

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

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**Services for Sunday 15th March 2026
Mothering Sunday**

St James, Dursley

8am Said Holy Communion
Revd Juliet Jensen

10am Reflective Worship
Revd Ian Gardner

Dursley Academy CofE School

10am Shine! Family Informal worship
Revd Juliet Jensen

St Giles, Uley

9.45am Parish Holy Communion
Canon Richard Morgan

Dursley Methodist

6pm Lent Worship "Mother Julian of Norwich"
Revd Ian Gardner and Revd David Vonberg

Collect

God of compassion,
whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary,
shared the life of a home in Nazareth,
and on the cross drew the whole human family
to himself:

strengthen us in our daily living
that in joy and in sorrow
we may know the power of your presence
to bind together and to heal;
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 66: 10-14

Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who
love her; rejoice with her in joy, all you who mourn over
her - that you may nurse and be satisfied from her
consoling breast; that you may drink deeply with delight
from her glorious bosom.

For thus says the Lord:

I will extend prosperity to her like a river, and the wealth of
the nations like an overflowing stream;
and you shall nurse and be carried on her arm, and
dandled on her knees.

As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you; you
shall be comforted in Jerusalem.

You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice; your bodies
shall flourish like the grass; and it shall be known that the
hand of the Lord is with his servants, and his indignation is
against his enemies.

Psalms 34: 11-20

Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of
the Lord.

Which of you desires life, and covets many days to enjoy

good?

Keep your tongue from evil, and your lips from speaking
deceit.

Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.
The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears
are open to their cry.

The face of the Lord is against evildoers, to cut off the
remembrance of them from the earth.

When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears, and
rescues them from all their troubles.

The Lord is near to the broken-hearted, and saves the
crushed in spirit.

Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord
rescues them from them all.

He keeps all their bones; not one of them will be broken.

Second reading: 2 Corinthians 1: 3-7

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, who
consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to
console those who are in any affliction with the
consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God.
For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so
also our consolation is abundant through Christ. If we are
being afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation; if
we are being consoled, it is for your consolation, which
you experience when you patiently endure the same
sufferings that we are also suffering. Our hope for you is
unshaken; for we know that as you share in our sufferings,
so also you share in our consolation.

Holy Gospel: Luke 2: 33-35

The child's father and mother were amazed at what was
being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and
said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the
falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign
that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will
be revealed - and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

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 Dorothy Sutton and Joan
Spilsbury, recently departed, and we pray for their
families, friends, and all those who grieve.

Post Communion Prayer.

Loving God,
as a mother feeds her children at the breast
you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of
eternal life:

help us who have tasted your goodness
to grow in grace within the household of faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Light Lent Lunches 2026
Every Monday during Lent
12 noon in St James Parish Centre,
Dursley.
Delicious homemade soup, bread, cake and tea
or coffee
All are welcome.
All donations will be donated
to our nominated charities.



This Week.

Monday 16th March

12noon Light Lent Lunches in the Parish Centre
11.30am Dorothy Sutton's funeral at Holy Cross,
Owlpen

Tuesday 17th March

7pm PCC Uley

Wednesday 18th March

6pm Evening Prayer via Zoom

Thursday 19th March

9am Morning prayer at St James
10am Holy Communion at St James
7.30pm Lent Course via Zoom

Saturday 21st March

9am Bring and Take Event with Books at St James
9.30am Quarter Peal at St James
7pm Dursley Rock and Pop Choir Concert at
St James

Services for 22nd March 2026 5th Sunday of Lent

St James, Dursley

10am Benefice Holy Communion

St Dominic's Catholic Church

6pm Churches Together Lent Service

Evening prayer via Zoom is on Wednesday at
6pm, to join please use this login
Meeting ID: 811 3331 8043 Passcode: 346570

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.

Thoss Shearer is organising a guided walk around
St Giles Church and Churchyard at 10am on Wednesday
22nd April. Donations in aid of the Friends of St Giles.

