



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

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**Services for Sunday 30th March 2025
Mothering Sunday**

St James

10am Parish Holy Communion
Canon Richard Morgan

St Giles

10am Parish Holy Communion
Revd Juliet Jensen

Dursley Methodist

4pm Churches Together Lent Service

Collect

God of compassion,
whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary,
shared the life of a home in Nazareth,
and on the cross drew the whole human family to
himself:

strengthen us in our daily living
that in joy and in sorrow
we may know the power of your presence
to bind together and to heal;
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: 1 Samuel 1: 20-end

In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, 'I have asked him of the Lord.' The man Elkanah and all his household went up to offer to the Lord the yearly sacrifice, and to pay his vow. But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, 'As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, that he may appear in the presence of the Lord, and remain there for ever; I will offer him as a Nazirite for all time.' Her husband Elkanah said to her, 'Do what seems best to you, wait until you have weaned him; only - may the Lord establish his word.' So the woman remained and nursed her son, until she weaned him. When she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine. She brought him to the house of the Lord at Shiloh; and the child was young. Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. And she said, 'Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the Lord. For this child I prayed; and the Lord has granted me the petition that I made to him. Therefore I

have lent him to the Lord; as long as he lives, he is given to the Lord.'

She left him there for the Lord.

Psalm 127: 1-4

Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labour in vain.

Unless the Lord guards the city, the guard keeps watch in vain.

It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest, eating the bread of anxious toil; for he gives sleep to his beloved.

Sons are indeed a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb a reward.

Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the sons of one's youth.

Second Reading: Colossians 3:12-17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Holy Gospel: Luke 2: 33-35

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.'

Intercessions

We pray for those who are ill at this time or in other forms of need, especially those we know. We remember Karen, Marilyn, Edgar, Ruby, Tony, Carol, John, Sam, Jane, Paul, Glynis, Edward, 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 Ben Johnson, Jackie Strange and Richard Ellis, recently departed. We pray for their families and friends and all those who grieve.

Post-communion prayer

Loving God,
as a mother feeds her children at the breast
you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life:
help us who have tasted your goodness
to grow in grace within the household of faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

This Week

Tues 1st April
9.30 Experience Easter at St James
10.30am Lent Prayer Course at Dursley Methodist
7.30pm Methodist Lent House group
Weds 2nd April
9.30am Experience Easter at St James
6pm Evening Prayer via Zoom
Thurs 3rd April
9am Morning Prayer in St James
10am Holy Communion in St James
1.30pm Experience Easter
7.30pm "Difference" Lent Course via Zoom
Fri 4th April
9.30am Experience Easter at St James
12pm Light Lent Lunch in The Parish Centre, Dursley

Services for 5th April 2025

Fifth Sunday of Lent

St James, Dursley
10am Parish Holy Communion
St Bartholomew's, Nympsfield
10am Parish Holy Communion
St Bartholomew's, Lower Cam
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 (07719880451) 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

Collection of information for Ewelme Benefice Communications and New Electoral Roll 2025

From 9th March – 13th April, please can you either fill in a paper form or an electronic form for the collection of your data, so that The Ewelme Benefice has consent to communicate with you and apply to be added to the Parish Electoral Roll.

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.

Ideally The Ewelme Benefice would like to collect your data electronically, there is a QR code you can scan, which links you to the online form, there is also an online link.

If you find it difficult using technology or you haven't got any access then there will be help after church services. It is much simpler to add the information online as the data is added to a spreadsheet automatically, this saves time and is more accurate for administration.

Your personal information will only be used by The Ewelme Benefice for communication purposes, it will not be shared.



