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Services for Sunday 29th December 2024 Holy Family Sunday

St Giles

10am

Benefice Holy Communion

Canon Richard Morgan/Revd David Vonberg

Collect

God our redeemer,
who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of your Son:
grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour,
so we may be ready to greet him
when he comes again as our judge;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen

First Reading: 1 Samuel 2: 18-20, 26

Samuel was ministering before the Lord, a boy wearing a linen ephod. His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, 'May the Lord repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the Lord'; and then they would return to their home. Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favour with the Lord and with the people.

Psalm 148

Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him
in the heights!

Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!

Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining
stars!

Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above
the heavens!

Let them praise the name of the Lord, for he commanded
and they were created.

He established them for ever and ever; he fixed their
bounds, which cannot be passed.

Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all
deeps, fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling
his command!

Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!

Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of
the earth!

Young men and women alike, old and young together!

Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is
exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven.

He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his
faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to him.
Praise the Lord!

Second Reading: Colossians 3: 12-17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe
yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility,
meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if
anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each
other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must
forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds
everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace
of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were
called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of
Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another
in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing
psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever
you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the
Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Holy Gospel: Luke 2: 41-end

Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the
festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years
old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the
festival was ended and they started to return, the boy
Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not
know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travellers,
they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him
among their relatives and friends. When they did not find
him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After
three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the
teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And
all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and
his answers. When his parents saw him they were
astonished; and his mother said to him, 'Child, why have
you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been
searching for you in great anxiety.' He said to them, 'Why
were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must
be in my Father's house?' But they did not understand
what he said to them. Then he went down with them and
came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother
treasured all these things in her heart.
And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine
and human favour.

Intercessions

We pray for those who are ill at this time or in other forms
of need, especially those we know. We remember Sam,
Jane, Paul, Edward, Liz, John, Mary, Thelma, Ben, Paul,
Phyllida, Ann, Bobbie, Les, Paul, Derek, Julie, Robert,
David, Rita, Norma, Joan, Marion, Rose, Francis, Sue,
Tina, Lottie, Rory, Tommie, Carol and Jenny. Be with them
in their suffering, support and comfort them and give them
peace of mind in times of trouble.'

We ask for your prayers for Chris Raffle, recently departed.
We pray for her family and friends and all those who
grieve.

Post-communion prayer

All praise to you,
almighty God and heavenly king,
who sent your Son into the world
to take our nature upon him
and to be born of a pure virgin:
grant that, as we are born again in him,
so he may continually dwell in us
and reign on earth as he reigns in heaven,
now and for ever.

Amen

This Week

Weds 1st January

8.45am Morning prayer via Zoom

6pm Evening prayer via Zoom

Thurs 2nd January

9am Morning Prayer in St James

10am Holy Communion at St James

Fri 3rd January

Rehearsals at St James for Live Nativity

Saturday 4th January

5pm Live Nativity at St James

Services for 5th January 2025 Epiphany

St James

10am Parish Holy Communion

St Bartholomew's

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Pastoral Care

Please let Revd Juliet (07776910890) or Revd Jane Wood (07983 623525) 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 Clare in The Parish office-
ewelmebenefice@gmail.com 01453 549280

No Live Stream this week, the next will be on 5th January from St James.

Service Sheet for Worship at Home

If you are unable to join the Sunday services, please do make use of the reflective service for use at home alongside the prayers and readings for the day which can be found on this pew sheet. If you would like a copy please contact the office ewelmebenefice@gmail.com

New Boiler at St James

We will need to raise £50k to meet the costs of the new gas boiler in St James.

If you can help, please contact our parish office

ewelmebenefice@gmail.com

or make a donation

Sending cash or cheque:

Make payable to

"PCC DURSLEY FABRIC FUND"

With reference

"BOILER" written on the back

Send to St James Parish office

Silver Street

Dursley

GL11 4NA

Transferring a donation by BACS

To: PCC Dursley Fabric Fund

AC NO; 02391693

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Intercessions and Pastoral Prayer.

From January at St James if there is someone named on the pew sheet to be prayed for they will be on the list for a month. You can always ask for them to go back on. We will include their surname where permission has been given. The Pastoral Prayer group prays for people with ongoing needs, if you think this would be suitable for your situation please speak to Maragret Lloyd (544741).

A form is available on the prayer desk or email Clare in the Parish Office or a member of the clergy team.

Chris Raffle's Thanksgiving service will be on Tuesday 7th January, 2025 in St James at 2.30pm.

The office will be closed from 23rd December until 2nd January. It will then be closed from 6th January, I will be working from home for over a month, you will still be able to contact me by email. ewelmebenefice@gmail.com or on 07778842060 *Clare*

St James The Great, Dursley

Live Nativity

Saturday 4th January

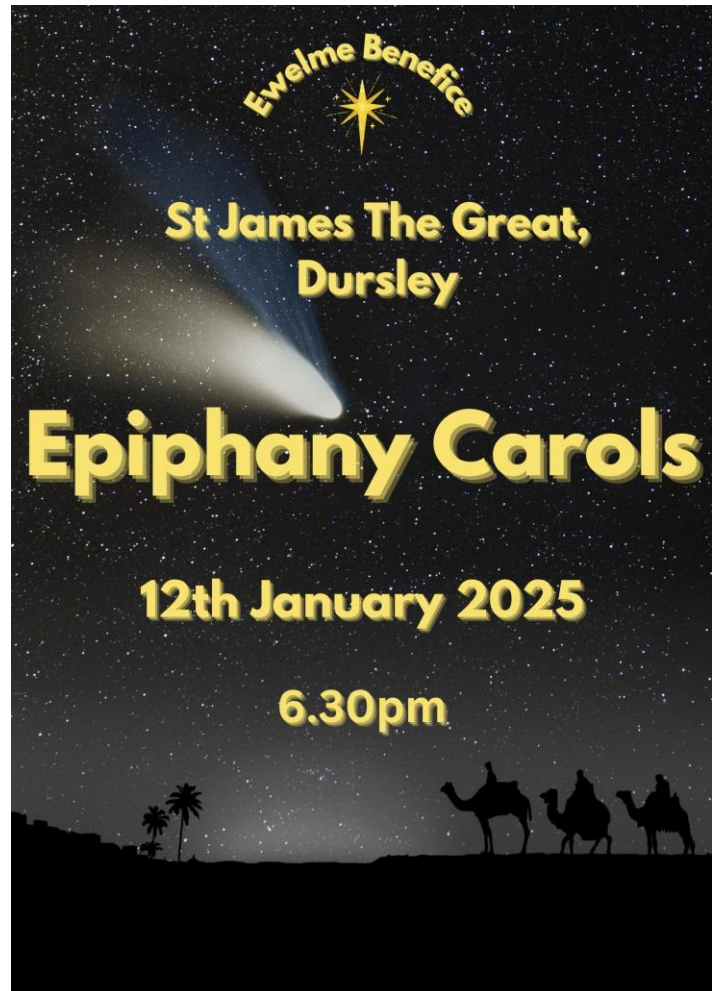
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The play starts at 5.00pm and finishes with hot punch and nibbles

There is no admission charge, but please give as generously as you can to help fund a much-needed new heating system



St Giles Church, Uley
presents
**Music for a
Sunday Afternoon**
featuring
Acoustic Singing Duo
Doozie
Sunday 19th January
3pm
A free informal concert in church
followed by refreshments & a chance to chat
Donations welcome for the upkeep of the church



Ewelme Benefice
**St James The Great,
Dursley**
Epiphany Carols
12th January 2025
6.30pm