



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

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**Services for Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2026  
Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity**

**St James, Dursley**

**10am** Parish Holy Communion  
*Canon Richard Morgan*

**St Bartholomew's, Nympsfield**

**10am** Together for Harvest  
*Revd Juliet Jensen*

**Collect**

Almighty and everlasting God,  
increase in us your gift of faith  
that, forsaking what lies behind  
and reaching out to that which is before,  
we may run the way of your commandments  
and win the crown of everlasting joy;  
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 5: 1-7**

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard:

My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill.  
He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with  
choice vines; he built a watch-tower in the midst of it,  
and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield  
grapes, but it yielded wild grapes.  
And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah,  
judge between me and my vineyard.

What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have  
not done in it?

When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild  
grapes?

And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard.  
I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured;  
I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down.  
I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed,  
and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns;  
I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain  
upon it.

For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of  
Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting;  
he expected justice, but saw bloodshed;  
righteousness, but heard a cry!

**Psalms 80: 8-17**

You brought a vine out of Egypt; you drove out the nations and  
planted it.

You cleared the ground for it; it took deep root and filled  
the land.

The mountains were covered with its shade, the mighty cedars  
with its branches; it sent out its branches to the sea, and its  
shoots to the River.

Why then have you broken down its walls, so that all  
who pass along the way pluck its fruit?

The boar from the forest ravages it, and all that move  
in the field feed on it.

Turn again, O God of hosts; look down from heaven,  
and see; have regard for this vine, the stock that your  
right hand planted.

They have burned it with fire, they have cut it down;  
may they perish at the rebuke of your countenance.  
But let your hand be upon the one at your right hand,  
the one whom you made strong for yourself.

**Second Reading: Philippians 3: 4b-14**

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the  
flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a  
member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of  
Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law,  
a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as  
to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to  
regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I  
regard everything as loss because of the surpassing  
value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake  
I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard  
them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and  
be found in him, not having a righteousness of my  
own that comes from the law, but one that comes  
through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God  
based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power  
of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings  
by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may  
attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already  
reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own,  
because Christ Jesus has made me his own.

Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my  
own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies  
behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I  
press on towards the goal for the prize of the  
heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

**Holy Gospel: Matthew 21: 33-end.**

'Listen to another parable. There was a landowner  
who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a  
wine press in it, and built a watch-tower. Then he  
leased it to tenants and went to another country.  
When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves  
to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants  
seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and  
stoned another. Again, he sent other slaves, more  
than the first; and they treated them in the same  
way. Finally, he sent his son to them, saying, "They  
will respect my son." But when the tenants saw the  
son, they said to themselves, "This is the heir; come,  
let us kill him and get his inheritance." So, they  
seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed  
him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes,  
what will he do to those tenants?' They said to him,  
'He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and  
lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him  
the produce at the harvest time.'

Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the  
scriptures: "The stone that the builders rejected has  
become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing,  
and it is amazing in our eyes"?'

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.' When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

### 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 and John Gilbert, recently departed, we remember their families and friends and all those who grieve.

### Post Communion Prayer.

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast: for here we receive you, here the memory of your passion is renewed, here our minds are filled with grace, and here a pledge of future glory is given, when we shall feast at that table where you reign with all your saints for ever.

**Amen**

### Safeguarding Officers

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### This Week.

#### **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October**

**6pm** Evening prayer via Zoom

#### **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October**

**9am** Morning prayer at St James

**10am** Holy Communion at St James

**11.15am** Communion at Henlow Court Care Home

#### **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October**

**4pm** Oktoberfest at Uley Brewery

#### **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October**

**9.30am** Sounds of Music sing at The Books

#### **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October**

**12noon** Harvest Lunch in the Parish Centre

### **Services for 11<sup>th</sup> October**

#### **Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity**

##### **St James, Dursley**

**10am** Harvest Holy Communion

**6.30pm** Choral Evensong

##### **St Giles, Uley**

**10am** Reflective Worship

Evening prayer via Zoom is at 6pm.to join please use this login  
Meeting ID: 811 3331 8043 Passcode: 346570

### Thursday Morning Communion

The children from the worship team at Dursley Academy School will be joining us on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> Oct to help lead the service of Holy Communion at 10am.

**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**

## **Fairtrade Event**

**on**

**Saturday 3rd October from 9 till 12**



**The event will include -**

- Fairtrade refreshments (tea, coffee and homemade cakes)
- An information stand
- A craft activity
- Traidcraft Christmas cards for sale at discount prices

**We will be happy to receive donations for the Fairtrade Foundation and Transform Trade.**



The next live stream is Sunday from St James.  
Link -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XfRUfGs6htQ>



Friends at Christmas' are looking for a cook to head up the kitchen team at the Methodist Church on Christmas Day. The cook will be responsible for cooking a Christmas lunch for up to 70 people. A team of volunteers is in place to help with procurement and preparation. For more details contact Nicky Yudin ( F@C coordinator) Mobile: 07999755138, Email: [harrowyudins@aol.com](mailto:harrowyudins@aol.com)

Many thanks  
Kind regards, Nicky

**Harvest Lunch at St James**

**12 noon Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2026**

**In the Parish Centre**

**Please volunteer if you can make a salad or a fruit pie**



**All are welcome**

# 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.



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## OPEN HOUSE

*Together we shine brightly  
because together we make a  
difference.*

### Pupil Led Tours

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October @10am  
Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November @10am  
Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December @10am

### Stay and Plays

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October @1130am  
Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December @1030am  
Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January @1030am

- ✓ Tour the school
- ✓ Meet the Headteacher and teachers
- ✓ Ask questions
- ✓ See the children learn



For more info:  
**01453 542304**



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**St Giles Church, Uley**  
presents

## Music for a Sunday Afternoon

featuring

**Bristol Trombone Collective**  
**Sunday 18th October**  
**at 3pm**

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

Donations welcome for Church Funds.

# 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](mailto:chrismorgan194@btinternet.com)

**Includes Ploughman's  
supper, please bring your  
own drinks.**



The confirmation service at St Giles, Uley  
on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2026