

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

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**Services for Sunday 19th October 2025
Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity**

St James, Dursley

8am Said Holy Communion

Revd Ian Gardner

10am Reflective Worship

Revd David Vonberg and team

10am "Shine" Family service at Dursley

Academy School

Revd Juliet Jensen

St Giles, Uley

10am Parish Holy Communion

Revd Ian Gardner

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: Jeremiah 31: 27-34

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of humans and the seed of animals. And just as I have watched over them to pluck up and break down, to overthrow, destroy, and bring evil, so I will watch over them to build and to plant, says the Lord. In those days they shall no longer say: "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge." But all shall die for their own sins; the teeth of everyone who eats sour grapes shall be set on edge. The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt - a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Psalm 119: 97-104

Oh, how I love your law! It is my meditation all day long.
Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies, for it is always with me.

I have more understanding than all my teachers, for your decrees are my meditation.

I understand more than the aged, for I keep your precepts.
I hold back my feet from every evil way, in order to keep your word.

I do not turn away from your ordinances, for you have taught me.
How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!

Through your precepts I get understanding; therefore I hate every false way.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 3: 14-4.5

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

Holy Gospel: Luke 18: 1-8

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

Intercessions

We pray for those who are ill at this time or in other forms of need, especially those we know. We remember Jennifer, Albie, Carol, Sam, Jane 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 Diana Russell, recently departed, we pray for her family 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

Evening prayer via Zoom is on Wednesday at 6pm, to join please use this login - Link – Meeting ID: 811 3331 8043

This Week

Wednesday 22nd October

6pm Evening prayer via Zoom.

Thursday 23rd October

9am Morning Prayer at St James

10am Holy Communion at St James

Friday 24th October

11am Bellringers from Cardigan

Saturday 25th October

10.30am Coffee, Cake and Music, recital by Jonathan Hope at St James

Services for 26th October 2025
Last Sunday after Trinity

St James, Dursley

6.30pm Choral Evensong

St Giles, Uley

10am Benefice Holy Communion

Live Stream this Sunday -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P3b4JBWgUyI>

Names for all souls-

If you would like a loved one's name remembered at one of our All Souls Services on Sunday 2nd November at 4pm, please let me know or write it on the form at the back of church.

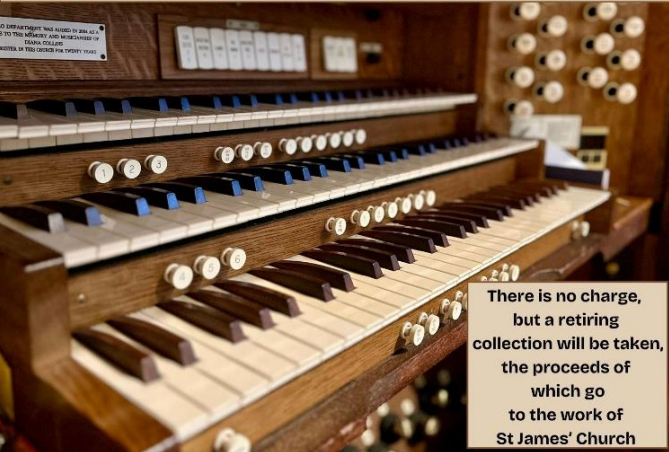
There will a service at St James and at St Giles.

Ewelme Benefice

St James the Great, Dursley Coffee, Cake and Music 2025

April 26th May 31 st June 28th July 26th August 30th September 27th October 25th	Nigel Davies Keith Hearnshaw Nigel Nash Pavlos Triantaris John Pennington Nigel Davies Jonathan Hope
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**Coffee and homemade cake will be served from 10.30am.
The music begins at 11am and last for 30-40 minutes**



There is no charge, but a retiring collection will be taken, the proceeds of which go to the work of St James' Church



DISCOVER SUSTAINABLE CHURCH FLOWERS

21 OCTOBER 10:30 AM

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£5 TO INCLUDE REFRESHMENTS

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Discover new ways to create floral displays that are kind to the environment. Join us to hear from Beth Bruce-Gardner, an ambassador for Sustainable Church Flowers, who will share practical, eco-friendly alternatives to floral foam and demonstrate an arrangement. This event is a chance to find inspiration, share ideas, and connect with other arrangers. Book your place
Breadbakerdanielle@gmail.com



ST JAMES-THE-GREAT DURSLEY



COME AND PLAY OUR SPLENDID ORGAN

Saturday 22nd November 2025 from 1.30pm to 3.30pm

Join us to hear - and play - our remarkable pipe organ, aka 'the King of Instruments'. There will be a short demonstration followed by the opportunity to play this remarkable instrument – open to all, regardless of musical experience or ability!

Part of the Royal College of Organists "Play the Organ Year"

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St James Church with

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BECOMING CHURCH TOGETHER

SHINE!

FRIENDSHIP PARTY

Sunday 19th October 2025
10am-11am

EVERYONE WELCOME



Refreshments



Games



Music

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