



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

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**Services for Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2025  
7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**St James**

**10am**

Parish Holy Communion

*Revd Juliet Jensen/Revd Ian Gardner*

**St Bartholomew's**

**10am**

Parish Holy Communion

*Canon Richard Morgan*

**Collect**

O God the King of glory,  
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ  
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:  
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,  
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us  
and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is  
gone before,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen**

**First Reading: Ezekiel 36: 24-28**

I will take you from the nations, and gather you from all  
the countries, and bring you into your own land. I will  
sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean  
from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I  
will cleanse you. A new heart I will give you, and a new  
spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your  
body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. I  
will put my spirit within you, and make you follow my  
statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances.  
Then you shall live in the land that I gave to your  
ancestors; and you shall be my people, and I will be  
your God.

**Psalm 97**

The Lord is king! Let the earth rejoice; let the many  
coastlands be glad!

Clouds and thick darkness are all around him;  
righteousness and justice are the foundation of his  
throne.

Fire goes before him, and consumes his adversaries  
on every side.

His lightnings light up the world; the earth sees and  
trembles.

The mountains melt like wax before the Lord, before  
the Lord of all the earth.

The heavens proclaim his righteousness; and all the  
peoples behold his glory.

All worshippers of images are put to shame, those who  
make their boast in worthless idols; all gods bow down  
before him.

Zion hears and is glad, and the towns of Judah rejoice,  
because of your judgements, O God.

For you, O Lord, are most high over all the earth; you  
are exalted far above all gods.

The Lord loves those who hate evil; he guards the lives  
of his faithful; he rescues them from the hand of the  
wicked.

Light dawns for the righteous, and joy for the upright in  
heart.

Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous, and give thanks  
to his holy name!

**Second Reading: Acts 16: 16-34**

One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we  
met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and  
brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-  
telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry  
out, 'These men are slaves of the Most High God, who  
proclaim to you a way of salvation.' She kept doing this  
for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned  
and said to the spirit, 'I order you in the name of Jesus  
Christ to come out of her.' And it came out that very  
hour.

But when her owners saw that their hope of making  
money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and  
dragged them into the market-place before the  
authorities. When they had brought them before the  
magistrates, they said, 'These men are disturbing our  
city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are  
not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe.' The  
crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had  
them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be  
beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe  
flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the  
jailer to keep them securely. Following these  
instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and  
fastened their feet in the stocks.

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing  
hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them.  
Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the  
foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately  
all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were  
unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison  
doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to  
kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had  
escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, 'Do not harm  
yourself, for we are all here.' The jailer called for lights,  
and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and  
Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, 'Sirs,  
what must I do to be saved?' They answered, 'Believe  
on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your  
household.' They spoke the word of the Lord to him and  
to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the  
night he took them and washed their wounds; then he  
and his entire family were baptized without delay. He  
brought them up into the house and set food before  
them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he  
had become a believer in God.

**Holy Gospel: John 17: 20-end**

'I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of  
those who will believe in me through their word, that  
they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I  
am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world  
may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you  
have given me I have given them, so that they may be  
one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they  
may become completely one, so that the world may  
know that you have sent me and have loved them even  
as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also,  
whom you have given me, may be with me where I am,

to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. 'Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.'

### Intercessions

We pray for those who are ill at this time or in other forms of need, especially those we know. We remember, Carol, Sam, Jane, Edward, Paul 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 Lionel Jones, Marion Osgood, Len Frost, John Lord, Tony Curnock and Andy, recently departed. We pray for their families and friends and all those who grieve. We pray for Charlie & Sian as they are married at Holy Cross next week.

### Post-communion prayer

Eternal God, giver of love and power,  
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world  
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:  
confirm us in this mission,  
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord  
**Amen**

### This Week

#### Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June

6pm Evening Prayer via Zoom  
7.30pm Dursley PCC at St James

#### Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June

9am Morning prayer at St James  
10am Holy Communion at St James

#### Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June

4pm Wedding rehearsal at Holy Cross

#### Sat 7<sup>th</sup> June

1.30pm Wedding of Charlie & Sian at Holy Cross

### Services for 8<sup>th</sup> June 2025 Pentecost Sunday

#### St James

10am Parish Holy Communion  
6.30pm Choral Evensong

#### St Giles, Uley

10am Parish Holy Communion  
12-2pm Thank you event

### 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- [ewelmeeparishoffice@gmail.com](mailto:ewelmeeparishoffice@gmail.com) 07778842060

### Live stream this Sunday will be from St James

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D4taJQuXRds>

**Lionel Jones's funeral will be on 23<sup>rd</sup> June at St James (time TBC) he will be buried at St George's Upper Cam, with a tea in the church to follow. All are invited and encouraged to attend the committal and tea at Upper Cam.**

### Safeguarding Officers

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# Open Garden & Cream Tea

**Sunday 1st June 2025**  
**1.30-5pm**

**At 52 Woodmancote, Dursley GL11 4AQ**

All donations in aid  
of St James Church

Parking is limited, please park in town and walk up if you are able.





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

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



## Thank You Event

at St Giles Church, Uley  
June 8<sup>th</sup> 12-2pm

Open to all

refreshments and canapés

& a chance to view our three churches vestments and other treasures

RSVP  
uleychurchwarden@gmail.com  
for numbers

## ST JAMES NATURE DAY

SUMMER 2025  
FREE EVENT FOR EVERYONE  
ST JAMES CHURCH, DURSLEY  
SATURDAY 14TH JUNE  
9AM - 12PM



**"Magical Moths" will be at this event! Drop in and see them between 10am-12am**

- COME AND SPOT THE WILDLIFE
- JOIN IN WITH THE NATURE DRAWING
- CHILDREN'S CRAFT ACTIVITIES
- EYE SPY

- NATURE TABLE
- VISIT THE BUG HOTEL
- GLOUCESTERSHIRE WILDLIFE TRUST STAND

COME AND EXPLORE THE WILDLIFE! VISIT THE BIODIVERSITY PROJECTS NOW HAPPENING IN THE CHURCHYARD & GET TIPS ON HOW YOU CAN DO THE SAME AT HOME


