



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

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**Services for Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2026  
Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**St Giles, Uley**

**9am** Said Holy Communion

**10am** APCM followed by Second Sunday Service  
"Celebration of Church Life"  
*Revd Juliet Jensen*

**St James, Dursley**

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

**6.30pm** Churches Together Christian Aid Choral Evensong  
*Revd Juliet Jensen and Revd Simon Helme*

**Collect**

God our redeemer,  
you have delivered us from the power of darkness  
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:  
grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life,  
so by his continual presence in us he may raise us  
to eternal joy;  
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: Acts 17: 22-31**

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, 'Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, "To an unknown god." What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him - though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For "In him we live and move and have our being"; as even some of your own poets have said, "For we too are his offspring."

Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.'

**Psalm 66: 7-end**

Who rules by his might for ever,  
whose eyes keep watch on the nations - let the rebellious  
not exalt themselves.

Bless our God, O peoples, let the sound of his praise  
be heard, who has kept us among the living, and has  
not let our feet slip.

For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us as  
silver is tried.

You brought us into the net; you laid burdens on our  
backs; you let people ride over our heads; we went  
through fire and through water; yet you have brought  
us out to a spacious place.

I will come into your house with burnt-offerings;

I will pay you my vows, those that my lips uttered  
and my mouth promised when I was in trouble.

I will offer to you burnt-offerings of fatlings, with the  
smoke of the sacrifice of rams; I will make an offering  
of bulls and goats.

Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what  
he has done for me.

I cried aloud to him, and he was extolled with my tongue.

If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not  
have listened.

But truly God has listened; he has given heed to the  
words of my prayer.

Blessed be God, because he has not rejected my  
prayer or removed his steadfast love from me.

**Second Reading: 1 Peter 3: 13-end.**

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is  
good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right,  
you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not  
be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord.  
Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who  
demands from you an account of the hope that is in you;  
yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your  
conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those  
who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be  
put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if  
suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing  
evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the  
righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to  
God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in  
the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation  
to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey,  
when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during  
the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight  
people, were saved through water. And baptism, which  
this prefigured, now saves you - not as a removal of dirt  
from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good  
conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who  
has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God,  
with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

**Holy Gospel: John 14: 15-21**

'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I  
will ask the Father, and he will give you another  
Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of  
truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither  
sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he  
abides with you, and he will be in you.

'I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a  
little while the world will no longer see me, but you will  
see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you  
will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in  
you. They who have my commandments and keep them are  
those who love me; and those who love me will be

loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.'

### 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 Ethel Shill and Joan Spilsbury recently departed. We pray for their families and friends and all those who grieve.

### Post Communion Prayer.

God our Father,  
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life:  
may we thirst for you,  
the spring of life and source of goodness,  
through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.  
**Amen**

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### This Week.

#### Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May

2pm Communion at Holly Oak care Home

4pm Wedding rehearsal at Holy Cross

#### Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May

1.30pm Keiran and Rebecca's wedding at Holy Cross

6pm Evening Prayer via Zoom

#### Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May

**OFFICE CLOSED**

9am Morning prayer at St James

10am Holy Communion for Ascension Day at St James

11.15am Communion at Henlow Court Care Home

12noon Ascension Day Communion at St Giles

7.30pm Ascension Day Communion at St James

#### Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May

**OFFICE CLOSED**

#### Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May

9am Bring and Take event at St James

3pm Teddy Bear Fun at St Giles

4.50pm UBSCR Bellringers at St James

### Services for 17<sup>th</sup> May 2026 Sixth Sunday of Easter

#### St Giles, Uley

10am Parish Holy Communion

#### St James, Dursley

8am Said Holy Communion

10am Reflective Worship

10am Shine! Family Worship at Dursley Academy School

11.30am Annual Parochial Church Meeting

#### Holy Cross, Owlpen

6pm Evensong

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



The poster features the Christian Aid logo (a red arrow with 'aid' written inside) and a circular logo for 'CHURCHES TOGETHER CAM, DURSLEY & DISTRICT'. A red box on the right says 'Week 10th -16th May'. The main text reads: 'Christian Aid Week Service at St James the Great, Dursley on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> 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.' A red box at the bottom contains the text: 'Christian Aid Week - Shared moments to come together - across churches, communities and households - to stand alongside people living in poverty around the world.'



The poster has a background of colorful circles and teddy bears. It says 'St Giles Church, Uley' at the top. The main title is 'Musical Bears!'. The text reads: 'Do join us on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May from 3pm for an afternoon of music combined with teddy bear fun!'. Below this are the activities: '-Teas and cake', '-Plant stall', '-Music by the Thornbury Clarinet Choir', '-Chocolate Teddy Bear Hunt', and '-Best dressed Teddy competition (children and adult classes!)'. At the bottom, it says: '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' Eco-Church with Dursley Freegle present



# FREE STUFF

## BRING & TAKE

### 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: 18<sup>th</sup> July 2026, 19<sup>th</sup> September**



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



## St James the Great

### Annual Plant Stall



9.30am 30th May 2026

The Church Lawn

Donations of plants welcomed

## Open Garden

at

52 Woodmancote,  
Dursley, GL11 4AQ.

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> 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.



## 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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)

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

THY KINGDOM COME



Join the global wave of prayer

**May 14<sup>th</sup> to May 24<sup>th</sup>**

**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.