Safeguarding Officers

Heather Arnold

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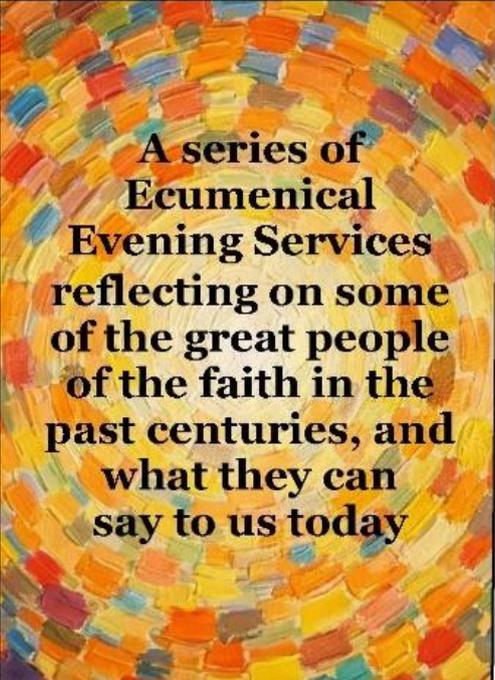
Pat Jones

Safeguarding Officer for the Parish of Uley,
with Nympsfield and Owlpen
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Live Stream this week is from St Giles, Uley.
This is the link-

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0CyAEsgKSig>

<h2>LENT 2026 A CLOUD OF WITNESSES</h2>	 <h2>All the services take place at 6.00pm at different churches</h2>						
 <p>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</p>	<table><tr><td>22nd February "William Tyndale" St George's Cam GL11 5PQ</td><td>15th March "Mother Julian of Norwich" Dursley Methodist Church GL11 4BS</td></tr><tr><td>1st March "George Whitefield" Dursley Tab GL11 4LW</td><td>22nd March "St Benedict" St Dominic's GL11 4ES</td></tr><tr><td>8th March "Thomas Merton" The Quarry Chapel GL11 6JA</td><td>Don't forget the Walk of Witness on Good Friday 3rd April</td></tr></table>	22nd February "William Tyndale" St George's Cam GL11 5PQ	15th March "Mother Julian of Norwich" Dursley Methodist Church GL11 4BS	1st March "George Whitefield" Dursley Tab GL11 4LW	22nd March "St Benedict" St Dominic's GL11 4ES	8th March "Thomas Merton" The Quarry Chapel GL11 6JA	Don't forget the Walk of Witness on Good Friday 3rd April
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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

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.



Uley Village – Malawi Well Project



Kachikho Primary School, Nkhotakota, Malawi Needs a Well

People get water from a swamp and cholera is rife
It will cost around £3750 to build a well

St Giles Church are working with WellBoring to
help Uley villagers provide clean water

We can do this together!

You can give via JustGiving:

<https://bit.ly/uleyvillage-well>

scan QR code.



or donate at Uley Community Stores.

St James the Great, Dursley

Music for Passiontide

29th March 2026

*Palm
Sunday*

6.30pm

with St James' choir
featuring music by
Louis Vierne, Bob Chilcott and
selections from Handel's "Messiah".

Oriana Singers Good Friday Recital



St Martin's Church, North Nibley

3rd April 2026 at 7pm

Admission free

www.orianasingers.org

Oriana Singers Spring Concert

J S Bach: Magnificat

Beethoven: Kyrie from the Mass in
D ("Missa Solemnis"), Elegischer
Gesang and Meeresstille und
Glückliche Fahrt

Haydn: Te Deum in C

Soloists: Nazan Fikret, Sarah
Richardson, Olivia Gomez, Tim Burton,
and David Le Prevost.

Organist: Nigel Davies

Conductor: David Moss

Saturday 25th April,
7:30pm, St Mary's Church,
Wotton-under-Edge.

Tickets £17, available online
at 3choirs.org or on the door.

Free for students and children.

<https://www.orianasingers.org>

