



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

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**Services for Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2026  
Third Sunday of Easter**

**St James, Dursley**

**10am** Parish Holy Communion  
*Canon Richard Morgan*

**St Giles, Uley**

**10am** Reflective Worship "The gift of peace within  
and around"  
*Revd David Vonberg*

**Collect**

Almighty Father,  
you have given your only Son to die for our sins  
and to rise again for our justification:  
grant us so to put away the leaven of malice  
and wickedness  
that we may always serve you  
in pureness of living and truth;  
through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ 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: Acts 2: 14a, 22-32**

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. 'You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know - this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, "I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover, my flesh will live in hope.

For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption.

You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence."

'Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne.

Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, "He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption."

This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.'

**Psalm 16**

Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

I say to the Lord, 'You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you.'

As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble, in whom is all my delight.

Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows; their drink-offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names upon my lips.

The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I have a goodly heritage.

I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.

I keep the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure.

For you do not give me up to Sheol, or let your faithful one see the Pit.

You show me the path of life.

In your presence there is fullness of joy;

in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

**Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith - being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire - may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

**Holy Gospel: John 20: 19-end**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but

believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

### 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, Keith, 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 ask for your prayers for Edith Newman, Anne Easey and Joan Spilsbury, recently departed, we pray for their families and friends and all those who grieve.

### Post Communion Prayer.

Lord God our Father,  
through our Saviour Jesus Christ  
you have assured your children of eternal life  
and in baptism have made us one with him:  
deliver us from the death of sin  
and raise us to new life in your love,  
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Amen**

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**Uley with Owlpen and Nympsfield APCM is at St Giles on 10<sup>th</sup> May at 10am**

**Dursley APCM is at St James on 17<sup>th</sup> May at 11.30am**

**Both PCC's need new members, forms to apply are available in church.**

**A new churchwarden and secretary are needed in Dursley.**

**Both parishes need representatives at Deanery Synod.**

**Evening prayer is suspended this week.**

**The Office will be closed from 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> April.**

### This Week.

#### OFFICE CLOSED ALL WEEK

#### Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April

**11.30am** Anne Easey's funeral at St James

#### Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April

**2pm** Holy Communion at Holly Oak Care Home

#### Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April

**9am** Morning prayer at St James

**10am** Holy Communion at St James

#### Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April

**4pm** Wedding rehearsal at Holy Cross

#### Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April

**1pm** Wedding of Toby Smith and Mary Barnfield at Holy Cross

### Services for 19<sup>th</sup> April 2026

#### Third Sunday of Easter

#### St James, Dursley

**8am** Said Holy Communion

**10am** Reflective Worship

#### St Giles, Uley

**10am** Parish Holy Communion

#### Dursley Academy School

**10am** Shine! Family worship

#### Holy Cross, Owlpen

**6pm** Evensong

## St Giles Church, Uley

presents

## Music for a Sunday Afternoon

*Phoenix*  
RECORDER  
ORCHESTRA

Conducted by Michelle Holloway

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April at 3pm**

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

Donations welcome for Church Funds.

St James the Great, Dursley  
**Coffee, Cake and Music 2026**



10.30am coffee,  
tea and cake  
11-11.40am  
Recital



There is no charge, but a retiring  
collection will be taken, the proceeds of  
which go to the work of  
St James' Church

**April 25<sup>th</sup> Stephen Power**  
(Monmouth Parish Church)

**May 30th Tim Selman**  
(Organ Scholar Lincoln Cathedral)

**June 27th Keith Hearnshaw**  
(Concert Organist)

**July 25th Piers Maxim**  
(Malvern Priory)

**August 29th William Reynolds**  
(Minster Church of St Mary, Swansea)

**September 26th Andrew Millington**  
(Former DoM at Exeter Cathedral)

**October 31st Bernard West**  
(Oxford)

# Quiz Night

2nd May, 7pm

In aid of



Julius & Dora  
Children's Centre

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](mailto:chrismorgan194@btinternet.com)

**Includes Ploughman's  
supper, please bring your  
own drinks.**

At St James on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2026 there will be a confirmation service, we will welcome + Bishop Rachel to confirm any candidates. If you have ever considered being confirmed please have a chat with Revd Juliet or any of our priests, for more information.

### Historical tour of St Giles's Church.

“Thoss Shearer, Uley Archivist, is repeating his historical tour of St Giles's Church at 10am on Wednesday 22 April, joined by Alex Hudman (who has completed a survey of the graves in the churchyard) and by Rev Juliet. The tour includes a reconjuring of the previous church and highlighting overlooked features of the new as well as revealing secrets of the table tombs. All welcome (though it would be useful to let Thoss know in advance if you are coming – [thossshearer@gmail.com](mailto:thossshearer@gmail.com)). Voluntary donations to the Friends of St Giles's.”

Open Garden at  
52 Woodmancote,  
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Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2026  
1.30-5pm  
Afternoon tea and quiz  
All donations in aid of St James the Great