



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

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**Services for Sunday 1st November 2026
All Saints Day**

St Bartholomew's, Nympsfield

10am Parish Holy Communion
Canon Richard Morgan

St James, Dursley

10am Parish Holy Communion
Revd Juliet Jensen

4pm All Souls service of Remembering
Revd Ian Gardner

St Giles Uley

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Collect

Almighty God,
you have knit together your elect
in one communion and fellowship
in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord:
grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints
in all virtuous and godly living,
that we may come to those inexpressible joys
that you have prepared for those who truly love you;
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

Reading: Revelations 7: 9-end

I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, 'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!'
And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.'
Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?' I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.
For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

Psalms 34: 1-10

I will bless the Lord at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.
O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together.
I sought the Lord, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears.
Look to him, and be radiant; so your faces shall never be ashamed.
This poor soul cried, and was heard by the Lord, and was saved from every trouble.
The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them.
O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in him.
O fear the Lord, you his holy ones, for those who fear him have no want.
The young lions suffer want and hunger, but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.

Reading: 1 John 3: 1-3

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 5: 1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.'

Intercessions

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

Post Communion Prayer.

Lord of heaven,
in this eucharist you have brought us near
to an innumerable company of angels
and to the spirits of the saints made perfect:
as in this food of our earthly pilgrimage
we have shared their fellowship,
so may we come to share their joy in heaven;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Live stream link is

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HbODl0OtQqU>

This Week.

Tuesday 3rd November

8-9pm Bible Study group, via Zoom

Wednesday 4th November

10am Uley Fabric committee meeting

6pm Evening prayer via Zoom

Thursday 5th November

9am Morning prayer at St James

10am Holy Communion at St James

Friday 6th November

4pm Wedding rehearsal at Holy Cross

Saturday 7th November

10.30am Coffee, Cake and Music

12.30pm Wedding of Hattie and Jake at Holy Cross

Services for 8th November Remembrance Day

Wayside Memorial, Nympsfield

10.45am Act of Remembrance

St Giles, Uley

9am Said Holy Communion

9.45 Refreshments

10am Service of Remembrance

St James the Great, Dursley

10am Parish Holy Communion

3pm Remembrance Service

Live

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

Meeting ID: 811 3331 8043 Passcode: 346570

BIBLE STUDY COURSE

Some of the people who are recently confirmed would like to do some more learning and so we have decided to do the Bible Course which is produced by the Bible Society. They were keen that this should be opened up to anyone else who might want to do it too and give them a chance to meet and get to know others in the church.

It looks like a really interesting course for people who are both new to the Bible and those who know it well.

It will be held online via the Benefice Zoom link and will include a 30min video presentation and a chance for some discussion, or to simply listen to what others have to say!

Please could you contact me for zoom details.

The first four sessions will be on Tuesday evenings before Christmas

3rd Nov 8-9pm, 10th Nov 8-9pm, 1st Dec 8-9pm, 8th Dec 8-9pm

We will arrange the dates for the final four sessions when we meet in November, but we are expecting these to be held in January and February.

Here's a quote from a church that has run it:

We have people in our group who have been studying the Bible for decades and others who are new to it, ... it's accessible to everyone within the group.

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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)

**St James, Dursley
and
St Giles, Uley**



**All Souls Service
(Service of Remembering)**
**4pm on
1st November 2026**



A comforting time to have the space to
remember loved ones before God in the quiet
of a simple service and to be strengthened by
the reassurance of God's love and support.

If you wish a loved one's name to be read out
at either of the All Souls services of
remembering please let Clare know.

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Music that comforts, calms, suggests hope whilst acknowledging the tragedy of death - Charlotte Gardner, BBC

BRAHMS

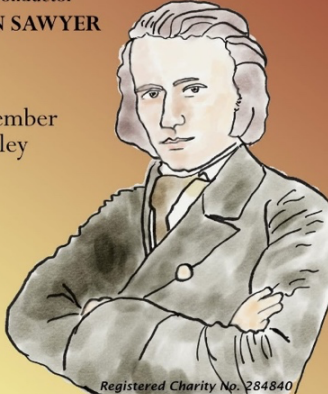
A GERMAN REQUIEM

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7pm Saturday 14th November
St James's Church, Dursley

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St Giles' Church, Uley

CHRISTMAS FAIR

Saturday 21st November
10am-2pm

Craft stalls
Gifts
Chocolate Tombola
Mulled Cider
Soup, Tea & Cake
Raffle

Proceeds for Church Funds

St Giles' Christmas Fair

Saturday 21st November 10-2

The following would be gratefully received.

Chocolate for Chocolate Tombola

Good quality items for gift stall and raffle

Jigsaws

There will be a box in the St Giles' Room for donations

And most importantly we would love to see you there.

Thank you.

Lost Property at St Giles.

A blue Tommy Hilfiger Baseball Cap and a New Look Cream Panama Hat with blue band. Please let me know if these are yours, they have been there for several weeks! *Marion Mills*

The Julius and Dora Quiz raised £500.00.

Thank you to Chris and Richard Morgan for their excellent organisation, those who helped with supper and those who attended. It was a fun evening.

Dursley Academy School's Christmas Fayre.

On Friday 4th December from 5-7pm.

The school are asking us to volunteer our time and help. They haven't got parents baking this year so if we could serve hot drinks and there is anyone who might like to bake some festive treats like mince pies or Christmas cake, that would be great.

Christmas Market at
St James, Dursley
Friday 27th November 2026
4-7pm

Church Stalls- Tombola, Water into Wine, Cakes, Preserves, Raffle, Scones, Mulled Wine etc.

Craft stalls - Photography, Lotions, Christmas decorations, Art, Knitted Items, Fabric Creations, Flowers & Wreaths, Recycled Christmas, and much, much more

Shopping local for your unique Christmas gifts

In conjunction with Dursley's Christmas lights switch on.

St James Christmas Market.

As usual we will need wine for the Choirs' Water into Wine Stall, Tombola prizes for the Bellringers stall, nicely decorated and boxed cakes for Cynthia and Anthea's cake stall. Helpers on the refreshments for serving teas and washing up. Someone to sell raffle tickets. The raffle will be drawn at the book stall on Saturday morning this year as there isn't enough time on the evening.

Please volunteer what you can as the church is usually packed with people from the town and your generous contributions of help, prizes and time make this event such a great success.