

## Churches of St James,

### St Giles, Holy Cross & St Bartholomew

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### Services for Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2025 Second Sunday of Trinity

#### St James

10am

Parish Holy Communion

*Canon Richard Morgan*

6.30pm

Come and Sing Choral Evensong

*Revd David Vonberg*

#### Holy Cross

10am

Parish Holy Communion

*Revd Juliet Jensen*

#### Collect

Lord, you have taught us  
that all our doings without love are nothing worth:  
send your Holy Spirit  
and pour into our hearts that most excellent  
gift of love,  
the true bond of peace and of all virtues,  
without which whoever lives is counted dead  
before you.  
Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen**

#### First Reading: 2 Kings 2: 1-2, 6-14

Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, 'Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel.' But Elisha said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they went down to Bethel. Then Elijah said to him, 'Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan.' But he said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophet also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, 'Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.' Elisha said, 'Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.' He responded, 'You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.' As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, 'Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!' But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

He picked up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. He took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and struck the water, saying, 'Where is the Lord, the God of Elijah?' When he had struck the water, the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha went over.

#### Psalm 77: 11-end

I will call to mind the deeds of the Lord; I will remember your wonders of old.

I will meditate on all your work, and muse on your mighty deeds. Your way, O God, is holy. What god is so great as our God? You are the God who works wonders; you have displayed your might among the peoples.

With your strong arm you redeemed your people, the descendants of Jacob and Joseph.

When the waters saw you, O God, when the waters saw you, they were afraid; the very deep trembled.

The clouds poured out water; the skies thundered; your arrows flashed on every side.

The crash of your thunder was in the whirlwind; your lightnings lit up the world; the earth trembled and shook.

Your way was through the sea, your path, through the mighty waters; yet your footprints were unseen.

You led your people like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

#### Second Reading: Galatians 5: 1, 13-25.

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

#### Holy Gospel: Luke 9: 51-end.

When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; but they did not receive him, because his face was set towards Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, 'Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?' But he turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village.

As they were going along the road, someone said to him, 'I will follow you wherever you go.' And Jesus said to him, 'Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.' To another he said, 'Follow me.' But he said, 'Lord, first let me go and bury my father.' But Jesus said to him, 'Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.' Another said, 'I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home.' Jesus said to him, 'No one who puts a hand to the plough and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.'

### 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 June Reynolds, 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

Loving Father,  
we thank you for feeding us at the supper of  
your Son:  
sustain us with your Spirit,  
that we may serve you here on earth  
until our joy is complete in heaven,  
and we share in the eternal banquet  
with 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

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July**

**6pm** Evening Prayer via Zoom

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July**

**9am** Morning prayer at St James

**10am** Holy Communion at St James

**Services for 6<sup>th</sup> July 2025**

**Third Sunday of Trinity**

**St James, Dursley**

**10am** Parish Holy Communion

**St Bartholomew's, Nympsfield**

**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](mailto:ewelmeeparishoffice@gmail.com) 07778842060



**St James the Great, Dursley**  
**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> 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.**



**THE FRIENDS OF ST JAMES**  
**FIRST ANNUAL MEETING**



**12.30PM ON 26TH JULY**  
**AT ST JAMES CHURCH, DURSLEY**

COME AND LEARN MORE ABOUT THIS BEAUTIFUL BUILDING  
30 MINUTE TALK FROM AUSTIN MEARES  
"SAINTS, SIGNS AND SYMBOLS"  
FOLLOWED BY REFRESHMENTS AND AN OPPORTUNITY TO JOIN  
THE FRIENDS OF ST JAMES

**ALL WELCOME**



The Revd Juliet will be on annual leave  
from 30<sup>th</sup> June-14<sup>th</sup> July

**Ewelme Benefice**

**St James the Great**

**Pet Service**

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

**21st-25th July 2025**

**ULEY CHURCH** **SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUB**

**Watt-A-Lott Castle**

**Breakheart Quarry, Dursley**  
**For primary school aged children**

**Places by booking only**

Application forms from [ewelmebenefice@gmail.com](mailto:ewelmebenefice@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.

