



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

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**Services for Sunday 27th September 2026
Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity**

St Giles, Uley

**10am Benefice Holy Communion
with Baptism and Confirmation**
+ Bishop Rachel Treweek

St James, Dursley

6.30pm Choral Evensong
Revd Juliet Jensen

Collect

Almighty God,
you have made us for yourself,
and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you:
pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself,
and so bring us at last to your heavenly city
where we shall see you face to face;
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: Acts 4: 1-12

While Peter and John were speaking to the people, the priests, the captain of the temple, and the Sadducees came to them, much annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming that in Jesus there is the resurrection of the dead. So they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. But many of those who heard the word believed; and they numbered about five thousand. The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is "the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone."'

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.'

Psalm 25: 1-8

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.
O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame;
do not let my enemies exult over me.
Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;
let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.
Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.
Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.

Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O Lord!
Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

Holy Gospel: John 4: 6-26

Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink'. (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink", you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.'

Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come back.' The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no husband"; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!' The woman said to him, 'Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.' Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.' The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah is coming' (who is called Christ). 'When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.' Jesus said to her, 'I am he, the one who is speaking to you.'

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 Mike Groom and John Gilbert, recently departed, we remember their families and friends and all those who grieve. We ask for your prayers for the baptism and confirmation candidates, Matt Arkle, Mike Fraser, Kristy Fraser, Kate Vernon, Rob Marrow, Tracy Mason-Fayle, Claire Wass and Martin Gregory.

Post Communion Prayer.

God of mercy,
by whose grace alone we are accepted
and equipped for your service:
stir up in us the gifts of your Holy Spirit
and make us worthy of our calling;
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit
in love and joy and peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

This Week.

Wednesday 30th September

6pm Evening prayer via Zoom

Thursday 1st October

9am Morning prayer at St James

10am Holy Communion at St James

Saturday 3rd October

9.30am Bellringers peal

5.30pm Pet service at St James, Dursley

Services for 4th October

Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

St James, Dursley

10am Parish Holy Communion

St Bartholomew's, Nympsfield

10am Together for Harvest

Evening prayer via Zoom is at 6pm.to join please use this login
Meeting ID: 811 3331 8043 Passcode: 346570

Safeguarding Officers

Heather Arnold for the Parish of Dursley
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with Nympsfield and Owlpen
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St James the Great, Dursley

Fairtrade Event

on

Saturday 3rd October from 9 till 12



The event will include -

- Fairtrade refreshments (tea, coffee and homemade cakes)
- An information stand
- A craft activity
- Traidcraft Christmas cards for sale at discount prices

We will be happy to receive
donations for the Fairtrade
Foundation and Transform Trade.



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!



Friends at Christmas' are looking for a cook to head up the kitchen team at the Methodist Church on Christmas Day. The cook will be responsible for cooking a Christmas lunch for up to 70 people. A team of volunteers is in place to help with procurement and preparation. For more details contact Nicky Yudin (F@C coordinator) Mobile: 07999755138, Email: harrowyudins@aol.com
Many thanks
Kind regards, Nicky



Churches Together AGM

Tuesday 29th September 2026 at 7.30pm.
3C's Church, Church Road, Upper Cam.
Phil Greenow will be the new convenor for 2026/2027

All are Welcome

We say a huge thank you to Revd David for all his hard work as convenor this year.

Harvest Lunch at St James

12 noon Sunday 11th October 2026

In the Parish Centre

Please volunteer if you can make a salad or a fruit pie



All are welcome

St James the Great, Dursley

Harvest Festival

10am

11th October 2026

**A collection will be made and
donated to
GARAS and The Food Bank**

See list of essential items



Items needed-

Tea, coffee, sugar and biscuits for drop in; and toiletries (particularly sanitary towels). Any of these

Food, household goods and toiletries:

- tinned tomatoes
- tinned pasta
- rice
- tinned chickpeas
- tinned fish

- New or nearly new kettles, toasters & microwaves
- Other kitchen items, such as crockery, cutlery, saucepans
- Toiletries, including sanitary towels

Educational materials for English classes:

- Pens
- Dictionaries:
 - Arabic-English dictionary
 - English-Farsi picture dictionary
 - Amharic-English dictionary
 - Tigrinya-English dictionary
 - Oxford Essential Dictionary(aimed at those learning English also available on Ebay)
- English Ukrainian Bilingual Visual Dictionary

Rucksacks (daysacks)

Footballs, sizes 3, 4 and 5

Laptops & tablets: laptops and tablets.



Quiz Night

24th 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.**