



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

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**Services for Sunday 20th September 2026
Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity**

St James, Dursley

8am Said Holy Communion

Revd Juliet Jensen

10am **Songs of Praise**

Revd David Vonberg

St Giles, Uley

10am **Parish Holy Communion**

Revd Ian Gardner

Dursley Academy School

10am **Shine!**

Revd Juliet Jensen

Collect

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you;
and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do,
and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them;
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: Jonah 3: 10-4-end

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the Lord and said, 'O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.' And the Lord said, 'Is it right for you to be angry?' Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, 'It is better for me to die than to live.'

But God said to Jonah, 'Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?' And he said, 'Yes, angry enough to die.' Then the Lord said, 'You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labour and which you did not grow; it

came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?'

Psalm 145: 1-8

I will extol you, my God and King,
and bless your name for ever and ever.
Every day I will bless you,
and praise your name for ever and ever.
Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;
his greatness is unsearchable.
One generation shall laud your works to another,
and shall declare your mighty acts.
On the glorious splendour of your majesty,
and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.
The might of your awesome deeds shall be proclaimed,
and I will declare your greatness.
They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness,
and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.
The Lord is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
the Lord has compassion for those who fear him.

Second Reading: Philippians 1: 21-end

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well - since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 20: 1-16

'For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard." When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first." When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first

came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'

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 Mike Groom, John Gilbert, Jean Smetham, Kenneth Gubbins and Barbara Savage, recently departed, we remember their families and friends and all those who grieve.

A prayer for the confirmation candidates Matt Arkle, Mike Fraser, Kristy Fraser, Kate Vernon, Rob Marrow, Tracy Mason-Fayle, Claire Wass and Martin Gregory.

We give you thanks for accepting us into your kingdom through holy baptism. We pray that you show the paths to faith to our confirmation candidates, so that they daily might turn to you, and throughout their lives learn to know Jesus Christ.

Post Communion Prayer.

Almighty God,
you have taught us through your Son
that love is the fulfilling of the law:
grant that we may love you with our whole heart
and our neighbours as ourselves;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

This Week.

Tuesday 22nd September

2.30pm Communion at The Hollies care home

Wednesday 23rd September

5pm Wedding rehearsal at Holy Cross

6pm Evening prayer via Zoom

Thursday 24th September

9am Morning prayer at St James

10am Holy Communion at St James

1pm Jacob and Leah's wedding at Holy Cross

Friday 25th September

2pm Poetry Group at 9 Five Acres

Saturday 26th September

10.30pm Coffee, Cake and Music at St James

Services for 27th September Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

St Giles, Uley

10am Benefice Holy Communion, Baptism and Confirmation Service

St James, Dursley

6.30pm Choral Evensong

Evening prayer via Zoom is at 6pm.to join please use this login

Meeting ID: 811 3331 8043 Passcode: 346570

Safeguarding Officers

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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)

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 BARTHOLOMEW'S VILLAGE HALL,
NYMPFIELD

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

A collection will be made and
donated to
GARAS and The Food Bank

See list of essential items



Items needed-

Tea, coffee, sugar and biscuits for drop in; and toiletries (particularly sanitary towels). Any of these

Food, household goods and toiletries:

- tinned tomatoes
- tinned pasta
- rice
- tinned chickpeas
- tinned fish

- New or nearly new kettles, toasters & microwaves
- Other kitchen items, such as crockery, cutlery, saucepans
- Toiletries, including sanitary towels
- Educational materials for English classes:
- Pens
- Dictionaries:
- Arabic-English dictionary
- English-Farsi picture dictionary
- Amharic-English dictionary
- Tigrinya-English dictionary
- Oxford Essential Dictionary (aimed at those learning English also available on Ebay)
- English Ukrainian Bilingual Visual Dictionary

Rucksacks (daysacks)

Footballs, sizes 3, 4 and 5

Laptops & tablets: laptops and tablets.



Pastoral Care Training.

Local training for people who are involved in/or would like to become involved with pastoral visiting will be on: 22nd/23rd Oct & 5th/6th Nov.

Please let Clare know if you are interested.
ewelmeaparishoffice@gmail.com

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.**