



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

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**Services for Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2025  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**St Giles**

**10am**

Benefice Holy Communion  
*Revd Ian Gardner*

**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 5: 27-32**

When they had brought them, they had them stand  
before the council. The high priest questioned them,  
saying, 'We gave you strict orders not to teach in this  
name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your  
teaching and you are determined to bring this man's  
blood on us.' But Peter and the apostles answered,  
'We must obey God rather than any human authority.  
The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you  
had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at  
his right hand as Leader and Saviour, so that he might  
give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And  
we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy  
Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.'

**Psalms 150**

Praise the Lord!

Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty  
firmament!

Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according  
to his surpassing greatness!

Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute  
and harp!

Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with  
strings and pipe!

Praise him with clanging cymbals; praise him with loud  
clashing cymbals!

Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!  
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**Second Reading: Revelations 1: 4-8**

John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was  
and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are  
before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful  
witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the  
kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his  
blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his  
God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever  
and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see  
him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all  
the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God,  
who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

**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, Carol, John, Sam, Jane, Paul, Edward,  
Paul, Phyllida 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 Betty Clarke, Tony King,  
Jackie Strange and Andy, 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**

### This Week

#### Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April

2.30pm Burial of John Baldwin's ashes

6pm Evening Prayer via Zoom

7.30-8.30pm ¼ peal at St James

#### Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> May

9am Morning prayer at St James

10am Holy Communion at St James

### Services for 4<sup>th</sup> May 2025 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

#### St James

10am Parish Holy Communion

#### St Bartholomew's, Nympsfield

10am Parish Holy Communion

#### Pastoral Care

Please let Revd Juliet (07776910890) know of those who need to be contacted or are in hospital and we will get in touch. Moya Wallis (01453 861675) and Pat Jones (860696) are happy to be contacted for Uley, Owlpen and Nympsfield.

You can also contact Clare in The Parish office-  
[ewelmebenefice@gmail.com](mailto:ewelmebenefice@gmail.com) 07778842060

APCM- Uley with Nympsfield & Owlpen will be at 11.15am in St Giles on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May  
APCM – Dursley will be at 11.15am in St James on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May.



**The Dursley  
Male Voice Choir  
ANNUAL CONCERT  
2025**

**Saturday 17th May 2025  
7.30pm**

**ST. JAMES THE GREAT CHURCH  
DURSLEY, GL11 4JE**

**GUEST SOLOIST  
Manon Browning - Harpist**

**Tickets £12.00**

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Dursley of Dursley  
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[www.dursleymalechoir.org.uk](http://www.dursleymalechoir.org.uk)

The review of the Electoral Roll for 2025 is open for you to inspect. Please check your name appears on it. If you wish to add your name it can be done during the next 14 days.  
**There is an inspection copy in each church.**

### Dear Friends

Following my sabbatical, I am now pleased to be able to update you that I am to be licensed as Associate Priest to the Parishes of St Bartholomew in Lower Cam and Coaley, and St John's in Slimbridge on the 19<sup>th</sup> May at the Cathedral.

Thank you again for all the love and support that you gave to me over the years. I am so thankful for my ministry with you.

With Easter blessings  
Love Revd Jane.

Our own Nigel Davies has stepped in to play at Coffee, Cake & Music this Saturday, as the scheduled recitalist has withdrawn.

Please come along to listen to his wonderful recital and eat delicious cake!



**St Giles Church**  
presents

**Music for a  
Sunday Afternoon**  
featuring

**Thornbury Clarinet Choir**  
**Sunday 18th May at 3pm**

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

Donations welcome for Church Funds.