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**Services for Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2024  
Third Sunday of Easter**

**St James**

**10am**

Parish Holy Communion

*Revd Bob Callaghan*

**6.30pm**

Choral Evensong

*Tony King*

**St Giles**

**10am**

Parish Holy Communion

*Revd Jane Wood*

**Collect**

Almighty Father,  
who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples  
with the sight of the risen Lord:  
give us such knowledge of his presence with us,  
that we may be strengthened and sustained by his  
risen life and serve you continually in righteousness  
and truth;  
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: Acts 3: 12-19**

When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, 'You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

'And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.'

**Psalm 4**

Answer me when I call, O God of my right!  
You gave me room when I was in distress.  
Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer.  
How long, you people, shall my honour suffer shame?  
How long will you love vain words, and seek after lies?  
But know that the LORD has set apart the faithful for himself; the LORD hears when I call to him.

When you are disturbed, do not sin; ponder it on your beds, and be silent.

Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in the LORD.

There are many who say, 'O that we might see some good! Let the light of your face shine on us, O LORD!'

You have put gladness in my heart more than when their grain and wine abound.

I will both lie down and sleep in peace; for you alone, O LORD, make me lie down in safety.

**Second Reading: 1 John 3: 1-7**

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is.

And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him.

Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

**Holy Gospel: Luke 24: 36-48**

While they were talking, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost.

He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you - that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.'

**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, Karis, 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.

**Post-communion prayer**

Living God,  
your Son made himself known to his disciples  
in the breaking of bread:  
open the eyes of our faith,  
that we may see him in all his redeeming work;  
who is alive and reigns, 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 [ewelmeeparishoffice@gmail.com](mailto:ewelmeeparishoffice@gmail.com)

**No Live stream this week, the next will be from St Giles on 21<sup>st</sup> April.**

## 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](mailto:ewelmebenefice@gmail.com) 01453 549280

## This Week

### Weds 17<sup>th</sup> April

**9am** Morning prayer via Zoom

### Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> April

**9am** Morning Prayer in St James

**10am** Communion at St James

### Fri 19<sup>th</sup> April

**6pm** Wedding Rehearsal at Holy Cross

### Sat 20<sup>th</sup> April

**10.30am** Friends of Uley Church meet at St Giles, Uley

**1pm** Wedding of Stephen Welch & Sophie Wright at Holy Cross, Owlpen

## Services for 21<sup>st</sup> April 2024 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

### St James

**8am** Said Holy Communion

**10am** Service of the Word

### St Giles

**10am** Parish Holy Communion

### Holy Cross

**6pm** BCP Evensong

## Electoral Roll review

**For Uley, Owlpen & Nympsfield** the electoral roll will be open for revision between 26<sup>th</sup> March and 16<sup>th</sup> April. Please contact Pauline, Electoral Roll Officer, [pbt25@outlook.com](mailto:pbt25@outlook.com) or a Churchwarden.

**In Dursley** the electoral roll will be open for revision and amendment between 31<sup>st</sup> March and 21<sup>st</sup> April. Any changes you wish to make to the Electoral Roll eg. Additions, deletions, changes of name or address etc. must be notified at that time. If you have any queries please see Chris Raffle or Clare White.

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

## Morning and Evening Prayer in April

**Morning Prayer** Wednesday via Zoom at 9am and in person at 9am on Thursdays in St James

**Evening Prayer** via Zoom at 6pm. No evening prayer on 17<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> April.

The link can be found by going into our website- [www.ewelmebenefice.co.uk](http://www.ewelmebenefice.co.uk)

**Zoom Meeting ID: 893 3298 0143 Passcode: 899154**

**THIS  
SATURDAY  
NIGHT**

## 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.*

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## 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.



**April 27th - Paul Bailey**  
(St Helen's, Alveston)

**May 25th - Nick Sherwood**  
(St Monica's, Bristol)

**June 29th - Nigel Nash**  
(Bristol)

**July 27th - Stephen Power**  
(Brecon Cathedral)

**August 31st - Andrew Millington**  
(Exeter)

**September 28th - Anthony Burns-Cox** (Romsey)

**October 26th - Nigel Davies**  
(St James The Great, Dursley)

The coffee and homemade cake will be served from 10.30am. The Music begins at 11am and lasts for 30-40 minutes.

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

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**QUIET DAY**

**11th May 2024**  
**10am-2pm**

**Nympsfeld Village Hall**

A day to rest and draw nearer to God in Stillness, Silence and Prayer. St Bartholomew's will be open for quiet reflection.

A soup, bread and cheese lunch will be provided.

**Cost: Donations**

Please sign up at the back of church or contact the Parish Office on [ewelmparishoffice@gmail.com](mailto:ewelmparishoffice@gmail.com)

**Revd Jane** All are welcome

**Coffee Morning**  
at  
**St James, the Great**  
9th May 2024  
10.45-12pm

**Together we can protect and restore creation**

**A ROCHA**  
Caring for God's Earth

Join Wild Christian at [arocha.org.uk/wildchristian](http://arocha.org.uk/wildchristian)

Proceeds in aid of AROCHA, Eco Church Charity

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