



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

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**Services for Sunday 19th July 2026
Seventh Sunday after Trinity**

St James, Dursley

8am Said Holy Communion

Revd Juliet Jensen

10am Reflective Worship

Revd David Vonberg and team

Dursley Academy School

10am Shine! Family Worship

Revd Juliet Jensen

St Giles, Uley

10am Parish Holy Communion

Revd Colin Lunt

Collect

Lord of all power and might,
the author and giver of all good things:
graft in our hearts the love of your name,
increase in us true religion,
nourish us with all goodness,
and of your great mercy keep us in the same;
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: Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

For neither is there any god besides you, whose
care is for all people, to whom you should prove
that you have not judged unjustly.

For your strength is the source of righteousness,
and your sovereignty over all causes you to spare all.
For you show your strength when people doubt the
completeness of your power,
and you rebuke any insolence among those who
know it.

Although you are sovereign in strength, you judge with
mildness, and with great forbearance you govern us;
for you have power to act whenever you choose.
Through such works you have taught your people
that the righteous must be kind, and you have filled
your children with good hope,
because you give repentance for sins.

Psalms 86: 11-end

Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth;
give me an undivided heart to revere your name.

I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,
and I will glorify your name for ever.

For great is your steadfast love towards me; you have
delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.

O God, the insolent rise up against me; a band of ruffians
seeks my life, and they do not set you before them.

But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to

anger and abounding in steadfast love and
faithfulness.

Turn to me and be gracious to me; give your strength
to your servant; save the child of your serving-maid.

Show me a sign of your favour, so that those who
hate me may see it and be put to shame, because
you, Lord, have helped me and comforted me.

Second Reading: Romans 8: 12-25

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the
flesh, to live according to the flesh - for if you live
according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you
put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all
who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For
you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear,
but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry,
'Abba! Father!' it is that very Spirit bearing witness with
our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then
heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ - if, in fact,
we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with
him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not
worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to
us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the
revealing of the children of God; for the creation was
subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the
one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will
be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the
freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that
the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains
until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves,
who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while
we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in
hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope.
For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what
we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43

Jesus put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of
heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good
seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an
enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and
then went away. So when the plants came up and bore
grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of
the householder came and said to him, "Master, did you
not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these
weeds come from?" He answered, "An enemy has done
this." The slaves said to him, "Then do you want us to go
and gather them?" But he replied, "No; for in gathering the
weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let
both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest
time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind
them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my
barn."

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his
disciples approached him, saying, 'Explain to us the
parable of the weeds of the field.' He answered, 'The one
who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the
world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom;
the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy
who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the
age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are
collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of
the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will
collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all
evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire,
where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then
the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their
Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

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.

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life, ever giving himself that the world may live: may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Amen

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This Week.

Tuesday 21st July

7pm Uley PCC meeting at St Giles

Wednesday 22nd July

6pm Evening Prayer via Zoom

Thursday 23rd July

OFFICE CLOSED FOR 2 WEEKS

9am Morning prayer at St James

10am Holy Communion at St James

Friday 24th July

4pm Wedding rehearsal at St Giles

4pm Wedding rehearsal at Holy Cross

Saturday 25th July

10.30am Coffee, Cake and Music at St James

1pm Wedding of James Karpinski & Nia

Panzetta Morris at Holy Cross

2.30pm Wedding of Arthur Chattey and Nicola

Randall at St Giles

Services for 26th July Eighth Sunday after Trinity

St James, Dursley

10am Patronal Festival Benefice Holy Communion

Holy Cross, Owlpen

6pm Evensong

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

Meeting ID: 811 3331 8043 Passcode: 346570

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.

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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.**



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 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

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)

**St Bartholomew's,
Nympsfield
Patronal Festival
Community Tea
and
Hymns**

Accompanied by Thornbury Town Band

Sunday 23rd August 2026
6.30pm