



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

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**Services for Sunday 7th June 2026
First Sunday after Trinity**

St James, Dursley

10am Parish Holy Communion
Revd Ian Gardner

St Bartholomew's, Nympsfield

10am Parish Holy Communion
Canon Richard Morgan

Collect

O God,
the strength of all those who put their trust in you,
mercifully accept our prayers
and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature
we can do no good thing without you,
grant us the help of your grace,
that in the keeping of your commandments
we may please you both in will and deed;
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: Hosea 5: 15- 6.6

I will return again to my place until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face.

In their distress they will beg my favour:

'Come, let us return to the Lord; for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us; he has struck down, and he will bind us up.

After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him.

Let us know, let us press on to know the Lord; his appearing is as sure as the dawn; he will come to us like the showers, like the spring rains that water the earth.'

What shall I do with you, O Ephraim?

What shall I do with you, O Judah?

Your love is like a morning cloud,

like the dew that goes away early.

Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets, I have killed them by the words of my mouth, and my judgement goes forth as the light.

For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt-offerings.

Psalms 50: 7-15

'Hear, O my people, and I will speak,

O Israel, I will testify against you.

I am God, your God.

Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you; your burnt-offerings are continually before me.

I will not accept a bull from your house, or goats from your folds.

For every wild animal of the forest is mine, the cattle on a thousand hills.

I know all the birds of the air,
and all that moves in the field is mine.

'If I were hungry, I would not tell you,
for the world and all that is in it is mine.

Do I eat the flesh of bulls, or drink the blood of goats?
Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and pay your vows to the Most High.

Call on me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me.'

Second Reading: Romans 4: 13-25

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations') - in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become 'the father of many nations', according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your descendants be.' He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him', were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 9: 9-13, 18-26

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, 'Follow me.'

And he got up and followed him.

And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax-collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, 'Why does your teacher eat with tax-collectors and sinners?' But when he heard this, he said, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice." For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.'

While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, 'My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.' And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from haemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, 'If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.' Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, 'Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.' And instantly the woman was made well. When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute-players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, 'Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping.' And they laughed at him. But when the

crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district.

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, recently departed. We pray for her family and friends and all those who grieve.

Post Communion Prayer.

Eternal Father,
we thank you for nourishing us
with these heavenly gifts:
may our communion strengthen us in faith,
build us up in hope,
and make us grow in love;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

This Week.

Wednesday 10th June

6pm Evening Prayer via Zoom

Thursday 11th June – St Barnabus

9am Morning prayer at St James

10am Holy Communion at St James

11.15am Communion at Henlow Court Care Home

Saturday 13th June

9am Piano rehearsal at St James

Services for 14th June

1st Sunday after Trinity

St James, Dursley

10am Parish Holy Communion

6.30pm Choral Evensong

St Giles, Uley

10am Reflective Worship

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

Meeting ID: 811 3331 8043 Passcode: 346570

**The piano recital on 14th June has been
CANCELLED, sorry.**



**Thank you to everyone who
attended the Open Garden
at 52 Woodmancote, with
Gift Aid we raised £612.00
for St James Church.**

**A lovely social afternoon
with over 80 people
attending, the weather was
very kind to us too.
Judith, Philip, Steve, Moya
and Clare.**

Safeguarding Officers

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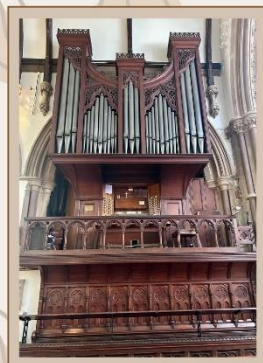
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St James the Great, Dursley Coffee, Cake and Music 2026



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

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

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

BECOMING CHURCH TOGETHER

SHINE!

BIGGEST GIFT OF ALL

Sunday 21st June 2026
10am-11am

EVERYONE WELCOME



Refreshments



Games



Music

DURSLEY CE PRIMARY ACADEMY,
SCHOOL ROAD, GL11 4NZ

Food From Around the World



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.

The Cotswold Singers

Summer Concert

Adult - £10
Child - free

DETAILS:

Refreshments available

FEATURING:

Jane Williams
Musical Director

Luc Bailey
Pianist

Raffle prizes to be won

Proceeds to the
The Cotswold Singers fund and
St Giles Church

Sunday 5th July
2026
2pm

St Giles Church
Uley, Dursley, GL11 5SN

THE COTSWOLD SINGERS

Quiz Night

18th July, 7pm

In aid of



Julius & Dora
Children's Centre

Providing a loving home for abandoned babies in Maseno, Kenya

St James Parish Centre, Dursley

Teams of up to 6

Tickets- £10

To book or join a team contact
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Includes Ploughman's supper, please bring your own drinks.