



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

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**Services for Sunday 15th February 2026
Sunday Next before Lent**

St James, Dursley

8am Said Holy Communion

Revd Juliet Jensen

10am Baptism Service (All Welcome)

Canon Richard Morgan

Dursley Academy School

10am Shine! Family Worship

Revd Juliet Jensen

St Giles, Uley

10am Parish Holy Communion

Revd Ian Gardner

Collect

Almighty Father,
whose Son was revealed in majesty
before he suffered death upon the cross:
give us grace to perceive his glory,
that we may be strengthened to suffer with him
and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen

First Reading: Exodus 24: 12-end

The Lord said to Moses, 'Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.' So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, 'Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.'

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Psalm 2

Why do the nations conspire, and the peoples plot in vain?
The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord and his anointed, saying, 'Let us burst their bonds asunder, and cast their cords from us.'

He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord has them in derision.

Then he will speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury, saying, 'I have set my king on Zion, my holy hill.'

I will tell of the decree of the Lord:

He said to me, 'You are my son; today I have begotten you. Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession.

You shall break them with a rod of iron, and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.'

Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth.

Serve the Lord with fear, with trembling kiss his feet, or he will be angry, and you will perish in the way; for his wrath is quickly kindled.

Happy are all who take refuge in him.

Second reading: 2 Peter 1: 16-end

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, 'This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.' We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 17: 1-9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!' When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Get up and do not be afraid.' And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, 'Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.'

Intercessions

We pray for those who are ill at this time or in other forms of need, especially those we know. We remember Joyce, Fiona, Brendan, 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 Susan Whatley, recently departed, and we pray for her family and friends and all those who grieve.

Post Communion Prayer.

Holy God,
we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ:
may we who are partakers at his table
reflect his life in word and deed,
that all the world may know his power to change and save.
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord
Amen

This Week.

Tuesday 17th February

6pm Staff meeting

Wednesday 18th February

12noon Ash Wednesday Service at St Giles, Uley

7.30pm Ash Wednesday Service at St James,
Dursley

Thursday 19th February

9am Morning prayer at St James

10am Holy Communion at St James

7.30pm Lent Course via Zoom

Saturday 21st February

9.30am Churchyard tidy at St James

9.45am Wedding preparation day at St George's,
Upper Cam

Services for 22nd February 2026 First Sunday of Lent

St Giles, Uley

10am Benefice Holy Communion

St George's, Upper Cam

6pm Churches Together Lent Service

Evening prayer via Zoom is suspended this week.

Dursley Electoral Roll review 2026

The roll will be open from 15th until 28th February.
There are forms in church, you only need to make an amendment if there are any changes in your details, or if you wish to be added.

Treasurer

From 17th May 2026 we will no longer have a treasurer in Dursley when Sally Pearson stands down.

Please come forward if you are able to take on this role, Sally will guide you. The job can also be shared with others.

Churchyard Tidy

On 21st February between 9.30 and 11.30 there will be a churchyard tidy at St James. Please come along and help, many hands make light work!

**Live stream this week is from St Giles, Uley
Link -**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gg4-uhLu3-w>

Safeguarding Officers

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Light Lent Lunches 2026

**Starting on 23rd February, from 12 noon
in St James Parish Centre, Dursley.**

**Soup, bread, cake and tea or coffee will be
served each Monday during Lent.**

All are welcome.

**All donations will be donated
to our nominated charities.**



**Please can you return your 2025 Palm
Crosses to make this years ashes for ash
Wednesday.**

St Giles Church, Uley

presents

Music for a Sunday Afternoon

featuring

**Anna Harris (Clarinet) &
Lilla Price (Piano)**

**Sunday 15th February
at 3pm**

**A free, short, informal concert in the church
followed by tea & cake.**

Donations welcome for Church Funds.

LENT 2026 A CLOUD OF WITNESSES



**All the services take
place at 6.00pm
at different churches**

**A series of
Ecumenical
Evening Services
reflecting on some
of the great people
of the faith in the
past centuries, and
what they can
say to us today**

22nd February
"William Tyndale"

St George's Cam
GL11 5PQ

1st March
"George Whitefield"
Dursley Tab
GL11 4LW

8th March
"Thomas Merton"
The Quarry Chapel
GL11 6JA

15th March
"Mother Julian of
Norwich"
Dursley Methodist
Church GL11 4BS

22nd March
"St Benedict"
St Dominic's
GL11 4ES

Don't forget the
Walk of Witness on
Good Friday
3rd April

PANCAKE DAY!
ON SHROVE TUESDAY!
ST. DOMINIC'S CHURCH HALL,
DURSLEY
4PM
£5 ADULTS • £2.50 CHILDREN

DURSLEY C of E
PRIMARY ACADEMY



St James Church with

sportily
PLAY SPORTS, TALK LIFE

BECOMING CHURCH TOGETHER

SHINE!

IT'S CHILD'S PLAY

Sunday 15th February 2026
10am-11am

EVERYONE WELCOME



Refreshments



Games



Music

DURSLEY CE PRIMARY ACADEMY,
SCHOOL ROAD, GL11 4NZ

**2026
Lent study course
on Zoom
“The way of the
Franciscans
A prayer journey
through Lent”**



**Ewelme Benefice
2026 Lent study course on Zoom
“The way of the Franciscans
A prayer journey through Lent”**

There will be 6 evening sessions when we will be reflecting on St Francis’ simple desire to live the gospel more fully and follow Christ more closely. We will be thinking how that can have resonances for us today. Not only will we be looking at St Francis himself but also some of his followers who continued in his footsteps.

We will meet on zoom at 7.30pm for an hour on each occasion.

Themes:

February

- 19. St Francis: Solitude and relationship
 - 26. Clare of Assisi: Poverty, contemplation and the cross
- March**

- 5. Bonaventure: Prophecy and everyday mysticism
- 12. Angela: Love of Christ, love of the world
- 19. Duns Scotus: Discovering God and our true self
- 26. The way of the Franciscans continues

Each session will be made up a short Bible passage and a reflection on that, with some questions for discussion.

Zoom details: Meeting ID: 811 3331 8043. Passcode: 346570

Please contact David Vonberg if you are interested or if you want to know more. (revdavid.vonberg@gmail.com)

St Giles Church, Uley

presents

**A Celebration of Young Musical
Talent**

Sunday 8th March at 3pm



**A free, informal concert in the church followed
by tea and cake.**

**Proceeds toward the well at Kachikho Primary
School, Nkhotakota, Malawi**

St Giles Church, Uley

presents

**Words & Music for a Spring
Afternoon**

Sunday 22nd March at 3pm



**A free, informal concert in the church followed by
tea and cake.**

Donations welcome for Church Funds.