St James

Data Collection & Electoral Roll

Hold your phone's camera over the QR code and click on the prompt to the online form



Uley with Nympsfield and Owlpen

Data Collection & Electoral Roll

Hold your phone's camera over the QR code and click on the prompt to the online form


Online Link- DURSLEY

<https://ewelme-benefice.myknowchurch.co.uk/form/load/N2tkSWJ5NWhLeF1zVnJDbE9icjNlalpNeIZOR3hxNTIRaFBWb2NINGtoRIptaTB2dnVLY2FUY0tZWGY2>


ULEY, NYMPSFIELD & OWLPEN

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****Please be sure to use the correct QR Code/Link for the Parish Electoral Roll you wish to be included on****



The Ewelme Benefice
The power of faith
in a conflicted world



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

Live Stream this week, will be from St James.

BLESSED
LENT SERVICES ON
THE BEATITUDES



**CHURCHES
TOGETHER**

**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

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85056474793>

Meeting ID:850 56474793

Safeguarding Officers
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Safeguarding Officer for the Parish of
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with Nympsfield and Owlpen
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Ewelme Benefice



**Experience Easter
at
St James
1st - 4th April 2025**



**Ewelme Benefice
St James, Dursley**



Light Lent Lunches 2025
Every Friday during Lent, from 12
noon in St James Parish Centre,
Dursley.

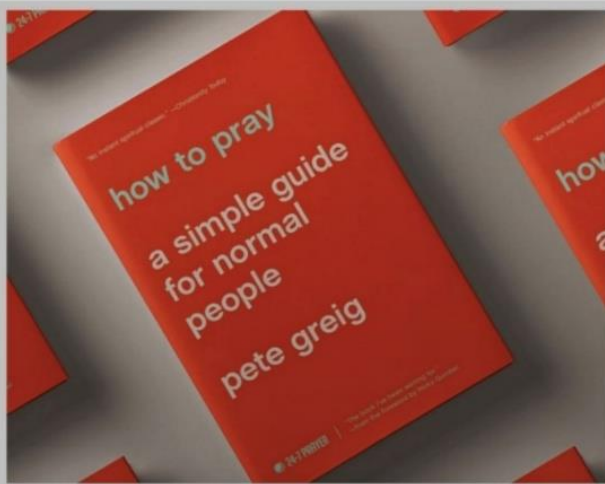
Soup, bread, cake and tea or coffee will be served.
All are welcome.

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



**LENT PRAYER
COURSE**

6 SESSIONS
LED BY
REVD JIMMY
CULLINGFORD



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.

SET UP GIFTING THROUGH THE PARISH GIVING SCHEME

The Parish Giving Scheme is the best way for your church to benefit from your generous donations.

By phone:

0333 002 1271, Monday to Friday, 9am - 5pm

Online

For St James –

<https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/dursley-silver-street/>

For Uley, with Nympsfield and Owlpen–

<https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/uley-with-owlpen-nympsfield-dursley/>

Ewelme Benefice

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

April 26th

Claire Hobbs

May 31st

June 28th

July 26th

August 30th

September 27th

October 25th

Keith Hearnshaw

Martin Bell

Pavlos Triantaris

John Pennington

Nigel Davies

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

Ewelme Benefice EASTER SERVICES 2025

Sunday 13th April Palm Sunday

St Giles, Uley

10am Parish Holy Communion

St James, Dursley

8am Said Holy Communion

10am Parish Holy Communion

6.30pm Music for Passiontide

Monday 14th April

St James, Dursley

7pm Stations of the Cross

Thursday 17th April – Maundy Thursday

11am Chrism Service at Gloucester Cathedral

7.30pm Agapé service at St James

Friday 18th April – Good Friday

9.30am Procession of Witness to Cam Peak

St James, Dursley

2pm Tenebrae Service

St Bartholomew's, Nympsfield

3pm Good Friday Service

Saturday 19th April – Holy Saturday

St James, Dursley

8pm Easter Vigil at St James

Sunday 20th April – Easter Day

8am Said Holy Communion at St James

10am Parish Holy Communion at St James

6.30pm Choral Evensong at St James

St Giles, Uley

10am Parish Holy Communion

All are welcome