



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

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**Services for Sunday 16th August 2026
Eleventh Sunday after Trinity**

St James, Dursley

8am Said Parish Holy Communion
Canon Richard Morgan

10am Family Service
Revd Juliet Jensen

St Giles, Uley

10am Parish Holy Communion
Revd Ian Gardner

Holy Cross, Owlpen

6pm Evensong
Revd Juliet Jensen

Collect

O God, you declare your almighty power
most chiefly in showing mercy and pity:
mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace,
that we, running the way of your commandments,
may receive your gracious promises,
and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure;
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 56: 1, 6-8

Thus says the Lord:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come, and my
deliverance be revealed.

And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord,
to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord,
and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath,
and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant -
these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make
them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt-offerings and their sacrifices will be
accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called
a house of prayer for all peoples.

Thus says the Lord God, who gathers the outcasts
of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those
already gathered.

Psalms 67

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his
face to shine upon us, that your way may be known
upon earth, your saving power among all nations.
Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples
praise you.

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the
peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.
Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples
praise you.

The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has
blessed us.

May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the
earth revere him.

Second Reading: Romans 11: 1-2a, 29-32

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I
myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a
member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected
his people whom he foreknew.

For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just
as you were once disobedient to God but have now
received mercy because of their disobedience, so they
have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy
shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God
has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be
merciful to all.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 15: 21-28

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre
and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region
came out and started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord,
Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.' But
he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and
urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting
after us.' He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of
the house of Israel.' But she came and knelt before him,
saying, 'Lord, help me.' He answered, 'It is not fair to take
the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' She said,
'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from
their masters' table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman,
great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And
her daughter was healed instantly.

Intercessions

We pray for those who are ill at this time or in other forms
of need, especially those we know. We remember Henry,
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 and Barbara Savage,
recently departed, we remember
their families and friends and all those who grieve.
We also pray for those exploring faith and preparing to be
confirmed.

Post Communion Prayer.

Lord of all mercy,
we your faithful people have celebrated that one true
sacrifice
which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace:
by our communion
keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel
and preserve us from all sin;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

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Live Stream this week -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6Xb6gilp2FY>

This Week.

Tuesday 18th August

6pm Staff Meeting

Thursday 20th August

9am Morning prayer at St James

10am Holy Communion at St James

Friday 21st August

5pm Wedding rehearsal at Holy Cross

Saturday 22nd August

1pm Dylan and Bethan's wedding at Holy Cross,

Services for 23rd August Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

St James, Dursley

10am Parish Holy Communion

Holy Cross, Owlpen

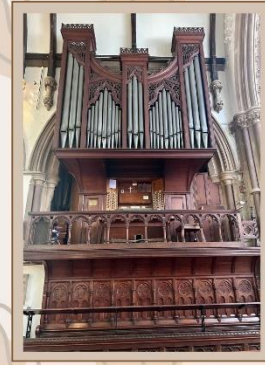
10am Parish Holy Communion

St Bartholomew's, Nympsfield

6.30pm Hymns, Nibbles and Drinks in the Churchyard

Evening prayer via Zoom is suspended during August.

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)

**St Bartholomew's,
Nympsfield**

**Hymns, Nibbles and
Drinks in the
Churchyard**

Accompanied by Thornbury Town Band

**Sunday 23rd August 2026
6.30pm**

All are very welcome