



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

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**Services for Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2025  
Fourth Sunday after Trinity**

**St James**

**10am** Parish Holy Communion  
*Canon Frances Wookey*

**3pm** Blessing of Animals Service  
*Canon Richard Morgan*

**6.30pm** Choral Evensong  
*Revd David Vonberg*

**St Giles**

**10am** Parish Holy Communion  
*Canon Richard Morgan*

**Collect**

O God, the protector of all who trust in you,  
without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy:  
increase and multiply upon us your mercy;  
that with you as our ruler and guide  
we may so pass through things temporal  
that we lose not our hold on things eternal;  
grant this, heavenly Father,  
for our Lord 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: Amos 7: 7-end**

This is what he showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb-line, with a plumb-line in his hand. And the Lord said to me, 'Amos, what do you see?' And I said, 'A plumb-line.' Then the Lord said, 'See, I am setting a plumb-line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.'

Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, 'Amos has conspired against you in the very centre of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. <sup>11</sup> For thus Amos has said, "Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land."'

And Amaziah said to Amos, 'O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.'

Then Amos answered Amaziah, 'I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, and the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel."

Now therefore hear the word of the Lord.

You say, "Do not prophesy against Israel,

and do not preach against the house of Isaac."

Therefore, thus says the Lord: "Your wife shall become a prostitute in the city, and your sons and your daughters shall fall by the sword, and your land shall be parcelled out by line; you yourself shall die in an unclean land, and Israel shall surely go into exile away from its land."

**Psalm 82**

God has taken his place in the divine council; in the midst of the gods he holds judgement: 'How long will you judge unjustly and show partiality to the wicked? Give justice to the weak and the orphan; maintain the right of the lowly and the destitute.

Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked.'

They have neither knowledge nor understanding, they walk around in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

I say, 'You are gods, children of the Most High, all of you; nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, and fall like any prince.'

Rise up, O God, judge the earth; for all the nations belong to you!

**Second Reading: Colossians 1: 1-14**

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow-servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

**Holy Gospel: Luke 10: 25-37**

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. 'Teacher,' he said, 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the law? What do you read there?' He answered, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself.' And he said to him, 'You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.' But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was

going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, "Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend." Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?' He said, 'The one who showed him mercy.' Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'

### 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 Margaret Bryant, Paul Fisher, Edward Seager and June Reynolds recently departed. We pray for their families and friends and all those who grieve.

### Post-communion prayer

Eternal God,  
comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken,  
you have fed us at the table of life and hope:  
teach us the ways of gentleness and peace,  
that all the world may acknowledge  
the kingdom of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen**

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**Evening prayer via Zoom is at 6pm on  
Wednesday evenings –  
Zoom account details, Meeting ID: 811 3331  
8043 Passcode: 346570**

**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.**

### This Week

#### **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July**

**2pm** Burial of Janet Whittard's ashes at  
St James

#### **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July**

**4pm** Wedding rehearsal at Holy Cross

**6pm** Evening Prayer

**7pm** Fabric and Finance meeting at  
38 Woodmancote

#### **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July**

**9am** Dursley Academy Leavers Assembly at  
St James

**10.30am** Holy Communion at St James

**12.30pm** Wedding of Jonathan Botterill & Angela Quan at  
Holy Cross, Owlpen

#### **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July**

**2pm** Poetry Group at 9 Five Acres

### **Services for 20<sup>th</sup> July 2025**

#### **Fourth Sunday after Trinity**

#### **St James, Dursley**

**8am** Said Holy Communion

**10am** Songs of Praise Service

#### **St Giles, Uley**

**10am** Parish 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 The Parish office-

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**THIS SUNDAY**

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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.





**St James the Great, Dursley**

# Songs of Praise

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July  
10am**



## 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



## Jumble Sale

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> 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.**



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

Rev'd 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!**