



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

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**Services for Sunday 13th September 2026
Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity**

St James, Dursley

10am Parish Holy Communion

Revd Ian Gardner

6.30pm Choral Evensong

Canon Richard Morgan

St Giles, Uley

10am Reflective Worship

Revd Juliet Jensen

Holy Cross, Owlpen

6pm Evensong

Revd David Vonberg

Collect

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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: Genesis 50: 15-21

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, 'What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?' So they approached Joseph, saying, 'Your father gave this instruction before he died, "Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you." Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.' Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, 'We are here as your slaves.' But Joseph said to them, 'Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.' In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

Psalms 103: 1-13

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits - who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. The Lord works vindication and justice for all who are oppressed.

He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel.

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and

abounding in steadfast love.

He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger for ever.

He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.

For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love towards those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us.

As a father has compassion for his children, so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him.

Second Reading: Romans 14: 1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. For it is written,

'As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.'

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 18: 21-35

Peter came and said to him, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.'

'For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything."

And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your

fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt.
So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

Intercessions

We pray for those who are ill at this time or in other forms of need, especially those we know. We remember Chris, Kerry, Henry, 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 John Gilbert, Kenneth Gubbins and Barbara Savage, recently departed, we remember their families and friends and all those who grieve.

A prayer for the confirmation candidates Matt Arkle, Mike Fraser, Kristy Fraser, Kate Vernon, Rob Marrow, Tracy Mason-Fayle, Claire Wass and Martin Gregory. We give you thanks for accepting us into your kingdom through holy baptism. We pray that you show the paths to faith to our confirmation candidates, so that they daily might turn to you, and throughout their lives thus learn to know your son Jesus Christ.

Post Communion Prayer.

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

This Week.

Monday 14th September

11am Burial of Gerald Halford's ashes at St James

Tuesday 15th September

7pm Uley PCC meeting at St Giles

Wednesday 16th September

6pm Evening prayer via Zoom

Thursday 17th September

9am Morning prayer at St James

10am Holy Communion at St James

12noon Jean Smetham's funeral at St James

Friday 19th September

4pm Wedding rehearsal at Holy Cross

Saturday 19th September

9am Bring and Take at St James

12.30pm Wedding of Alex and Sian at Holy Cross

Sunday 20th September

3pm Silver Flutes Concert at St Giles, Uley

Services for 20th September Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

St James, Dursley

8am Parish Holy Communion

10am Songs of Praise

Dursley Academy School

10am Shine! Family Worship

St Giles, Uley

10am Parish Holy Communion

Evening prayer via Zoom is at 6pm.to join please use this login

Meeting ID: 811 3331 8043 Passcode: 346570

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**Jill Crossland
Piano Recital**

works by J. S. Bach, Mozart
Beethoven "Moonlight" Sonata

**St James the Great
Dursley**

Sunday 13th September 4 p.m

Admission free
Retiring collection



St Giles Church, Uley
presents

**Music for a
Sunday Afternoon**

featuring
Silverwinds Flute Ensemble
**Sunday 20th September
at 3pm**

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

Donations welcome for Church Funds.

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

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

October 31st Bernard West
(Oxford)

St James the Great, Dursley

Pet Service



5.30pm on
Saturday 3rd October 2026

All pets welcome, dogs must be on a
lead and other animals in pet
carriers.

Please bring your owner too!



**ST BARTHOLOMEW'S VILLAGE HALL,
NYMPSFIELD**

TOGETHER FOR HARVEST

10AM

4TH OCTOBER 2026

**HARVEST PRAISE FOR EVERYONE.
A COLLECTION OF FOOD ITEMS WILL BE
MADE FOR THE FOOD BANK AND GARAS**

**BREAKFAST ROLLS WILL BE SERVED
BEFORE THE SERVICE**

ST JAMES THE GREAT, DURSLEY

HARVEST FESTIVAL

10AM

11TH OCTOBER 2026

**A COLLECTION OF FOOD ITEMS
WILL BE MADE FOR THE FOOD
BANK**



The Heaven Preserve Us team have started preparing jams and chutneys for The Christmas Market at St James on 27th November. We are in need of a few ingredients, if you have any spare-quinces, marrows, kidney beans and cooking apples are on our list. If you have a glut of anything else I'm sure we could turn it into a tasty preserve.

Thank you, Rachel, Judith and Clare.



Candle Stubs for Ukraine.

We have received lots of candles thank you so much. I feel a little sorry for my car, they are not light - excuse the pun. Mark would like them sooner than later so I am taking them over on Monday. No more candles please, but you could keep a plastic sack of old candles outside to give for Mark's next venture if the war does not stop.
Prue.

Quiz Night

24th 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
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**Includes Ploughman's
supper, please bring your
own drinks.**