

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

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**Services for Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> August 2026  
Tenth Sunday after Trinity**

**St James, Dursley**

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

**St Giles, Uley**

**10am** Reflective Worship  
*Revd David Vonberg*

**Collect**

Let your merciful ears, O Lord,  
be open to the prayers of your humble servants;  
and that they may obtain their petitions  
make them to ask such things as shall please you;  
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.

**First Reading: 1 Kings 19: 9-18**

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; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. Yet I will leave seven thousand in

Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.'

**Psalm 85: 8-13**

Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.

Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.

'Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;  
righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and  
righteousness will look down from the sky.

The Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.

Righteousness will go before him, and will make a path for his steps.

**Second Reading: Romans 10: 5-15**

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that 'the person who does these things will live by them.' But the righteousness that comes from faith says, 'Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into heaven?"' (that is, to bring Christ down) 'or "Who will descend into the abyss?"' (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say?

'The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart' (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.' For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!'

**Holy Gospel: Matthew 14: 22-33**

Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, 'It is a ghost!' And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.'

Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.' He said, 'Come.' So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!' Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?' When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son 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 Fiona, Olive, Keith, Albie, Carol, Sam, Jane, Marion, Charlie and Rita. Be with them in their suffering, support and comfort them and give them peace of mind in times of trouble.

We pray for Joyce Lombarde, recently departed, we remember her family and friends and all those who grieve.

## Post Communion Prayer.

God of our pilgrimage,  
you have willed that the gate of mercy  
should stand open for those who trust in you:  
look upon us with your favour  
that we who follow the path of your will  
may never wander from the way of life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

## This Week.

### Monday 10<sup>th</sup> August

2pm Memorial service for Joyce Lombarde at St James.

### Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> August

2.30pm Communion at Holly Oak Care Home

4pm Wedding rehearsal at Holy Cross

### Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> August

1pm Mike Hughes and Gail Trickett's wedding  
at Holy Cross, Owlpen

### Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> August

9am Morning prayer at St James

10am Holy Communion at St James

11.15am Communion at Henlow Court Care Home

### Friday 14<sup>th</sup> August

4pm Wedding rehearsal at Holy Cross

### Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> August

1.30pm Ashley Jones and Maggie Cashman's wedding  
at Holy Cross,

2pm Patricia Marshall's internment of ashes at St  
Bartholomew's, Nympsfield

## Services for 16<sup>th</sup> August Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

### St James, Dursley

8am Said Holy Communion

10am Family Service

### St Giles, Uley

10am Parish Holy Communion

### Holy Cross, Owlpen

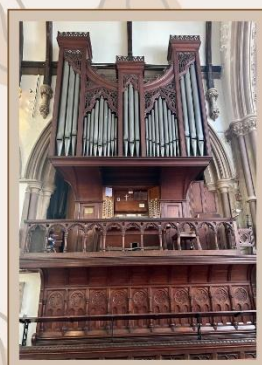
6pm Evensong

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## St James the Great, Dursley Coffee, Cake and Music 2026



10.30am coffee,  
tea and cake  
11-11.40am  
Recital

There is no charge, but a retiring  
collection will be taken, the proceeds of  
which go to the work of  
St James' Church

**August 29th William Reynolds**  
(Minster Church of  
St Mary, Swansea)

**September 26th Andrew Millington**  
(Former DoM at Exeter Cathedral)

**October 31st Bernard West**  
(Oxford)