm

United Lent Service

Revd Graham Stacey

Collect

Most merciful God,
who by the death and resurrection of your
Son Jesus Christ
delivered and saved the world:
grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross
we may triumph in the power of his victory;
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: Jeremiah 31: 31-34

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt - a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, 'Know the LORD', for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Psalm 51: 1-13

Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin.
For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.
Against you, you alone, have I sinned,
and done what is evil in your sight,

so that you are justified in your sentence
and blameless when you pass judgement.
Indeed, I was born guilty,
a sinner when my mother conceived me.
You desire truth in the inward being;
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.
Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.
Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my iniquities.
Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
and do not take your holy spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and sustain in me a willing spirit.
Then I will teach transgressors your ways,
and sinners will return to you.

Second Reading: Hebrews 5: 5-10

So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, 'You are my Son, today I have begotten you'; as he says also in another place, 'You are a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek.'

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Holy Gospel: John 12: 20-33

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour.'

'Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say - "Father, save me from this hour"? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.' Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, 'An angel has spoken to him.' Jesus answered, 'This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.' He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

Intercessions

We pray for those who are ill at this time or in other forms of need, especially those we know. We remember Archdeacon Hilary and husband Richard, Mary, Thelma, Ben, Jacquelin, Paul, Malcolm, Pauline, Phyllida, Kate,

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 Ursula Bray, Margaret Simpson and David Ind, recently departed. We pray for their families and friends and all those who grieve.

Post-communion prayer

Lord Jesus Christ,
you have taught us
that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters
we do also for you:
give us the will to be the servant of others
as you were the servant of all,
and gave up your life and died for us,
but are alive and reign, 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

This Week

Monday 18th March OFFICE CLOSED

Weds 20th March

9am NO Morning Prayer
9.15am Experience Easter at St Giles
11.30am Margaret Simpson's funeral at St James
6pm Evening Prayer via Zoom
7.30pm PCC Dursley
7.30pm Lent course via Zoom

Thurs 21st March

9am Morning Prayer in St James
10am Holy Communion at St James
2pm Palm Cross making at Chestal Lodge

Fri 22nd March

9am Dursley Academy's end of term Easter Service at St James
1pm David Ind's funeral at St James
4pm Wedding rehearsal at Holy Cross

Sat 23rd March

1pm Wedding of Samuel Bishop & Ellenor Barnes at Holy Cross

Services for 24th March 2024

Palm Sunday

St James

10am Parish Communion, service begins in The Parish Centre with Blessing of Palms

6.30pm Music for Passiontide

St Giles

9.30am Blessing of the Palms

10am Parish Holy Communion

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No Live stream this week, the next will be 24th & 31st March from St James and then 21st April from St Giles.

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

Morning and Evening Prayer in March

Morning Prayer Wednesday via Zoom at 9am, in person (Not on 13th & 20th) & at 9am on Thursdays in St James

Evening Prayer Wednesday via Zoom at 6pm.

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

Zoom Meeting ID: 893 3298 0143 Passcode: 899154

Donations for Easter Flowers at St James

Dursley account:

Lloyds 30-98-29 A/C 02391588 PCC Dursley If you wish to give a donation please can you ref the payment as Easter Flowers
Alternatively leave in an envelope with Clare in the office or give it to a Churchwarden.

Please let us know if the donation is in memory of a loved one.



St James The Great, Dursley

MUSIC FOR PASSIONTIDE 2024

An opportunity to join St James' choir to prepare and perform music for Passiontide with
Lynn James and Nigel Davies

All voices welcome to attend at least two of the Friday rehearsals
in the Parish Centre from 7.30pm – 8.10pm
March 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd

The Music will include excerpts from
Requiem – Mozart Crucifixion – Stainer
Requiem – Rutter Stabat Mater – Dvořák
Olivet to Calvary – Maunder
Requiem – Fauré Cantata No 48 – J S Bach

The music will be performed as an Act of Worship on
PALM SUNDAY 24th MARCH at 6.30pm
Preceded by a rehearsal at 5.15pm

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Taize Service

A Service of Quiet Reflection

Holy Cross, Owlpen

7pm

26th March 2024



Ewelme Benefice



The Friends of Uley Church

**Get together on Saturday
20th April from 10.30am**

We will be meeting in St Giles, Church for
tea, coffee & cake.



to decide what the Friends of Uley
church will do

**Come and see how you can join
in and help.**

All ages are welcome.



Saturday 13th April 2024

10-12 noon

**All are welcome but children must be
accompanied by an adult**

**A way of being church for people of all
ages involving fun.**

Quiz Night

In aid of



Providing a loving home for abandoned babies in Maseno, Kenya

13th April, 7pm

St James Parish Centre, Dursley

Teams of up to 6

Tickets- £10

**to book or join a team contact
chrismorgan194@btinternet.com**

**Includes Ploughman's supper, please bring
your own drinks.**

Holy Week Worship 2024

Sunday 24th March - Palm Sunday

St James

10am Holy Communion, Parish Centre for blessing of palms
6.30pm Music for Passiontide

St Giles

9.30am Blessing of Palms
10.00am Parish Holy Communion

Monday 26th March

St James

7pm Stations of the Cross

Tuesday 26th March

Holy Cross

7.00pm Taizé Worship

Thursday 28th March

St James

7.30pm Benefice Agapé and Watch Service

Friday 29th March

9am Procession to Cam Peak, meet at Sainsburys, Dursley

St James

2pm Tenebrae Service

St Bartholomew's

3.00pm Good Friday Service

Saturday 30th March

St James

8.00pm Easter Vigil

Sunday 31st March - Easter Day

St James

8am Said Holy Communion
10am Parish Holy Communion
6.30pm Choral Evensong
St Giles
10.00am Parish Holy Communion

