



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

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**Services for Sunday 2nd August 2026
Ninth Sunday after Trinity**

St James, Dursley

10am Parish Holy Communion
Revd Ian Gardner

St Bartholomew's, Nympsfield

10am Parish Holy Communion
Revd Colin Lunt

Collect

Almighty God,
who sent your Holy Spirit
to be the life and light of your Church:
open our hearts to the riches of your grace,
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit
in love and joy and peace;
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: Isaiah 55: 1-5

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;
and you that have no money, come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk without money and
without price.
Why do you spend your money for that which is not
bread, and your labour for that which does not
satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and
delight yourselves in rich food.
Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you
may live.
I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my
steadfast, sure love for David.
See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader
and commander for the peoples.
See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of
Israel, for he has glorified you.

Psalms 145: 8-9, 15-end.

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.
The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in
due season.
You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing.
The Lord is just in all his ways, and kind in all his doings.
The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on
him in truth.

He fulfils the desire of all who fear him;
he also hears their cry, and saves them.
The Lord watches over all who love him, but all the
wicked he will destroy.
My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord, and all
flesh will bless his holy name for ever and ever.

Second Reading: Romans 9: 1-5

I am speaking the truth in Christ - I am not lying; my
conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit - I have great
sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could
wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ
for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to
the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the
adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law,
the worship, and the promises; to them belong the
patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes
the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed for ever.
Amen.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 14: 13-21

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a
boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds
heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When
he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had
compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was
evening, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a
deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds
away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for
themselves.' Jesus said to them, 'They need not go away;
you give them something to eat.' They replied, 'We have
nothing here but five loaves and two fish.' And he said,
'Bring them here to me.' Then he ordered the crowds to sit
down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish,
he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves,
and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave
them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they
took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve
baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand
men, besides women and children.

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.

Holy Father,
who gathered us here around the table of your Son
to share this meal with the whole household of God:
in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your
peace,
gather people of every race and language
to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

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This Week.

OFFICE CLOSED

No Evening Prayer via Zoom in August

Thursday 6th August

9am Morning prayer at St James

10am Holy Communion at St James

Friday 7th August

2pm Poetry Group at 9 Five Acres

4pm Wedding rehearsal at Holy Cross

Saturday 8th August

10.30am Klarinets play at St James

2pm Wedding of Edward Newsome and Lucy Fuszard at Holy Cross

Services for 9th August

10th Sunday after Trinity

St James, Dursley

10am Parish Holy Communion

St Giles, Uley

10am Informal Service

Please note

Monday 10th August

2pm Memorial service for Joyce Lombarde at St James.

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

August 29th William Reynolds
(Minster Church of
St Mary, Swansea)

September 26th Andrew Millington
(Former DoM at Exeter Cathedral)

October 31st Bernard West
(Oxford)