



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

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**Services for Sunday 26th April 2026
Fourth Sunday of Easter**

St Giles, Uley

10am Benefice Holy Communion
Revd Juliet Jensen

Collect

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:
raise us, who trust in him,
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,
that we may seek those things which are above,
where he reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen

First Reading: Acts 2: 42 – end.

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Psalms 23

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul.
He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.
Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff -
they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:19 - end

For it is to your credit if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, where is the credit in that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to

the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls. Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

Holy Gospel: John 10: 1-10

'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.' Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.'

Intercessions

We pray for those who are ill at this time or in other forms of need, especially those we know. We remember Joyce, Fiona, Olive, Keith, Albie, Carol, Sam, Jane, Marion, Charlie 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 Malcolm Miles, David Jewell, Edith Newman and Joan Spilsbury recently departed. We pray for their families and friends and all those who grieve.

Post Communion Prayer.

Merciful Father,
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd,
and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again:
keep us always under his protection,
and give us grace to follow in his steps;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

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This Week.

Tuesday 28th April

11am Malcolm Miles' funeral at St James

2pm Communion at The Hollies care Home

Wednesday 29th April

6pm Evening Prayer via Zoom

Thursday 30th April

9am Morning prayer at St James

10am Holy Communion at St James

12.30pm Funeral at St Giles, Uley

12.30pm David Jewell's funeral at St James, Dursley

Friday 1st May

9.30am Spring Cleaning at St James

Saturday 2nd May

7pm Julius and Dora Orphanage quiz, St James Parish Centre

Services for 3rd May 2026 Fifth Sunday of Easter

St Bartholomew's, Nympsfield

10am Parish Holy Communion

St James, Dursley

10am Parish Holy Communion

Uley with Owlpen and Nympsfield APCM is at St Giles on 10th May at 10am

Dursley APCM is at St James on 17th May at 11.30am

Both PCC's need new members, forms to apply are available in church.

A new churchwarden and secretary are needed in Dursley.

Both parishes need representatives at Deanery Synod.

Evening prayer via Zoom is on Wednesday at 6pm, join please use this login

Meeting ID: 811 3331 8043 Passcode: 346570

At St James on 27th September 2026 there will be a confirmation service, we will welcome

+ Bishop Rachel to confirm any candidates.

If you have ever considered being confirmed please have a chat with Revd Juliet or any of our priests, for more information.

High level dusting

Thursday 30th

April at 11 am, after the morning service.

St James the Great, Dursley

SPRING CLEANING

9.30am

Friday

1st May



St James the Great, Dursley

Coffee, Cake and Music 2026



10.30am coffee, tea and cake
11-11.40am Recital

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

April 25th Stephen Power
(Monmouth Parish Church)

May 30th Tim Selman
(Organ Scholar Lincoln Cathedral)

June 27th Keith Hearnshaw
(Concert Organist)

July 25th Piers Maxim
(Malvern Priory)

August 29th William Reynolds
(Minster Church of St Mary, Swansea)


September 26th Andrew Millington
(Former DoM at Exeter Cathedral)

October 31st Bernard West
(Oxford)

Quiz Night

2nd May, 7pm

In aid of



Julius & Dora Children's Centre

Providing a loving home for abandoned babies in Maseno, Kenya

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.

In the weeks following Easter, I've found myself increasingly aware of the need for prayer amid the many challenges we see around us - global political tensions and the general unrest within our own nation. It feels like a timely moment for us, as churches, to come together in seeking God's presence and guidance.

With that in mind, St George's and St Cyr's Benefice have decided to engage with the Thy Kingdom Come initiative this year. It is running from May 14th to May 24th I'm not sure whether this is something you are already involved in, but we are planning to start simply.

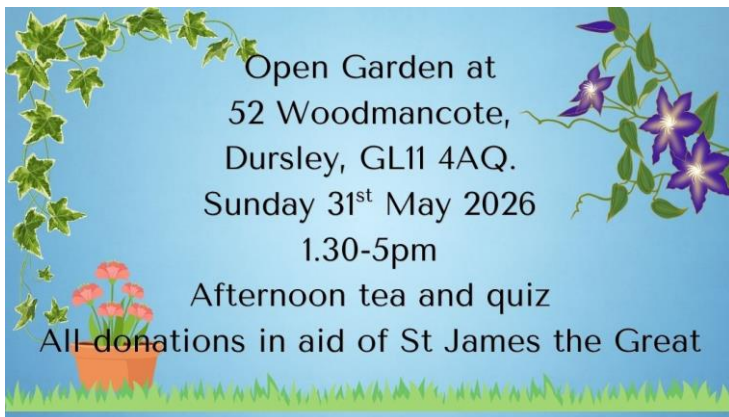
As part of this, we will be hosting a 12-hour time of prayer on Monday 18th May, from 8:00am to 8:00pm at St George's Church. Everyone is warmly invited to come along at any point during the day to join in prayer.

We are also planning to set up a prayer tree outside St George's to encourage passers-by to pause and pray, along with a prayer station inside the church. We would love to explore whether others might consider hosting additional prayer trees or prayer stations in their own contexts.

In addition, we hope to prayer walk the streets within our two parishes. It would be wonderful to extend this further - would you or members of your church be interested in joining us, helping to cover more of the streets across Cam, Dursley, and beyond?

Revd Fiona Crocker

In Dursley on 17th May the Reflective worship service will incorporate a prayer walk around the church and churchyard to combine our own involvement with Thy Kingdom Come initiative.



Open Garden at
52 Woodmancote,
Dursley, GL11 4AQ.
Sunday 31st May 2026
1.30-5pm
Afternoon tea and quiz
All donations in aid of St James the Great

St Giles Church, Uley



Musical Bears!

Do join us on Saturday 16th May from 3pm for an afternoon of music combined with teddy bear fun!

-Teas and cake

-Plant stall

-Music by the Thornbury Clarinet Choir

- Chocolate Teddy Bear Hunt

**-Best dressed Teddy competition
(children and adult classes!)**

To be held in St Giles' gardens, do bring a chair or a rug.

(If wet, inside the church).

In support of the Friends of St Giles.



St James the Great

Annual Plant Stall



9.30am 30th May 2026

The Church Lawn

Donations of plants welcomed