

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

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**Services for Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2025  
Fifth Sunday after Trinity**

**St James**

**8am** Said Holy Communion  
*Revd Juliet Jensen*

**10am** Songs of Praise  
*Revd David Vonberg*

**St Giles**

**10am** Parish Holy Communion  
*Revd Juliet Jensen*

**Collect**

Almighty and everlasting God,  
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church  
is governed and sanctified:

hear our prayer which we offer for all your  
faithful people,

that in their vocation and ministry  
they may serve you in holiness and truth  
to the glory of your name;  
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen**

**First Reading: Amos 8: 1-12**

This is what the Lord God showed me - a basket of  
summer fruit. He said, 'Amos, what do you see?' And I  
said, 'A basket of summer fruit.' Then the Lord said to  
me, 'The end has come upon my people Israel;  
I will never again pass them by.

The songs of the temple shall become wailings on that  
day,' says the Lord God; 'the dead bodies shall be  
many, cast out in every place. Be silent!'

Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to  
ruin the poor of the land, saying, 'When will the new  
moon be over so that we may sell grain;  
and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale?  
We will make the ephah small and the shekel great,  
and practise deceit with false balances, buying the  
poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals,  
and selling the sweepings of the wheat.'

The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob:  
Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

Shall not the land tremble on this account, and  
everyone mourn who lives in it, and all of it rise like the  
Nile, and be tossed about and sink again, like the Nile  
of Egypt?

On that day, says the Lord God, I will make the sun go  
down at noon, and darken the earth in broad daylight.  
I will turn your feasts into mourning, and all your songs  
into lamentation; I will bring sackcloth on all loins,  
and baldness on every head;

I will make it like the mourning for an only son, and the  
end of it like a bitter day.

The time is surely coming, says the Lord God, when I will  
send a famine on the land; not a famine of bread, or a  
thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord.

They shall wander from sea to sea, and from north to  
east; they shall run to and fro, seeking the word of the  
Lord, but they shall not find it.

**Psalm 52**

Why do you boast, O mighty one, of mischief done against  
the godly?

All day long you are plotting destruction.

Your tongue is like a sharp razor, you worker of treachery.

You love evil more than good, and lying more than speaking  
the truth.

You love all words that devour, O deceitful tongue.

But God will break you down for ever; he will snatch and  
tear you from your tent; he will uproot you from the land of  
the living.

The righteous will see, and fear, and will laugh at the  
evildoer, saying, 'See the one who would not take refuge in  
God, but trusted in abundant riches, and sought refuge  
in wealth!'

But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God.

I trust in the steadfast love of God for ever and ever.

I will thank you for ever, because of what you have done.

In the presence of the faithful I will proclaim your name, for it  
is good.

**Second Reading: Colossians 1: 15-28**

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all  
creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were  
created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or  
dominions or rulers or powers - all things have been  
created through him and for him. He himself is before all  
things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head  
of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn  
from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in  
everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased  
to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to  
himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by  
making peace through the blood of his cross.

And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind,  
doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body  
through death, so as to present you holy and blameless  
and irreproachable before him - provided that you continue  
securely established and steadfast in the faith, without  
shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you  
heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under  
heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.

I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in  
my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's  
afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I  
became its servant according to God's commission that  
was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully  
known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the  
ages and generations but has now been revealed to his  
saints. To them God chose to make known how great  
among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this  
mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he  
whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching  
everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone  
mature in Christ.

**Holy Gospel: Luke 10: 38-end.**

Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain  
village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him  
into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat

at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.' But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.'

### Intercessions

We pray for those who are ill at this time or in other forms of need, especially those we know. We remember, Pat, 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 Dennis Hill, Jean Beeston, Valerie Banham, Duff Hart-Davis, Margaret Bryant, Paul Fisher, Edward Seager and Sister Mary Wood recently departed. We pray for their families and friends and all those who grieve.

