

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

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**Services for Sunday 18th January 2026
2nd Sunday of Epiphany**

St James, Dursley

- 8am** Said Holy Communion
Revd Juliet Jensen
- 10am** Reflective Worship – “Grace is Amazing”
Revd David Vonberg & team

Dursley Academy School

- 10am** Shine! Family worship
Revd Juliet Jensen

St Giles, Uley

- 10am** Parish Holy Communion
Revd Mike Cross

Collect

Almighty God,
in Christ you make all things new:
transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your
grace,
and in the renewal of our lives
make known your heavenly glory;
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: Isaiah 49: 1-7

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples
from far away!
The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my
mother's womb he named me.
He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of
his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his
quiver he hid me away.
And he said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I
will be glorified.'
But I said, 'I have laboured in vain, I have spent my
strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with
the Lord, and my reward with my God.'
And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be
his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel
might be gathered to him, for I am honoured in the sight of
the Lord, and my God has become my strength—
he says, 'It is too light a thing that you should be my
servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the
survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.'
Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy
One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the
slave of rulers, 'Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and
they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, who
is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.'

Psalms 40: 1-12

I waited patiently for the Lord; he inclined to me and heard
my cry.
He drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog,
and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.
He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.
Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord.
Happy are those who make the Lord their trust,
who do not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after
false gods.
You have multiplied, O Lord my God, your wondrous deeds
and your thoughts towards us; none can compare with you.
Were I to proclaim and tell of them, they would be more than
can be counted.
Sacrifice and offering you do not desire, but you have given
me an open ear.
Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required.
Then I said, 'Here I am; in the scroll of the book it is written
of me.
I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within
my heart.'
I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great
congregation; see, I have not restrained my lips, as you know,
O Lord.
I have not hidden your saving help within my heart,
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation;
I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness
from the great congregation.
Do not, O Lord, withhold your mercy from me;
let your steadfast love and your faithfulness keep me safe
for ever.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1: 1-9

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of
God, and our brother Sosthenes,
To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are
sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all
those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus
Christ, both their Lord and ours:
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord
Jesus Christ.
I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace
of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every
way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge
of every kind - just as the testimony of Christ has been
strengthened among you - so that you are not lacking in any
spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus
Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may
be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is
faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Holy Gospel: John 1: 29-42

The next day John the Baptist saw Jesus coming towards
him and declared, 'Here is the Lamb of God who takes
away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, "After
me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was
before me." I myself did not know him; but I came
baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be
revealed to Israel.' And John testified, 'I saw the Spirit
descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on
him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me
to baptize with water said to me, "He on whom you see
the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes
with the Holy Spirit." And I myself have seen and have
testified that this is the Son of God.'
The next day John again was standing with two of his
disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he

exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter).

Intercessions

We pray for those who are ill at this time or in other forms of need, especially those we know. We remember Caroline, Ian, Keith, Kath, Ann, 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 give thanks for the life of Eleanor Brewer and Hector Barrett, recently departed, and we pray for their families and friends and all those who grieve.

Post Communion Prayer.

God of glory,
you nourish us with your Word
who is the bread of life:
fill us with your Holy Spirit
that through us the light of your glory
may shine in all the world.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

This Week.

Monday 19th January

7.30pm Exploring Christian Faith at the Rectory

Tuesday 20th January

7pm PCC Uley at St Giles

Wednesday 21st January

6pm Evening prayer via Zoom.

Thursday 22nd January

9am Morning prayer at St James

10am Holy Communion at St James

Services for 25th January 2026 3rd Sunday of Epiphany

St James, Dursley

10am Benefice Holy Communion

St George's, Upper Cam

6pm Service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Churches Together are putting a "Scratch Choir" together for the service at St George's, Upper Cam on 25th January. If you'd like to join rehearsals are on Sunday 25th at 4.30pm, the service will start at 6pm. All are welcome.

On Monday 19th January 7.30-9pm there is an opportunity for anyone who feels a bit on (or over) the edge of church to get together, to talk about helpful ways to explore faith and try to make some sense of what the Christian tradition has to offer. There may be further evenings if we enjoy it! If you're interested in coming along, or simply want to find out a bit more please send a message to Revd Juliet Jensen at ewelmerector@gmail.com or 07776 910890 or call 01453 350810

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Quiz Night

17th January, 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.

The Live stream this week will be from
St Giles, Uley.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tnY4vZRrX5g>

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

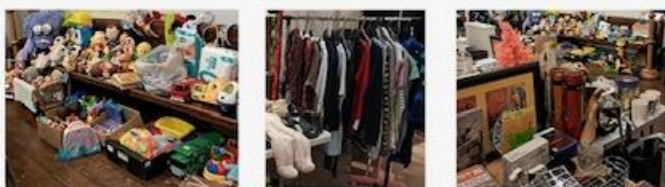
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St James' Eco-Church with Dursley Freegle present

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BRING & TAKE

Saturday 17th January 2026

St. James' Church, Dursley 9.00am – 12 noon
Alongside the regular free book stall

TOYS * GAMES * CLOTHES * SHOES * BEDDING
BRIC-A-BRAC * HOUSEHOLD GOODS * GIFTS * CRAFT



Please bring items in a CLEAN and USABLE state. Leftover items may be posted on the Freegle website or donated to local charity shops etc. We cannot accept electrical goods or knives, sorry

Next events: 21st March 2026, 16th May 2026



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Sunday January 25th 6pm
SERVICE FOR
THE WEEK OF PRAYER
FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY
St George's Upper Cam GL11 5PQ
Led By Revd Fiona Crocker
Preacher: Revd David Vonberg
All Welcome



WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2026
18TH - 25TH JANUARY

QUIZ NIGHT



7th February 7 pm
for 7.30 pm start
Uley Village Hall

Teams of 6. £10 per person including light refreshments
Bar and Raffle Prizes

Friends of St Giles raising money to refurbish a room in the
Church for Church and Community Use.

To book tickets: marionmills@btinternet.com 01453 861001

St Giles Church, Uley

Sunday Music at
St Giles

"It's Bonkers"

4 piece Band

Sunday 18th January



3pm

Free, informal concert in
church followed by tea, cake &
a chance to chat
Donations welcome