



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

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**Services for Sunday 24th May 2026
Pentecost**

St James, Dursley

10am Benefice Holy Communion
Revd Juliet Jensen

6.30pm Choral Evensong
Canon Richard Morgan

Collect

God, who as at this time
taught the hearts of your faithful people
by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit:
grant us by the same Spirit
to have a right judgement in all things
and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort;
through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour,
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: 1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs - in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

But 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. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

"In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.

Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Psalm 104: 26-end

There go the ships, and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.

These all look to you to give them their food in due season; when you give to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

When you hide your face, they are dismayed; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

When you send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the ground.

May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; may the Lord rejoice in his works - who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke. I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the Lord.

Let sinners be consumed from the earth, and let the wicked be no more.

Bless the Lord, O my soul.

Praise the Lord!

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

No one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body - Jews or Greeks, slaves or free - and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Holy Gospel: John 20: 19-23

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.'

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 Jo Kirk and Ethel Shill, recently departed. We pray for their families and friends and all those who grieve.

Post Communion Prayer.

Faithful God,
who fulfilled the promises of Easter
by sending us your Holy Spirit
and opening to every race and nation
the way of life eternal:
open our lips by your Spirit,
that every tongue may tell of your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

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St James the Great

Annual Plant Stall



This Week.

Monday 25th May

Bank Holiday – Office closed

Tuesday 26th May

11am Burial of Sally Goddard's ashes at
St Bartholomew's, Nympsfield

2pm Communion at The Hollies Care Home

Wednesday 27th May

12noon Ethel Shill's funeral at St James

6pm Evening Prayer via Zoom

Thursday 28th May

9am Morning prayer at St James

10am Holy Communion at St James with Lectio
and healing

Friday 29th May

1pm Edith Newman's memorial service
at St Giles, Uley

2pm Poetry Group at 9 Five Acres

4pm Wedding rehearsal at Holy Cross

Saturday 30th May

9.30am Choir Plant Stall at St James

10.30am Coffee, Cake and Music at St James

1pm Wedding of Fred and Ashley at Holy Cross

Sunday 31st May

1.30pm Open Garden and Cream tea at
52 Woodmancote, GL11 4AQ

Services for 31st May 2026 Trinity Sunday

St James, Dursley

10am Parish Holy Communion

Holy Cross, Owlpen

10am Parish Holy Communion with the baptism of
Finnley Fraser



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

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)

Music at St James 2026

23rd May 10.30am Sounds of Music

6th June 10.30am Wotton Wind band

6th June 7.30pm Tyndale Choral Society Concert

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




With Regency Sinfonia

Joseph Haydn
The Creation

Conductor
Ben Sawyer

Saturday
6th June 2026
7.30 pm
St James's Church
Dursley

Tickets £15
www.tyndale-choral-society.org.uk
Scan QR code
Call 07799 238417
Or buy on the door



Interval drinks available Registered Charity No. 284840

Food From Around the World



GARAS 

Come and taste a range of international dishes, with music and storytelling

Food will be provided by people from the local community

From places including Bangladesh, DRC, England, Gujarat, Italy, Poland
Sri Lanka, Ukraine and Wales

Saturday 11th July 2026 4.30pm - 7.30pm

Dursley Community Centre, Rednock Drive

Tickets £5 each - only sold in advance. Available after 11th June from
Inches Fabrics, Dursley & R&J Hardware, Cam &
Local churches St James, St Giles, The Quarry, The Tab, Dursley Methodist
Church, and Cam Methodist Church.