



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

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**Services for Sunday 6th September 2026
Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity**

St James, Dursley

10am Parish Holy Communion
Revd Juliet Jensen

St Bartholomew's, Nympsfield

10am Parish Holy Communion
Revd Colin Lunt

Collect

Almighty God,
whose only Son has opened for us
a new and living way into your presence:
give us pure hearts and steadfast wills
to worship you in spirit and in truth;
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: Ezekiel 33: 7-11

So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, 'O wicked ones, you shall surely die', and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life. Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: 'Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?' Say to them, As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

Psalms 119: 33-40

Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes,
and I will observe it to the end.
Give me understanding, that I may keep your law
and observe it with my whole heart.
Lead me in the path of your commandments,
for I delight in it.
Turn my heart to your decrees, and not to selfish gain.
Turn my eyes from looking at vanities; give me life in
your ways.
Confirm to your servant your promise,
which is for those who fear you.
Turn away the disgrace that I dread, for your ordinances
are good.
See, I have longed for your precepts; in your righteousness
give me life.

Second Reading: Romans 13: 8-end

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet'; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 18: 15-20

'If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.'

Intercessions

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

Post Communion Prayer.

Lord God, the source of truth and love,
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and
fellowship,
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

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This Week.

Tuesday 8th September

2.30pm Holy Communion Holly Oak Care Home

Wednesday 9th September

6pm Evening prayer via Zoom

7pm Dursley Fabric meeting

Thursday 10th September

9am Morning prayer at St James

10am Holy Communion at St James

Saturday 12th September

Ride and Stride

2pm Uley Show

Services for 13th September Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

St James, Dursley

10am Parish Holy Communion

6.30pm Choral Evensong

St Giles, Uley

10am Reflective Worship

Holy Cross, Owlpen

6pm Evensong

Evening prayer via Zoom is 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 Giles Church, Uley

presents

Music for a Sunday Afternoon

featuring

**Silverwinds Flute Ensemble
Sunday 20th September
at 3pm**

A free, short, informal concert in the church followed by tea & cake.

Donations welcome for Church Funds.

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

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.**





12th September 2026

Ride+Stride is an annual event where participants are sponsored to travel between churches. You can walk, cycle, ride on horseback or use public transport. The money you raise is shared between the Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust (GHCT) and a church of your choice. Forms from Austin Meares.

Affirmation of Lay Ministry with the admission and licensing of Readers 2026

Saturday September 19, 12:30 pm to 4:00 pm



All are welcome

You are invited to attend the new look Diocesan Affirmation of Lay Ministry with Admission and Licensing of Readers at **Gloucester Cathedral** on **Saturday 19th September 2026**.

The new 'Celebration' format will see the licensing and admission of Readers taking place within a context of a broader celebration of lay ministry. As well as encouraging our Readers, we want to recognise and celebrate the ministry of all God's people. Indeed, there will be a part of the service that recognises and affirms those lay people who may be new to a particular ministry within their worshipping communities, whether that be pastoral, liturgical or missional.

From 12.30pm: Eucharist in the Lady Chapel. **Open to all**

1.15pm-2.45pm: Stalls set up in the Cathedral Cloisters highlighting some of the lay ministries exercised across the Diocese.

3pm: **Affirmation of Lay Ministry Service with the Admission and Licensing of Readers**. A service recognising, affirming, celebrating and encouraging lay ministry.

Whether you're a children's minister, a foundation governor, a chaplain or serve as a welcomer, all lay people and the ordained people that support them are invited to this joyful gathering.

No booking required, turn up from 12.30pm and enjoy the afternoon of celebration!



The Heaven Preserve Us team have started preparing jams and chutneys for The Christmas Market at St James on 27th November. We are in need of a few ingredients, if you have any spare- quinces, marrows, kidney beans and cooking apples are on our list. If you have a glut of anything else I'm sure we could turn it into a tasty preserve.

Thank you, Rachel, Judith and Clare.

