



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

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**Services for Sunday 31st August 2025
Eleventh Sunday after Trinity
St Giles Patronal Festival**

St James, Dursley

10am Parish Holy Communion
Canon Richard Morgan

St Giles, Uley

10am Parish Holy Communion
Revd Juliet Jensen

Holy Cross, Owlpen

6pm Evensong
Revd David Vonberg

Collect

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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: Jeremiah 2: 4-13

Hear the word of the Lord, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel. Thus says the Lord: What wrong did your ancestors find in me that they went far from me, and went after worthless things, and became worthless themselves?

They did not say, 'Where is the Lord who brought us up from the land of Egypt, who led us in the wilderness, in a land of deserts and pits, in a land of drought and deep darkness, in a land that no one passes through, where no one lives?' I brought you into a plentiful land to eat its fruits and its good things.

But when you entered you defiled my land, and made my heritage an abomination.

The priests did not say, 'Where is the Lord?'

Those who handle the law did not know me; the rulers transgressed against me; the prophets prophesied by Baal, and went after things that do not profit.

Therefore once more I accuse you, says the Lord, and I accuse your children's children.

Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look, send to Kedar and examine with care; see if there has ever been such a thing.

Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods?

But my people have changed their glory for something that does not profit.

Be appalled, O heavens, at this, be shocked, be utterly desolate, says the Lord, for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living water, and dug out cisterns for themselves, cracked cisterns that can hold no water.

Psalm 81: 1, 10-end.

Sing aloud to God our strength; shout for joy to the God of Jacob.

I am the Lord your God, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt.

Open your mouth wide and I will fill it.

But my people did not listen to my voice; Israel would not submit to me.

So I gave them over to their stubborn hearts, to follow their own counsels.

O that my people would listen to me, that Israel would walk in my ways!

Then I would quickly subdue their enemies, and turn my hand against their foes.

Those who hate the Lord would cringe before him, and their doom would last for ever.

I would feed you with the finest of the wheat, and with honey from the rock I would satisfy you.'

Second Reading: Hebrews 13: 1-8, 15-16

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, 'I will never leave you or forsake you.' So we can say with confidence, 'The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?'

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever.

Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Holy Gospel: Luke 14: 1, 7-14

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. 'When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, "Give this person your place", and then indigence you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, "Friend, move up higher"; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.'

He said also to the one who had invited him, 'When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich

neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.'

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 and Rita. Be with them in their suffering, support and comfort them and give them peace of mind in times of trouble.'

Post-communion prayer

Lord of all mercy,
we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace: by our communion keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel and preserve us from all sin;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

This Week

Wednesday 3rd September

6pm Evening prayer via Zoom

Thursday 4th September

9am Morning prayer at St James

10am Holy Communion at St James

Saturday 6th September

9-12 Bring and Take Event at St James

Services for 7th September 2025 Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

St James, Dursley

10am Parish Holy Communion

St Bartholomew's, Nympsfield

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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Safeguarding Officers

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**Evening prayer via Zoom is suspended
through August and returns on 3rd
September.**

EWELME BENEFICE

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

April 26th	Nigel Davies
May 31 st	Keith Hearnshaw
June 28th	Nigel Nash
July 26th	Pavlos Triantaris
August 30th	John Pennington
September 27th	Nigel Davies
October 25th	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



St James' Church Eco-group
in association with Dursley Freegle



BRING & TAKE

Sat. 6th September 2025

9.00am – 12 noon
St. James' Church, Dursley

BRING what you no longer need,
TAKE what you like: It's all FREE

Toys, games, clothing and household goods.
(No electricals thank you)

Waste less
Save money!
Choose to re-use
Share more

NB FUTURE EVENTS BIMONTHLY ON THIRD SATURDAYS



Don't throw it away; give it away with Freegle



St James Church with
 DURSLEY C of E PRIMARY ACADEMY  

BECOMING CHURCH TOGETHER

SHINE!

PRAISE PARTY

Sunday 21st September 2025
 10am-11am

EVERYONE WELCOME





Refreshments Games Music

DURSLEY CE PRIMARY ACADEMY, SCHOOL
 ROAD, GL11 4NZ

St Giles Church
 presents
**Music for a
 Sunday Afternoon**
 featuring
Oriana Singers
**Sunday 21st September
 at 3pm**

A free, short, informal concert in the church
 followed by tea & cake.

Donations welcome for Church Funds.

Quiz Night

18th October, 7pm

In aid of
 **Julius & Dora
 Children's Centre**

Providing a loving home for abandoned
 babies in Maseno, Kenya

St James Parish Centre, Dursley
Teams of up to 6

Tickets- £10
 To book or join a team contact
chrismorgan194@btinternet.com

**Includes Ploughman's
 supper, please bring your
 own drinks.**

Dursley United Charity

Registered Charity Number 248960

Education Awards

DUC invites applications for grants from 16–25-year-olds living in Dursley, Uley, Stinchcombe or Cam that are in need of financial help for further education, higher education, or training.

Grants are awarded on a discretionary basis for smaller items rather than course fees, this can be for student equipment or financial help toward transport costs & awards will vary on individual's circumstances.

Application forms are available from the clerk & must be returned to the Clerk before **1ST September 2025**.

Email: ducclerk25@gmail.com

The Clerk to the Trustees will inform successful applicants by Monday 15th September 2025.

Thank you for all your kind wishes and prayers after my recent hospitalisation for appendicitis, all a bit of a surprise! Not quite the bank holiday weekend Steve and I had planned.

Gloucester Royal Hospital are to be praised for their excellent, kind and very swift care. I am recovering well at home and doing a very little admin work.

I won't be back in the office until after 10th September, on Doctors orders! (and Steve's)

If you need anything you can email the Office (ewelmeeparishoffice@gmail.com) or ring Revd Juliet (01453 350810) or one of our wonderful churchwardens.

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Clare.