### Post-communion prayer

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by your governance, that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

### This Week

#### Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July

**10-2pm** Uley Church Summer Holiday Club

#### Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July

**10-2pm** Uley Church Summer Holiday Club

**2pm** Margaret Bryant's funeral at Westerleigh

**4pm** Wedding rehearsal at Holy Cross

#### Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July

**10-2pm** Uley Church Summer Holiday Club

**12.30pm** Jake & Bethan's Wedding at Holy Cross

**6pm** Evening Prayer

**7.30pm** Dursley PCC extraordinary meeting, The Rectory

#### Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> July

**10-2pm** Uley Church Summer Holiday Club

**9am** Morning prayer at St James

**10am** Holy Communion at St James

**12.30pm** Paul Fisher's funeral at St Bartholomew's, Nympsfield

#### Friday 25<sup>th</sup> July

**10-2pm** Uley Church Summer Holiday Club

#### Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> July

**10.30am** Coffee, Cake and Music- Pavlos Triantaris

**12.30pm** Friends of St James Event at St James

### Services for 27<sup>th</sup> July 2025

### Sixth Sunday after Trinity

### St James Patronal Festival

#### St James, Dursley

**10am** Benefice Holy Communion

#### Holy Cross, Owlpen

**6pm** Evensong

### 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.

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

April 26th

May 31<sup>st</sup>

June 28th

**July 26th**

August 30th

September 27th

October 25th

Nigel Davies

Keith Hearnshaw

Nigel Nash

**Pavlos Triantaris**

John Pennington

Nigel Davies

Jonathan Hope

**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

You can also contact The Parish office-

[ewelmeeparishoffice@gmail.com](mailto:ewelmeeparishoffice@gmail.com) 07778842060 Clare in

**Evening prayer via Zoom is at 6pm on**

**Wednesday evenings –**

**Zoom account details, Meeting ID: 811 3331**

**8043 Passcode: 346570**

**Evening prayer will be suspended through**

**August and return on 3<sup>rd</sup> September.**

**Live Stream is from St Giles, Uley this week.**

**Link -**

**<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6ivXP1TbPlk>**

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# 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.**



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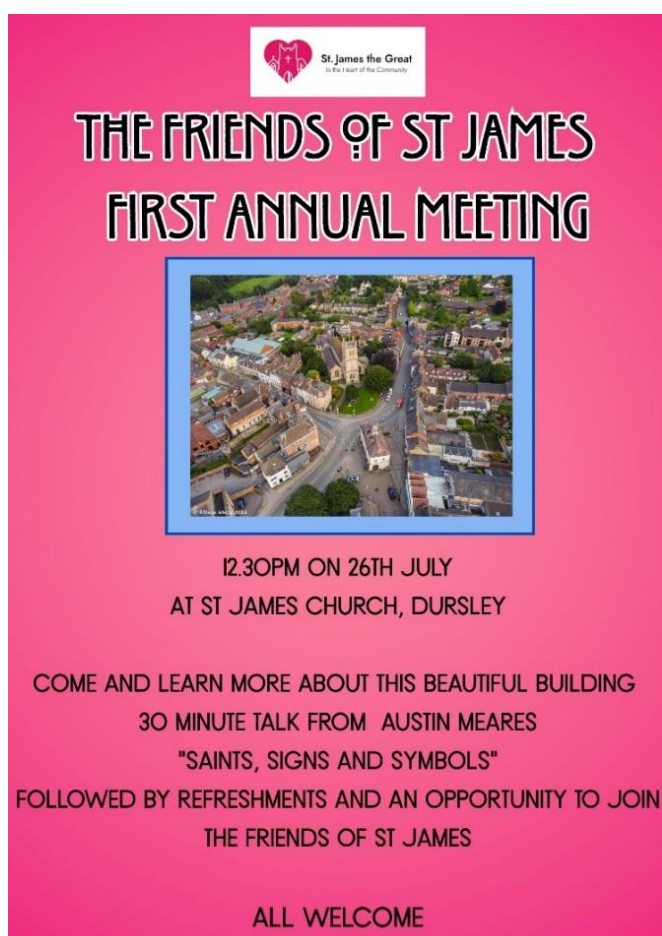
## "What on earth am I here for?"

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 13<sup>th</sup> August - The gift of who I am**  
**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> August - Discovering our gifts**  
**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> 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!**



**St. James the Great**  
In the heart of the community

# THE FRIENDS OF ST JAMES FIRST ANNUAL MEETING



**12.30PM ON 26<sup>TH</sup> 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**