**Ewelme Benefice**

**"What on earth am I here for?"**

Revd Juliet intends to facilitate some time for people to reflect on their gifts and how they feel called to offer them in a short series of sessions called 'What on earth am I here for?' We will be doing this using some simple resources.

**Wednesday 13th August - The gift of who I am**  
**Wednesday 20th August - Discovering our gifts**  
**Wednesday 27th August - Sharing our gifts**

**Sessions will be held at**  
**The Rectory, The Broadwell, Dursley**  
**3pm-4.30pm or 7pm-8.30pm**

This is for anyone from the worshipping communities across the benefice who is a bit curious - no other requirements!

Thank you.

revdavid.vonberg@gmail.com or direct to the office [ewelmebenefice@gmail.com](mailto:ewelmebenefice@gmail.com), or in paper form to Clare in the Parish Office'."/>

**Ewelme Benefice**

**St James the Great, Dursley**

**Songs of Praise**

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:revdavid.vonberg@gmail.com) or direct to the office [ewelmebenefice@gmail.com](mailto:ewelmebenefice@gmail.com), or in paper form to Clare in the Parish Office



**Ewelme Benefice**

# **Jumble Sale**

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> August**  
**9.30-12pm**

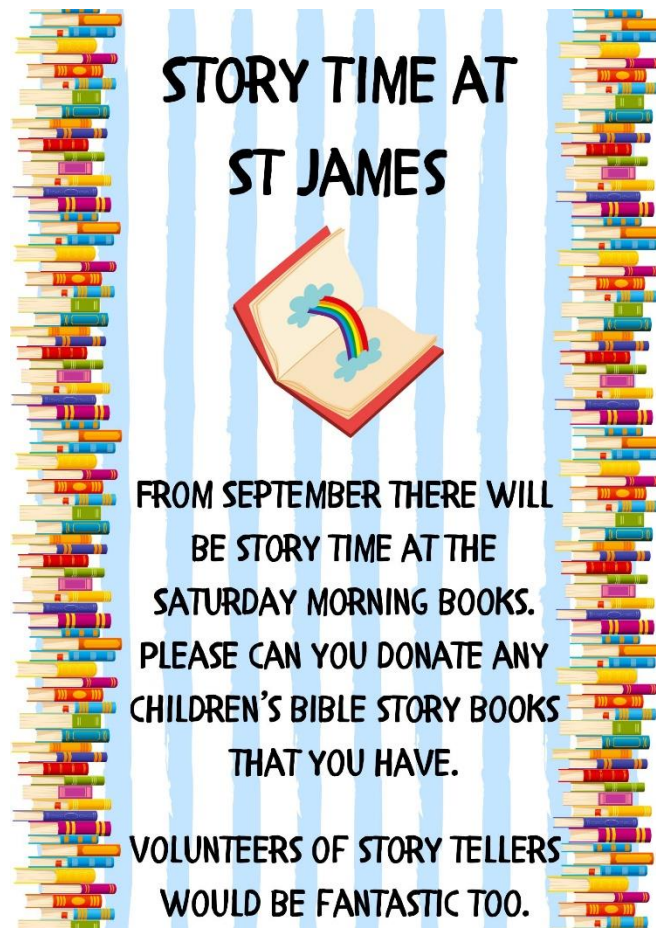
## **St James Parish Centre**




**All profits will be shared between  
Dursley and Uley churches.**

**Please volunteer to help and your jumble.**

**This is a Benefice event.**



# **STORY TIME AT ST JAMES**



**FROM SEPTEMBER THERE WILL  
BE STORY TIME AT THE  
SATURDAY MORNING BOOKS.  
PLEASE CAN YOU DONATE ANY  
CHILDREN'S BIBLE STORY BOOKS  
THAT YOU HAVE.**

**VOLUNTEERS OF STORY TELLERS  
WOULD BE FANTASTIC TOO.**