



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

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**Services for Sunday 30th August 2026
Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity**

St Giles, Uley

10am

Parish Holy Communion

Revd Juliet Jensen/Revd Sister Beverley

Collect

Almighty God,
who called your Church to bear witness
that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself:
help us to proclaim the good news of your love,
that all who hear it may be drawn to you;
through him who was lifted up on the cross,
and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen

First Reading: Jeremiah 15: 15-21

O Lord, you know; remember me and visit me,
and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors.
In your forbearance do not take me away;
know that on your account I suffer insult.
Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words
became to me a joy and the delight of my heart;
for I am called by your name, O Lord, God of hosts.
I did not sit in the company of merry-makers, nor did I
rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone,
for you had filled me with indignation.
Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable,
refusing to be healed?
Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters
that fail.
Therefore, thus says the Lord: If you turn back, I will take
you back, and you shall stand before me.
If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless,
you shall serve as my mouth.
It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn
to them.
And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of
bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not
prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver
you, says the Lord.
I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and
redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

Psalm 26: 1-8

Vindicate me, O Lord, for I have walked in my integrity, and
I have trusted in the Lord without wavering.
Prove me, O Lord, and try me; test my heart and mind.
For your steadfast love is before my eyes, and I walk in
faithfulness to you.
I do not sit with the worthless, nor do I consort with
hypocrites; I hate the company of evildoers, and will not sit
with the wicked.
I wash my hands in innocence, and go around your altar,
O Lord, singing aloud a song of thanksgiving, and telling all
your wondrous deeds.

O Lord, I love the house in which you dwell, and
the place where your glory abides.

Second Reading: Romans 12: 9-end

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what
is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo
one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be
ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be
patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to
the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.
Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse
them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those
who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be
haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be
wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil,
but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it
is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably
with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave
room for the wrath of God; for it is written, 'Vengeance
is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' No, 'if your enemies
are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them
something to drink; for by doing this you will heap
burning coals on their heads.' Do not be overcome by
evil, but overcome evil with good.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 16: 21-end

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to
Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of
the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed,
and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him
aside and began to rebuke him, saying, 'God forbid it,
Lord! This must never happen to you.' But he turned
and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a
stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not
on divine things but on human things.'
Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become
my followers, let them deny themselves and take up
their cross and follow me. For those who want to save
their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my
sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain
the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they
give in return for their life?
'For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the
glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for
what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some
standing here who will not taste death before they see
the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.'

Intercessions

We pray for those who are ill at this time or in other forms
of need, especially those we know. We remember Kerry,
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 Kenneth Gubbins, Ken Nicholls and Barbara
Savage, recently departed, we remember their families and
friends and all those who grieve.

Post Communion Prayer.

God our creator,
you feed your children with the true manna,
the living bread from heaven:
let this holy food sustain us through our earthly
pilgrimage
until we come to that place
where hunger and thirst are no more; through
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

This Week.

Monday 30th August

Bank Holiday – Office closed

Tuesday 1st September

2.30pm Holy Communion at the Hollies Care Home

Wednesday 2nd September

10am Uley Fabric Committee

6pm Evening prayer via Zoom

Thursday 3rd September

9am Morning prayer at St James

10am Holy Communion at St James

1pm Barbara Savage's funeral at St Giles, Uley

Services for 6th September Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

St James, Dursley

10am Parish Holy Communion

St Bartholomew's Nympsfield

10am Parish Holy Communion

****Evening prayer via Zoom returns on 2nd September
at 6pm.to join please use this login**

Meeting ID: 811 3331 8043 Passcode: 346570 **

20th September – Songs of Praise at St James

The worship group who plan some of these services is offering you the opportunity to choose, for this service, a favourite hymn or piece of prose or prayer – perhaps one which is important to you on your Christian journey or something which strengthened you at a particular time in your life.

Hymns do not have to simply come from our normal hymn book, so there is a wide choice!

Please take your choices into the Benefice office by 10th September or send them directly to me at:

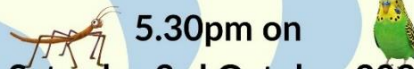
revdavid.vonberg@gmail.com.

If you would like to speak in the service about your choice, please mention that.

I look forward to receiving your suggestions. *Revd David.*

St James the Great, Dursley

Pet Service

 **5.30pm on
Saturday 3rd October 2026**

**All pets welcome, dogs must be on a
lead and other animals in pet
carriers.**

Please bring your owner too!



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)**

Candle Stubs For Ukraine

**Do you have candles you don't use,
stubs hiding in a cupboard?**

**They are being collected for Mark in
Ludlow who turns them into heating
and cooking units by melting them
down and casting them into large
candles with 6 - 10 wicks which give
out lots of heat when there is no
power.**

**He is leaving for Ukraine 19 Sept.
They will be taken to him on 14
September.**

**There is a collection box in St James
Church, Dursley for donations.**

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I am collecting them for Mark in Ludlow who turns them into heating and cooking units by melting them down and casting them into large candles with 6 - 10 wicks which give out lots of heat when there is no power.
He is leaving for Ukraine 19 Sept. I am taking what you give to him on 14 Sept, if donations come in quickly I will go earlier.
I am putting a box in St James Dursley for donations.
Prue Vernon.

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Quiz Night

24th October, 7pm



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 BARTHOLOMEW'S VILLAGE HALL,
NYMPSFIELD**

TOGETHER FOR HARVEST

10AM

4TH OCTOBER 2026

HARVEST PRAISE FOR EVERYONE.

**A COLLECTION OF FOOD ITEMS WILL BE
MADE FOR THE FOOD BANK AND GARAS**

**BREAKFAST ROLLS WILL BE SERVED
BEFORE THE SERVICE**

ST JAMES THE GREAT, DURSLEY

HARVEST FESTIVAL

10AM

11TH OCTOBER 2026

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WILL BE MADE FOR THE FOOD
BANK**