



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

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**Services for Sunday 25th May 2025
6th Sunday of Easter**

St James

10am Benefice Holy Communion
Revd Juliet Jensen

6.30pm Choral Evensong
Revd Juliet Jensen

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: Ezekiel 37: 1-14

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all round them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, 'Mortal, can these bones live?' I answered, 'O Lord God, you know.' Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord.'

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.' I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, 'Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, "Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely."

Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you

up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord.'

Psalm 67

May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us,
that your way may be known upon earth,
your saving power among all nations.
Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth.
Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
The earth has yielded its increase;
God, our God, has blessed us.
May God continue to bless us;
let all the ends of the earth revere him.

Second Reading: Acts 16: 9-15

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.' When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshipper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, 'If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.' And she prevailed upon us.

Holy Gospel: John 14: 23-29

Jesus said, 'Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.'

'I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, "I am going away, and I am coming to you." If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.'

Intercessions

We pray for those who are ill at this time or in other forms of need, especially those we know. We remember, Carol, Sam, Jane, Paul, Edward, Paul 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 Len Frost, John Lord, Tony Curnock and Andy, recently departed. We pray for their families and friends and all those who grieve. We pray for Damien & Lauren, and James & Rebecca as they are married at Holy Cross in the next week.

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

This Week

Tuesday 27th May

7pm Uley PCC meeting

Wednesday 28th May

1pm Wedding of Damien & Lauren at Holy Cross

6pm Evening Prayer via Zoom

Thursday 29th May

9am Morning prayer at St James

10am Holy Communion at St James

12.30pm Tony Curnock's funeral at St Giles

1pm John Lord's funeral at Westerleigh

7.30pm Holy Communion for Ascension Day at St James

Friday 30th May

2pm Poetry group at 9 Five Acres

Len Frost's funeral at Westerleigh

Sat 31st May

9.30am Plant & Produce Stall at St James

10.30am Coffee, Cake & Music at St James

2pm Wedding of James & Rebecca at Holy Cross

Services for 1st June 2025 7th 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 07778842060

A huge thank you to the anonymous donor who has bought a new electric piano for the Parish Centre, it will be in place by next weekend. If anyone would like the old piano (in need of repairs) they are welcome to collect it.

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Please can you help Sarah take the Easter Garden down after the service on Sunday (today).

At our recent APCM meetings you will be very pleased to hear that we have appointed new church wardens across the Benefice.

We are hugely grateful to David Thomas and Nikki Clarke in Uley with Nympsfield and Owlpen; plus Danny Parker and Chris Tyler in Dursley.



**GRAINGER:
TRANSCRIBED**

PIANO RECITAL

MUSIC BY

PERCY GRAINGER

TRANSCRIBED FOR PIANO BY

RONALD STEVENSON

SUN 25th MAY 2025 - 16:00

St James-the-Great, Silver St, Dursley GL11 4JE

CHRISTOPHER GUILD, PIANO



Ewelme Benefice

St James the Great, Dursley Coffee, Cake and Music 2025

April 26th
May 31st
June 28th
July 26th
August 30th
September 27th
October 25th

Claire Hobbs
Keith Hearnshaw
Martin Bell
Pavlos Triantaris
John Pennington
Nigel Davies
Jonathan Hope

Coffee and homemade cake will be served from 10.30am.
The music begins at 11am and last for 30-40 minutes

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

Open Garden & Cream Tea

Sunday 1st June 2025
1.30-5pm

At 52 Woodmancote, Dursley GL11 4AQ

All donations in aid of St James Church

Parking is limited, please park in town and walk up if you are able.

ST JAMES NATURE DAY

SUMMER 2025
FREE EVENT FOR EVERYONE
ST JAMES CHURCH, DURSLEY
SATURDAY 14TH JUNE
9AM - 12PM

"Magical Moths" will be at this event! Drop in and see them between 10am-12am

COME AND EXPLORE THE WILDLIFE! VISIT THE BIODIVERSITY PROJECTS NOW HAPPENING IN THE CHURCHYARD & GET TIPS ON HOW YOU CAN DO THE SAME AT HOME

- COME AND SPOT THE WILDLIFE
- JOIN IN WITH THE NATURE DRAWING
- CHILDREN'S CRAFT ACTIVITIES
- EYE SPY
- NATURE TABLE
- VISIT THE BUG HOTEL
- GLOUCESTERSHIRE WILDLIFE TRUST STAND

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