



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

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**Services for Sunday 26th July 2026
Eighth Sunday after Trinity
St James the Great Patronal Festival**

St James, Dursley

10am Benefice Holy Communion
Revd Juliet Jensen/Revd John Hunnisett

Holy Cross, Owlpen

6pm Evensong
Revd Juliet Jensen

Collect

Merciful God,
whose holy apostle Saint James,
leaving his father and all that he had,
was obedient to the calling of your Son Jesus Christ
and followed him even to death:
help us, forsaking the false attractions of the world,
to be ready at all times to answer your call without delay;
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: Acts 11.27-12.2

At that time prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. One of them named Agabus stood up and predicted by the Spirit that there would be a severe famine over all the world; and this took place during the reign of Claudius. The disciples determined that according to their ability, each would send relief to the believers living in Judea; this they did, sending it to the elders by Barnabas and Saul. About that time King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword.

Psalm 126

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,
we were like those who dream.
Then our mouth was filled with laughter,
and our tongue with shouts of joy;
then it was said among the nations,
'The Lord has done great things for them.'
The Lord has done great things for us,
and we rejoiced.
Restore our fortunes, O Lord,
like the watercourses in the Negeb.
May those who sow in tears
reap with shouts of joy.
Those who go out weeping,
bearing the seed for sowing,
shall come home with shouts of joy,
carrying their sheaves.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 4.7-15

But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you.

But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture - 'I believed, and so I spoke'— we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 20: 20-28

Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came to him with her sons, and kneeling before him, she asked a favour of him. And he said to her, 'What do you want?' She said to him, 'Declare that these two sons of mine will sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your kingdom.' But Jesus answered, 'You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink?' They said to him, 'We are able.' He said to them, 'You will indeed drink my cup, but to sit at my right hand and at my left, this is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father.'

When the ten heard it, they were angry with the two brothers. But Jesus called them to him and said, 'You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. It will not be so among you; but whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be your slave; just as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.'

Intercessions

We pray for those who are ill at this time or in other forms of need, especially those we know. We remember 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 Joyce Lombarde, recently departed, we remember her family and friends and all those who grieve.

Post Communion Prayer.

Almighty God,
who on the day of Pentecost
sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles
with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame,
filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel:
by the power of the same Spirit
strengthen us to witness to your truth
and to draw everyone to the fire of your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

This Week.

OFFICE CLOSED ALL WEEK

Tuesday 28th July

6pm PCC Dursley

5pm Wedding rehearsal at Holy Cross

Wednesday 29th July

1pm Ieuan Hughes and Charlotte William's wedding at Holy Cross, Owlpen

6pm Evening Prayer via Zoom

Thursday 30th July

9am Morning prayer at St James

10am Holy Communion at St James

Services for 2nd August Ninth Sunday after Trinity

St James, Dursley

10am Parish Holy Communion with Baptism

St Bartholomew's, Nympsfield

10am Parish Holy Communion

Holy Cross, Owlpen

12.30pm Baptism

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. *Clare*

Thank you to all who helped and attended the Julius and Dora Orphanage quiz last Saturday. We raised £585.

We hope to have the next quiz in October.

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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

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)

Family Church Service

**St James
Dursley**

16th August | 10am

**Everyone
Welcome**