



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

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**Services for Sunday 14th September 2025
Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity**

St James, Dursley

10am Parish Holy Communion
Revd Ian Gardner

6.30pm Choral Evensong
Canon Richard Morgan

St Giles, Uley

10am New Beginnings, Service
Revd Juliet Jensen

Holy Cross, Owlpen. Patronal Festival
6pm Evensong
Revd Juliet Jensen

Collect

Almighty God,
who called your Church to bear witness
that you were in Christ reconciling the world to
yourself:
help us to proclaim the good news of your love,
that all who hear it may be drawn to you;
through him who was lifted up on the cross,
and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen

First Reading: Jeremiah 4: 11-12, 22-28

At that time it will be said to this people and to
Jerusalem: A hot wind comes from me out of the bare
heights in the desert towards my poor people, not to
winnow or cleanse - a wind too strong for that. Now it is
I who speak in judgement against them.

'For my people are foolish, they do not know me;
they are stupid children, they have no understanding.
They are skilled in doing evil, but do not know how to
do good.'

I looked on the earth, and lo, it was waste and void;
and to the heavens, and they had no light.

I looked on the mountains, and lo, they were quaking,
and all the hills moved to and fro.

I looked, and lo, there was no one at all, and all the
birds of the air had fled.

I looked, and lo, the fruitful land was a desert, and all
its cities were laid in ruins before the Lord, before his
fierce anger.

For thus says the Lord: The whole land shall be a
desolation; yet I will not make a full end.

Because of this the earth shall mourn, and the heavens
above grow black; for I have spoken, I have purposed;
I have not relented nor will I turn back.

Psalm 14

Fools say in their hearts, 'There is no God.'

They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds; there is
no one who does good.

The Lord looks down from heaven on humankind to
see if there are any who are wise, who seek after God.

They have all gone astray, they are all alike perverse;
there is no one who does good, no, not one.

Have they no knowledge, all the evildoers who eat up my
people as they eat bread, and do not call upon the Lord?

There they shall be in great terror, for God is with the
company of the righteous.

You would confound the plans of the poor, but the Lord
is their refuge.

O that deliverance for Israel would come from Zion!

When the Lord restores the fortunes of his people,

Jacob will rejoice; Israel will be glad.

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 1: 12-17

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has
strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and
appointed me to his service, even though I was
formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of
violence. But I received mercy because I had acted
ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord
overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in
Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full
acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to
save sinners - of whom I am the foremost. But for that
very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the
foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost
patience, making me an example to those who would
come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of
the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honour
and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Holy Gospel: Luke 15: 1-10

Now all the tax-collectors and sinners were coming
near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the
scribes were grumbling and saying, 'This fellow
welcomes sinners and eats with them.'

So he told them this parable: 'Which one of you, having
a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not
leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the
one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it,
he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he
comes home, he calls together his friends and
neighbours, saying to them, "Rejoice with me, for I
have found my sheep that was lost." Just so, I tell you,
there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who
repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who
need no repentance.'

'Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses
one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house,
and search carefully until she finds it? When she has
found it, she calls together her friends and neighbours,
saying, "Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that
I had lost." Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the
presence of the angels of God over one sinner who
repents.'

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.'

We remember Douglas England, recently departed, we
pray for his family and friends and all those who grieve.

Post-communion prayer

God our creator,
you feed your children with the true manna,
the living bread from heaven:
let this holy food sustain us through our earthly
pilgrimage until we come to that place
where hunger and thirst are no more;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

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This Week

Monday 15th September

11.15am Doug England's funeral at Westerleigh

Tuesday 16th September

4pm Wedding rehearsal at Holy Cross

7pm PCC Uley

Wednesday 17th September

1.30pm James and Harriet's wedding at Holy Cross

6pm Evening prayer via Zoom

Thursday 18th September

9am Morning prayer at St James

10am Holy Communion at St James

11.15am Communion at Henlow Court

Friday 19th September

4pm Wedding rehearsal at Holy Cross

Saturday 20th September

1.30pm Charlie and Danielle's wedding at Holy Cross

2.15pm Woodchester Park, historic walk

Sunday 21st September

3pm Oriana Singers concert at St Giles, Uley

Services for 21st September 2025 Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

St James, Dursley

8am Said Holy Communion

10am Informal Worship

10am "Shine" Praise Party service at Dursley Academy

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-
ewelmeeparishoffice@gmail.com 01453 549280

Evening prayer via Zoom has returned, to join please use this login - Link – Meeting ID: 811 3331 8043 Passcode: 346570

Whilst I'm recuperating and I'm out of the office please contact

Revd Juliet or a churchwarden if you need anything.

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I am working from home,
but not back into the office fully.

Clare.



DURSLEY C of E
PRIMARY ACADEMY



St James Church with



sportily
PLAY SPORTS, TALK LIFE

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

**An Invitation from
David and Maureen Wood.**

On Sunday 14th September David and Maureen Wood will be celebrating their

65th Wedding Anniversary.

Also David's 80th year membership of the Parish Choir, following his 88th Birthday.

Accordingly cake and wine will be served following the 10am Service.

The choir and congregation are cordially invited to stay and join with David and Maureen to celebrate these auspicious occasions.

Request for harvest gifts for the foodbank from our Harvest celebrations on 5th October at St James, Dursley and St Bartholomew's, Nympsfield.



**FRIENDS OF ST GILES'S CHURCH
WOODCHESTER PARK WALK**



Saturday 20th September at 2.15pm
Thoss Shearer will lead a guided walk exploring the historic landscape of Woodchester Park, including the "Italian Garden".

Please book in advance with Thoss (thossshearer@gmail.com).

Suggested minimum donation of £8/person (payable on the day) for the Friends of St Giles's Church.

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



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.

Stroud District
Foodbank
Together with Trussell

Harvest Appeal



Help support your food bank this Harvest

We're collecting donations to support local households across the district. Every gift makes a big difference!

Donate Food

Donate whilst you shop at:
Waitrose Stroud • Tesco Stroud, Cam & Merrywalks • Sainsbury's Stroud • Most local Co-ops

Or drop off at our warehouse:
Unit 19, Canal Iron Works, Hope Mill Lane, Brimscombe, Stroud GL5 2SH
Monday to Friday 10am-12pm

Or visit us on our Open Days:
Thursday 23rd October 10am-4pm
Saturday 25th October 10am-12pm

Donate money

Prefer to give financially? Your donation helps cover the costs of buying, storing and distributing food, and supports sustainable projects for those facing hardship.

Shopping list

Tinned Ham
Fray Bentos Pie
Pasta Sauce
Tinned Potatoes
Nuts or Crisps
Biscuits
Fruit Juice (long-life)
Milk (UHT)
Shampoo & Conditioner
Laundry Detergent

Please click the QR code to donate

<https://strouddistrict.foodbank.org.uk>



Stroud District Foodbank Registered Charity in England & Wales 1176306 office@strouddistrictfoodbank.org.uk

EWELME BENEFICE

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

April 26th
May 31st
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

DISCOVER SUSTAINABLE CHURCH FLOWERS

21 OCTOBER 10:30 AM



DURSLEY METHODIST CHURCH GL11 4BS

£5 TO INCLUDE REFRESHMENTS

Do you arrange flowers at your local church?
Discover new ways to create floral displays that are kind to the environment. Join us to hear from Beth Bruce-Gardner, an ambassador for Sustainable Church Flowers, who will share practical, eco-friendly alternatives to floral foam and demonstrate an arrangement. This event is a chance to find inspiration, share ideas, and connect with other arrangers. Book your place
Breadbakerdanielle@gmail.com

