



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

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**Services for Sunday 11th October 2026
Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity**

St James, Dursley

10am Parish Harvest Festival Holy Communion

Revd Juliet Jensen

6.30pm Choral Evensong

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St Giles, Uley

10am Reflective Worship

Gill Holmes

Collect

Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; 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: Deuteronomy 8: 7-18

For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. You shall eat your fill and bless the Lord your God for the good land that he has given you.

Take care that you do not forget the Lord your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today. When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid waste-land with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. Do not say to yourself, 'My power and the might of my own hand have gained me this wealth.' But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

Psalms 23

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff - they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my

enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written, 'He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures for ever.'

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

Holy Gospel: Luke 12:16-30

Then he told them a parable: 'The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, "What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?" Then he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry." But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.'

He said to his disciples, 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them.'

Intercessions

We pray for those who are ill at this time or in other forms of need, especially those we know. We remember Bobbie, Bryan, 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 Beryl Luke recently departed, we remember her family and friends and all those who grieve.

Post Communion Prayer.

Lord of the harvest, with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom: by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us and make us generous and wise stewards of the good things we enjoy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

This Week.

Tuesday 13th October

2.30pm Communion at Holly Oak Care Home

Wednesday 14th October

6pm Evening prayer via Zoom

Thursday 15th October

9am Morning prayer at St James

10am Holy Communion at St James with the Children from Dursley Academy School

Sunday 18th October

3pm Bristol Trombone Collective concert at St Giles, Uley

Services for 18th October

Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

8am Said Holy Communion

10am Reflective Worship with Baptism

St Giles, Uley

10am Parish Holy Communion

Dursley Academy School

10am Shine!

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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 15th Oct to help lead the service of Holy Communion at 10am.

Please note this event is at the church NOT the Brewery



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.



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.



Quiz Night

24th October, 7pm



In aid of

Julius & Dora
Children's Centre

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 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

**October 31st Bernard West
(Oxford)**

Music at St James 2026

14 th Nov 7.30pm	Tyndale Choral Society Concert
28 th Nov 2pm	Dursley Rock and Pop Choir Concert
29 th Nov 6.30pm	Advent Carols
5 th Dec 5.30pm	Kim Wards' Pupils piano concert
7 th December 7pm	Sounds of Music Christmas Concert
16 th Dec 7pm	Tyndale Choral Society Christmas Concert
19 th Dec 10.30am	Shoppers' Carols
20 th Dec 6.30pm	Carol Service