



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

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**Services for Sunday 6th July 2025
Third Sunday after Trinity**

St James

10am

Parish Holy Communion
Revd Ian Gardner

St Bartholomew's

10am

Parish Holy Communion
Canon Richard Morgan

Collect

Almighty God,
you have broken the tyranny of sin
and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts
whereby we call you Father:
give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your
service, that we and all creation may be brought
to the glorious liberty of the children of God;
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: 2 Kings 5: 1-14

Now Naaman was commander of the army of the king of Aram. He was a great man in the sight of his master and highly regarded, because through him the Lord had given victory to Aram. He was a valiant soldier, but he had leprosy.

Now bands of raiders from Aram had gone out and had taken captive a young girl from Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, "If only my master would see the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy."

Naaman went to his master and told him what the girl from Israel had said. "By all means, go," the king of Aram replied. "I will send a letter to the king of Israel." So Naaman left, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold and ten sets of clothing. The letter that he took to the king of Israel read: "With this letter I am sending my servant Naaman to you so that you may cure him of his leprosy."

As soon as the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his robes and said, "Am I God? Can I kill and bring back to life? Why does this fellow send someone to me to be cured of his leprosy? See how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me!"

When Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his robes, he sent him this message: "Why have you torn your robes? Have the man come to me and he will know that there is a prophet in Israel." So Naaman went with his horses and chariots and stopped at the door of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to say to him, "Go, wash yourself seven

times in the Jordan, and your flesh will be restored and you will be cleansed."

But Naaman went away angry and said, "I thought that he would surely come out to me and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, wave his hand over the spot and cure me of my leprosy. Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Couldn't I wash in them and be cleansed?" So he turned and went off in a rage.

Naaman's servants went to him and said, "My father, if the prophet had told you to do some great thing, would you not have done it? How much more, then, when he tells you, 'Wash and be cleansed'!" So he went down and dipped himself in the Jordan seven times, as the man of God had told him, and his flesh was restored and became clean like that of a young boy.

Psalm 30

I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up, and did not let my foes rejoice over me.

O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.

O Lord, you brought up my soul from Sheol, restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.

Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name.

For his anger is but for a moment; his favour is for a lifetime.

Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

As for me, I said in my prosperity, 'I shall never be moved.'

By your favour, O Lord, you had established me as a strong mountain; you hid your face;

I was dismayed.

To you, O Lord, I cried, and to the Lord I made supplication:

'What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the Pit?

Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness?

Hear, O Lord, and be gracious to me!

O Lord, be my helper!

You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy, so that my soul may praise you and not be silent.

O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you for ever.

Second Reading: Galatians 6: 7-16

Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised - only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule - peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

Holy Gospel: Luke 10: 1-11, 16-20

After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place

where he himself intended to go. He said to them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace to this house!" And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you." But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, "Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near." 'Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me.'

The seventy returned with joy, saying, 'Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!' He said to them, 'I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.'

Intercessions

We pray for those who are ill at this time or in other forms of need, especially those we know. We remember, Duff, Joyce, Carol, Sam, Jane 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 Paul Fisher, Edward Seager and June Reynolds recently departed. We pray for their families and friends and all those who grieve.

Post-communion prayer

O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining and whose power we cannot comprehend: show us your glory as far as we can grasp it, and shield us from knowing more than we can bear until we may look upon you without fear; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

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 9th July

2pm Open The Book Meeting, Parish Centre

6pm Evening Prayer via Zoom

Thursday 10th July

9am Morning prayer at St James

10am Holy Communion at St James

12.30pm June Reynolds funeral at St James

Saturday 11th July

9am Books Charity Collection day at St James

9am Bring and Take event at St James

Services for 13th July 2025 Fourth Sunday after Trinity

St James, Dursley

10am Parish Holy Communion

3pm Pet Service

6.30pm Choral Evensong

St Giles, Uley

10am Holy Communion

St James 'Free Books' Stall

Saturday 12th July. 9.00am ~ 12.00pm

All donations received today will be given to

C A L M

Children Achieving Lifelong Mobility



**A small charity offering one to one
physical therapy sessions for
children affected by long-term
movement conditions.**

The Revd Juliet will be on annual leave from 30th June-14th July

Please can you 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.

**Link to this week's live stream -
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ww3On8WCFJU>**

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

Ewelme Benefice

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.



Ewelme Benefice

St James the Great, Dursley

Songs of Praise

Sunday 20th July
10am



Ewelme Benefice

Jumble Sale

Saturday 9th August
9.30-12pm

St James Parish Centre

DONATION

All profits will be shared between Dursley and Uley churches.
Please volunteer to help and your jumble.
This is a Benefice event.



St James the Great
is the heart of the Community

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



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!

