



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

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**Services for Sunday 5th July 2026
Fifth Sunday after Trinity**

St James, Dursley

10am Parish Holy Communion
Revd Juliet Jensen

St Bartholomew's Nympsfield

10am Parish Holy Communion
Revd Ian Gardner

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church
is governed and sanctified:
hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people,
that in their vocation and ministry
they may serve you in holiness and truth
to the glory of your name;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen

First Reading: Zechariah 9: 9-12

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!
Lo, your king comes to you;
triumphant and victorious is he,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the warhorse from Jerusalem;
and the battle-bow shall be cut off,
and he shall command peace to the nations;
his dominion shall be from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.
As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with
you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.
Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

Psalms 145: 8-15

The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and
abounding in steadfast love.
The Lord is good to all, and his compassion is over all that
he has made.
All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord,
and all your faithful shall bless you.
They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom,
and tell of your power, to make known to all people your
mighty deeds, and the glorious splendour of your kingdom.
Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion
endures throughout all generations.
The Lord is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his
deeds.
The Lord upholds all who are falling, and raises up all

who are bowed down.

The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their
food in due season.

Second Reading: Romans 7: 15-25a

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what
I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do
not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no
longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I
know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my
flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do
not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I
do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do
it, but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is
good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of
God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another
law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to
the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man
that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death?
Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Holy Gospel: Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-end

'But to what will I compare this generation? It is like
children sitting in the market-places and calling to one
another, "We played the flute for you, and you did not
dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn."
For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say,
"He has a demon"; the Son of Man came eating and
drinking, and they say, "Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a
friend of tax-collectors and sinners!" Yet wisdom is
vindicated by her deeds.'

At that time Jesus said, 'I thank you, Father, Lord of
heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things
from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to
infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All
things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no
one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows
the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son
chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy
burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you,
and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart,
and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy,
and my burden is light.'

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 pray for Jack Lawrence, Roy Tedstone and Gerald
Halford, recently departed, we remember their families
and friends and all those who grieve.

Post Communion Prayer.

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you,
that the course of this world may be so peaceably
ordered by your governance, that your Church may
joyfully serve you in all godly quietness; through Jesus
Christ our Lord.

Amen

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This Week.

Tuesday 7th July

4pm Wedding rehearsal at Holy Cross

Wednesday 8th July

12noon Gabriel and Ziwei's wedding at Holy Cross

12.30 Jack Lawrence's funeral at St Giles

6pm Evening Prayer via Zoom

Thursday 9th July

9am Morning prayer at St James

10am Holy Communion at St James

11.15am Communion at Henlow Court Care Home

Saturday 11th July

4.30pm Churches Together GARAS event at
Dursley Community Centre

7pm Dursley Rock and Pop Choir Concert at St James

Services for 12th July Sixth Sunday after Trinity

St James, Dursley

10am Parish Holy Communion

6.30pm Come and Sing Choral Evensong

St Giles, Uley

10am Informal Worship

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

Meeting ID: 811 3331 8043 Passcode: 346570

A circular poster with a globe in the center. The text 'Food From Around the World' is written in a curved path around the top. Various food items like a croissant, pizza, hot dog, and watermelon are illustrated around the globe. At the bottom, there are logos for 'GARAS' and 'CHURCHES TOGETHER'.

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.

A poster for 'The Cotswold Singers Summer Concert'. It features a large blue treble clef in the center. The text 'SUNDAY' is written in a red banner at the top. The concert details are listed on the right, and the featured performers are listed on the left. The background is a musical score.

SUNDAY

The Cotswold Singers
Summer Concert

Adult - £10
Child - free

DETAILS:
Refreshments available
Raffle prizes to be won
Proceeds to the
The Cotswold Singers fund and
St Giles Church

FEATURING:
Jane Williams
Musical Director
Luc Bailey
Pianist

Sunday 5th July
2026
2pm

St Giles Church
Uley, Dursley, GL11 5SN

THE COTSWOLD SINGERS

I am away on holiday until 20th July, then my operation has been rescheduled for 23rd July and I'll be away from the office for 2 weeks. I will be doing some work from home as I recover.
Clare

COME AND SING

CHORAL EVENSONG
at
ST JAMES-THE-GREAT
DURSLEY
on
Sunday 12th JULY 2026

Featuring the music of
Charles Wood (1866 - 1926)

Directed by
Lynn James
with
Nigel Davies (Organ)

Rehearsal 4.30pm
Tea (provided) 5.40pm
Service 6.30pm

All voices welcome!



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
chrismorgan194@btinternet.com

**Includes Ploughman's
supper, please bring your
own drinks.**

St Giles' Church, Uley
**Music for A
Summer Evening**
Cello Recital by Orlando Jopling.
Saturday 18th July
7.30pm.
Free
Donations welcome for the
church.
Refreshments.