

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

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**Services for Sunday 22nd June 2025
First Sunday of Trinity**

St Giles

10am

Benefice Holy Communion
Revd Ian Gardner

Collect

O God,
the strength of all those who put their trust in you,
mercifully accept our prayers
and, because through the weakness of our mortal
nature we can do no good thing without you,
grant us the help of your grace,
that in the keeping of your commandments
we may please you both in will and deed;
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 Kings 19: 1-4, 8-15a

Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, 'So may the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow.' Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there.

But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: 'It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors.'

He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food for forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there.

Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' He answered, 'I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.'

He said, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.' Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle

and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' He answered, 'I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.' Then the Lord said to him, 'Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus.'

Psalm 42

As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God.

My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.

When shall I come and behold the face of God?

My tears have been my food day and night,
while people say to me continually,

Where is your God?

These things I remember, as I pour out my soul: how I went with the throng, and led them in procession to the house of God, with glad shouts and songs of thanksgiving, a multitude keeping festival.

Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me?

Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my help and my God.

My soul is cast down within me; therefore I remember you from the land of Jordan and of Hermon, from Mount Mizar.

Deep calls to deep at the thunder of your cataracts;
all your waves and your billows have gone over me.

By day the Lord commands his steadfast love, and at night his song is with me, a prayer to the God of my life.

I say to God, my rock, 'Why have you forgotten me?

Why must I walk about mournfully because the enemy oppresses me?'

As with a deadly wound in my body, my adversaries taunt me, while they say to me continually, 'Where is your God?'

Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me?

Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my help and my God.

Second Reading: Galatians 3: 23-end.

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

Holy Gospel: Luke 8: 26-39

Then they arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, 'What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me' - for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept

under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, 'What is your name?' He said, 'Legion'; for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, 'Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.' So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

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 Patrick Smart, Lionel Jones, Marion Osgood and Geoff Farr recently departed. We pray for their families and friends and all those who grieve.

Post-communion prayer

Eternal Father,
we thank you for nourishing us
with these heavenly gifts:
may our communion strengthen us in faith,
build us up in hope,
and make us grow in love;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

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There is a change for our Zoom account details, as we have had to re new the contract. Link – Meeting ID: 811 3331 8043 Passcode: 346570

This Week

Monday 23rd June

11am Lionel Jones's Funeral at St James

12.45pm Lionel's burial at St George's, Upper Cam

Wednesday 25th June

11am Marion Osgood's funeral at St James.

6pm Evening Prayer via Zoom

Thursday 26th June

9am Morning prayer at St James

10am Holy Communion at St James

10.15 Funeral of Patrick Smart at Westerleigh

Friday 27th June

2pm Poetry Group at 9, Five Acres

4.30pm Wedding rehearsal at Holy Cross

Saturday 28th June

10.30am Coffee, Cake & Music at St James – Nigel Nash

1.30pm Wedding of Jared & Sophie at Holy Cross

Services for 29th June 2025

Second Sunday of Trinity

St James, Dursley

10am Parish Holy Communion

6.30pm Come and Sing Choral Evensong

Holy Cross, Owlpen

10am Holy Communion

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 07778842060

Lionel Jones's funeral will be at 11am on 23rd June at St James, he will be buried at St George's Upper Cam, (12.45pm) with tea in the church to follow. All are invited and encouraged to attend the funeral, committal and tea at Upper Cam.

The Eco group needs some 2 litre ice cream containers or similar-sized plastic containers we can upcycle for Make a hoverfly lagoon project They would need to be left at the back of church by Monday evening (I know that's not much notice).





St James the Great, Dursley
Sunday 29th June

Come and Sing
Choral Evensong
with St James' Choir

Featuring the music of Herbert Sumsion
 (Organist of Gloucester Cathedral 1928 - 1997)
Rehearsal 4.30pm – 5.40pm
Tea and cake
Service at 6.30pm.
Music provided.
 No charge, but a donation to church funds would be appreciated.
All local singers/choristers are welcome to come and join in.

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

April 26th May 31 st June 28th July 26th August 30th September 27th October 25th	Nigel Davies Keith Hearnshaw Nigel Nash Pavlos Triantaris John Pennington Nigel Davies Jonathan Hope
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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



St James the Great
Pet Service



Sunday 13th July 2025
at 3pm

All pets are welcome, but dogs must be on leads and cats and other small animals should be in baskets or similar.

To the Knitters for the
Mission to Seafarers-
 Dear Jennifer & friends at St. James church,
 Just to let you know we have safely received your parcel of 14 hats and 6 teddy bears.
 Could you please forward our grateful thanks to the ladies who knit them, the seafarers really appreciate them.
 Kind regards, Dianne.



21st-25th July 2025

ULEY CHURCH 10am-2.30pm **SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUB**



Breakheart Quarry, Dursley
For primary school aged children
Places by booking only

Application forms from ewelmeeparishoffice@gmail.com
 Closing date for registration forms is strictly 6th July

Please can you start to collect junk modelling items for The Uley Church Summer Holiday Club. They are going to build castles, so suitable clean items for this please. Items can be left with Clare in the Benefice office or at the back of St Giles Church.
Thank you.



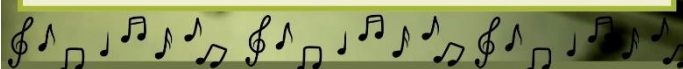
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St James the Great, Dursley

Songs of Praise

Sunday 20th July
10am

A chance for you to choose the hymns.
 Please think of a hymn or song that speaks to you - perhaps the words or or the tune or because it reminds you of an important time in your life.
 We would also like to know, more generally, the hymns you enjoy singing as a expression of your worship. This will be a longer list and they may not be used on 20th but will be useful in the coming months.



Please return your hymn choices by the 6th July.
 They can either be emailed to revdavid.vonberg@gmail.com or direct to the office ewelmeeparishoffice@gmail.com, or in paper form to Clare in the Parish Office