



**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.’

Psalm 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

Need winter clothing? Had a New Year clear out?
St James' Eco-Church with Dursley Freegle present

FREE STUFF 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



**Don't throw it away;
Give it away with Freegle**



**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**