



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

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**Services for Sunday 3rd May 2026
Fifth Sunday of Easter**

St Bartholomew's, Nympsfield

10am Parish Holy Communion
Revd Juliet Jensen

St James, Dursley

10am Parish Holy Communion
Revd Ian Gardner

Collect

Almighty God,
who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ
have overcome death and opened to us the gate of
everlasting life:

grant that, as by your grace going before us
you put into our minds good desires,
so by your continual help
we may bring them to good effect;
through Jesus Christ our risen 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 7: 55 – end.

But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!' But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died.

Psalm 31: 1-5, 15-16

In you, O Lord, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me.
Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily.
Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me.
You are indeed my rock and my fortress;
for your name's sake lead me and guide me,
take me out of the net that is hidden for me, for you are my refuge.
Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.
My times are in your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.
Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2: 2-10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation - if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: 'See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.'

To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner', and 'A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.'

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Holy Gospel: John 14: 1-14

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.'

Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.'

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, Olive, 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 Malcolm Miles, David Jewell, Edith Newman and Joan Spilsbury recently departed. We pray for their families and friends and all those who grieve.

Post Communion Prayer.

Eternal God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life:
grant us to walk in his way,
to rejoice in his truth,
and to share his risen life;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.
Amen

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This Week.

Monday 4th May

Bank Holiday - Office closed

Wednesday 6th May

6pm Evening Prayer via Zoom

Thursday 7th May

9am Morning prayer at St James

10am Holy Communion at St James

Friday 8th May

4pm Wedding rehearsal at St Bartholomew's,
Nympsfield

Saturday 9th May

1pm Wedding of Tim Cook and Emma Vinson James
at St Bartholomew's, Nympsfield

3.45pm Gloucester Organists Association visit to
St James

Services for 10th May 2026 Sixth Sunday of Easter

St Giles, Uley

9am Said Holy Communion

10am APCM followed by Second Sunday Service
"Celebration of Church Life"

St James, Dursley

10am Parish Holy Communion

6.30pm Churches Together Christian Aid Choral Evensong

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

**Dursley APCM is at St James on 17th 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.**

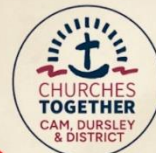
**Both parishes need representatives at
Deanery Synod.**

Evening prayer via Zoom is on Wednesday at 6pm, to join
please use this login

Meeting ID: 811 3331 8043 Passcode: 346570

**The service will be Live Streamed from St James
this Sunday. Link -**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o6OwUKLSdII>



**christian
aid**

**Week
10th -16th
May**

Christian Aid Week Service

at

St James the Great, Dursley

on

Sunday 10th May

Refreshments available from 5.30pm

A video showing

Christian Aid at work

Gather at 6.30pm for a

Reflective Service of Evensong

to give thanks and pray

for Christian Aid

Christian Aid Week - Shared moments to come
together - across churches, communities and
households - to stand alongside people living in
poverty around the world.

St Giles Church, Uley



Musical Bears!

**Do join us on Saturday 16th May from
3pm for an afternoon of music combined
with teddy bear fun!**

-Teas and cake

-Plant stall

-Music by the Thornbury Clarinet Choir

- Chocolate Teddy Bear Hunt

**-Best dressed Teddy competition
(children and adult classes!)**

**To be held in St Giles' gardens, do bring
a chair or a rug.**

(If wet, inside the church).

In support of the Friends of St Giles.



St James the Great

Annual Plant Stall



9.30am 30th May 2026
The Church Lawn
Donations of plants welcomed

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

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)

Open Garden at

52 Woodmancote,
Dursley, GL11 4AQ.

Sunday 31st May 2026

1.30-5pm

Afternoon tea and quiz
All donations in aid of
St James the Great

Parking is limited,
so please only drive up
if you are unable to walk.

Music at St James 2026

30th May 10.30am	Coffee, Cake and Music - Tim Selman
6th June 7.30pm	Tyndale Choral Society Concert
14th June 4pm	Piano Recital - Chris Guild
20th June 5.30pm	Kim Wards' pupils piano concert
27th June 10.30am	Coffee, Cake and Music- Keith Hearnshaw
11th July 6.30pm	Dursley Rock and Pop Choir Concert
12th July 6.30pm	Come and Sing Choral Evensong
25th July 10.30am	Coffee, Cake and Music - Piers Maxim
29th Aug 10.30am	Coffee, Cake and Music - William Reynolds
13th Sept 4pm	Piano Recital - Jill Crossland
26th Sept 10.30am	Coffee, Cake and Music - Andrew Millington
31st Oct 10.30am	Coffee, Cake and Music- Bernard West
14th Nov 7.30pm	Tyndale Choral Society Concert
29th Nov 6.30pm	Advent Carols
5th Dec 5.30pm	Kim Wards' Pupils piano concert
16th Dec 7pm	Tyndale Choral Society Christmas Concert

THY KINGDOM COME



Join the global wave of prayer

May 14th to May 24th

St George's Church, Upper Cam will be hosting a 12-hour time of prayer on **Monday 18th May** from 8:00am to 8:00pm.

Everyone is warmly invited to come along at any point during the day to join in prayer.

We are also planning to set up a **prayer tree** outside St George's to encourage passers-by to pause and pray, along with a **prayer station** inside the church. In addition, we hope to **prayer walk the streets** within our two parishes.

St James' Eco-Church with Dursley Freegle present



Saturday 16th May 2026

St. James' Church, Dursley 9.00am – 12 noon

Alongside the regular free book stall

**TOYS * GAMES * CLOTHES * SHOES * BEDDING
BRIC-A-BRAC * HOUSEHOLD GOODS * GIFTS * CRAFT**



Please bring items in a CLEAN and USABLE state.

Leftover items may be posted on the Freegle website or donated to charity.

We **cannot** accept electrical goods or knives, sorry

Next events: 18th July 2026, 19th September



**Don't throw it away;
Give it away with Freegle**

