

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

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**Services for Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2025  
Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity  
Harvest Festival**

**St James, Dursley**

**10am** Harvest Festival  
*Canon Richard Morgan*

**St Bartholomew's, Nympsfield**

**10am** Together for Harvest  
*Revd Juliet Jensen*

**Collect**

Eternal God,  
you crown the year with your goodness  
and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season:  
grant that we may use them to your glory,  
for the relief of those in need and for our own well-  
being;  
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: Deuteronomy 26: 1-11**

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, 'Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.' When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.' You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall

celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

**Psalm 100**

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.  
Worship the Lord with gladness;  
come into his presence with singing.  
Know that the Lord is God.  
It is he that made us, and we are his;  
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.  
Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise.  
Give thanks to him, bless his name.  
For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures for ever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

**Second Reading: Revelation 14: 14-18**

Then I looked, and there was a white cloud, and seated on the cloud was one like the Son of Man, with a golden crown on his head, and a sharp sickle in his hand! Another angel came out of the temple, calling with a loud voice to the one who sat on the cloud, 'Use your sickle and reap, for the hour to reap has come, because the harvest of the earth is fully ripe.' So the one who sat on the cloud swung his sickle over the earth, and the earth was reaped.

Then another angel came out of the temple in heaven, and he too had a sharp sickle. Then another angel came out from the altar, the angel who has authority over fire, and he called with a loud voice to him who had the sharp sickle, 'Use your sharp sickle and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth, for its grapes are ripe.'

**Holy Gospel: John 6: 25-35**

When they found him on the other side of the lake, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.' Then they said to him, 'What must we do to perform the works of God?' Jesus answered them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.' So they said to him, 'What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, "He gave them bread from heaven to eat." ' Then Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' They said to him, 'Sir, give us this bread always.' Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'

**Intercessions**

We pray for those who are ill at this time or in other forms of need, especially those we know. We remember Albie, 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 the harvest,  
with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your  
love in creation  
and have shared in the bread and the wine of  
the kingdom:

by your grace plant within us a reverence  
for all that you give us

and make us generous and wise stewards  
of the good things we enjoy;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**



**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.

Please click the QR code to donate

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



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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

### This Week

#### Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October

10-12pm Welcome space at St Giles, Uley

#### Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October

6pm Evening prayer via Zoom

#### Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October

9am Morning prayer at St James

10am Holy Communion at St James

#### Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October

4pm Wedding rehearsal at Holy Cross

#### Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October

2pm Wedding of Ashley and Emily at Holy Cross

4.30pm Bellringing at St James

### Services for 12<sup>th</sup> October 2025 Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

#### St James, Dursley

10am Parish Holy Communion

#### St Giles, Uley

10am "What a Wonderful World!" service  
Remembering and Celebrating Village  
Life Together.

**Evening prayer via Zoom is on Wednesday  
at 6pm, to join please use this login - Link –  
Meeting ID: 811 3331 8043**



# Harvest Festival

St James the Great, Dursley

**10am**

**5<sup>th</sup> October 2025**

Collection for the food bank

Harvest Lunch  
in the  
Parish Centre  
following the service





# TOGETHER FOR HARVEST

in Nympsfield

**10am**

**5<sup>th</sup> October 2025**

Collection for the Foodbank

Meet in the Village Hall at 10am  
for a breakfast bap,  
then into St Bartholomew's church  
for Harvest Praise



**Churches Together AGM  
and Forum to be held at  
5pm on October 5th at St  
Bartholomew's Lower Cam.  
All are welcome to attend.**



**An Evening of a Variety of  
Autumn's Entertainment**

**With The Uley Youth  
Productions  
And Special guests**

**On Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October  
commences at 7:30  
@ The Uley Village Hall.**

**Free entry, with Wine, Tea/Coffee,  
soft drinks and a Raffle.**

Donations would be greatly appreciated.

All proceeds will help to  
support the maintenance  
of St Giles Church.

# 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](mailto:chrismorgan194@btinternet.com)

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

## ST GILES, ULEY

A new welcoming space for anyone (0-100+yr) who would otherwise be at home on Mondays 10am-12pm.

**First meet up - Monday 6th  
October at 10am**



It will be a chance to get together, eat cake, make new friends and have some fun!

Bring your ideas for how this might become a regular thing.

Let Nikki know if you plan to bring a cake - otherwise simply turn up at St Giles Church .  
[Nikki.Clarke@clarkes.in.uley@gmail.com](mailto:Nikki.Clarke@clarkes.in.uley@gmail.com)

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

April 26th	Nigel Davies
May 31 <sup>st</sup>	Keith Hearnshaw
June 28th	Nigel Nash
July 26th	Pavlos Triantaris
August 30th	John Pennington
September 27th	Nigel Davies
<b>October 25th</b>	<b>Jonathan Hope</b>

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



The Office is closed until 16<sup>th</sup> October as I'll be away in Australia on holiday.

*Clare*