

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

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**Services for Sunday 30th November 2025
Advent Sunday**

St James, Dursley

10am Parish Holy Communion

Canon Richard Morgan

6.30pm Advent Carols

Revd David Vonberg

Holy Cross, Owlpen

10am Parish Holy Communion

Revd Juliet Jensen

Blessing of the Advent Wreath

Almighty God our heavenly Father, as we prepare to celebrate the coming of your Son among us, we ask that you will bless this Advent wreath. May it help us to remember the saving events which, through your love, brought your Son into the world for us all.

Lighting The 1st Candle on the Advent Wreath

Light of hope

O come, O come, Emmanuel

Come, Lord Jesus

The first candle is lit

We dare to light a light of hope,

despite the darkness of our world.

In the face of cruelty and suffering,

of oppression and inequality,

we dare to hope!

In a world that sometimes seems hopeless,

we dare to hope!

With the patriarchs of old,

we dare to hope!

We light a candle in the darkness,

we dare to hope!

O come, O come, Emmanuel,

Come, Lord Jesus.

Collect

Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
and to put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life,
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great
humility; that on the last day,
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty
to judge the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen

First Reading: Isaiah 2: 1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it.

Many peoples shall come and say,

'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.'

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

Psalm 122

I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord!'

Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem - built as a city that is bound firmly together.

To it the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord,

as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the Lord.

For there the thrones for judgement were set up, the thrones of the house of David.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: 'May they prosper who love you.

Peace be within your walls, and security within your towers.'

For the sake of my relatives and friends I will say, 'Peace be within you.'

For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek your good.

Second Reading: Romans 13: 11-end

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 24: 36-44

'But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

Intercessions

We pray for those who are ill at this time or in other forms of need, especially those we know. We remember Margaret, Bob, 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 pray for Kath Newman and John Smallwood, recently departed, we pray for their families and friends and all those who grieve.

Post Communion Prayer.

O Lord our God,
make us watchful and keep us faithful
as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;
that, when he shall appear,
he may not find us sleeping in sin
but active in his service
and joyful in his praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

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

This Week

Wednesday 3rd December

6pm Evening prayer via Zoom.

Thursday 4th December

9am Morning prayer at St James

10am Holy Communion at St James

Saturday 6th December

10am Christmas Tree set up at St Giles, Uley

5.30pm Kim Ward's pupils' Christmas Concert at St James

Sunday 7th December

Christmas Tree Festival all week at St Giles

3pm Words and Music for Winter at St Giles, Uley

Services for 7th December 2025 Advent 2

St James, Dursley

10am Parish Holy Communion Service

St Bartholomew's, Nympsfield

10am Parish Holy Communion

Link for Live Stream from St James on 30th December

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Oe9_ktXyPFg

We're collecting donations towards the Christmas flowers at St James.

There are envelopes at the back of church.



The team will be preparing the vegetables in the Parish Centre, for the Christmas Carvery at 2pm on Friday 12th December.

All will be welcome, bring your favourite peeler!



The Crib scene at St James will be set up on
Thursday 18th December at 1.30pm.

Please come along and help, many hands
make light work!

Uley with Owlpen and Nympsfield PCC

We have VERY large bills due to repair St Giles and
St Barts organs. The grant nomination is for £1K and
costs nothing to fill in.

We are encouraging donations!

Link -

<https://movementforgood.com/index.php?cn=1190805&ct=fair#nominateACharity>

Thank you, Prue Vernon, treasurer.



St Giles Church, Uley

Words and Music for a Winter Afternoon

Light hearted entertainment with
seasonal readings & music
followed by refreshments and a
chance for a chat

Sunday 7th December
3pm

Admission free.
Donations welcome



CAM & DURSLEY CHURCHES TOGETHER



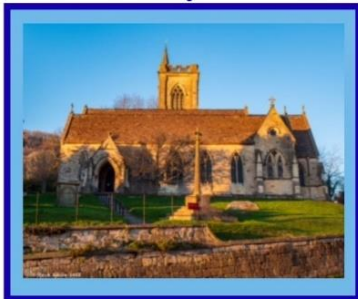
**Beer
&
Carols**
2025

**14th
DECEMBER
7PM**

LIVE MUSIC
COME & SING YOUR ♥ OUT!

THE HOPTICIAN, DURSLEY

St Giles, Uley



Monday Morning Mingle

10am-12noon

**All are welcome to join for
friendship, chat, coffee and cake**

We're delighted to welcome all ages.

COPIOUS NOTES

INVITES YOU TO JOIN THEM IN HOLY
CROSS CHURCH, OWLPEN ON
THURSDAY 18th DECEMBER FOR A
LIVELY CHRISTMAS CONCERT OF
MUSIC AND FESTIVE READINGS.
MULLED WINE AND MINCE PIES
MUSIC FOR ALL
DOORS OPEN AT 6PM FOR A 6.30
START, AIMING TO FINISH AT 8PM





EWELME BENEFICE

CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2025

Sunday 21st December

10am

"Shine!" Family Service at St James, Dursley

6.30pm

Christmas Carol Service at St James, Dursley

Monday 22nd December

6pm

Christmas Carols at St Bartholomew's, Nympsfield

Tuesday 23rd December

6pm

9 Lessons and Carols at Holy Cross, Owlpen

Wednesday 24th December - Christmas Eve

4pm

Crib and Christingle Service at St James, Dursley

4pm

Crib and Christingle service at St Giles, Uley

11pm

Midnight Mass at St James, Dursley

Thursday 25th December - Christmas Day

8am

Said Holy Communion at St James, Dursley

10am

Christmas Day Communion at St James, Dursley

10am

Christmas Day Communion at St Giles, Uley



ALL AGES ARE WELCOME AT ALL OF OUR SERVICES.