

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

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**Services for Sunday 9th November 2025
Remembrance Day**

St James, Dursley

10am

Parish Holy Communion

Canon Frances Wookey

3pm

Remembrance Day Service

Revd Juliet Jensen/Revd Fiona Crocker

St Giles, Uley

9.45am

Remembrance Day Service with Act of

Remembrance at 10.45am

Revd Juliet Jensen

Nympsfield War Memorial

10.45am

Wayside Act of Remembrance

Collect

Almighty Father,
whose will is to restore all things
in your beloved Son, the King of all:
govern the hearts and minds of those in authority,
and bring the families of the nations,
divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin,
to be subject to his just and gentle rule;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen

First Reading: Job 19: 23-27a

'O that my words were written down!
O that they were inscribed in a book!
O that with an iron pen and with lead they were engraved
on a rock for ever!
For I know that my Redeemer lives, and that at the last he
will stand upon the earth; and after my skin has been thus
destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall
see on my side, and my eyes shall behold,
and not another.'

Psalm 17: 1-8

Hear a just cause, O Lord; attend to my cry; give ear to my
prayer from lips free of deceit.
From you let my vindication come; let your eyes see
the right.
If you try my heart, if you visit me by night, if you test me,
you will find no wickedness in me; my mouth does
not transgress.
As for what others do, by the word of your lips I have
avoided the ways of the violent.
My steps have held fast to your paths; my feet have
not slipped.
I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God; incline
your ear to me, hear my words.
Wondrously show your steadfast love, O saviour of those
who seek refuge from their adversaries at your right hand.

Guard me as the apple of the eye; hide me in the shadow
of your wings.

Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 2: 1-5, 13-end

As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being
gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters,
not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or
by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the
day of the Lord is already here. Let no one deceive you in any
way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first
and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for
destruction. He opposes and exalts himself above every so-
called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the
temple of God, declaring himself to be God. Do you not
remember that I told you these things when I was still with
you?

But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and
sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the
first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and
through belief in the truth. For this purpose he called you
through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may
obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers
and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you
were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.
Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father,
who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and
good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every
good work and word.

Holy Gospel: Luke 20: 27-38

Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection,
came to him and asked him a question, 'Teacher, Moses
wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but
no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up
children for his brother. Now there were seven brothers;
the first married, and died childless; then the second and
the third married her, and so in the same way all seven
died childless. Finally the woman also died. In the
resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For
the seven had married her.'

Jesus said to them, 'Those who belong to this age marry
and are given in marriage; but those who are considered
worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from
the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. Indeed
they cannot die any more, because they are like angels
and are children of God, being children of the resurrection.
And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself
showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of
the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and
the God of Jacob. Now he is God not of the dead, but of
the living; for to him all of them are alive.'

Intercessions

We pray for those who are ill at this time or in other forms of
need, especially those we know. We remember Christine,
Jennifer, 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 Pam Bartlett, Kath Newman and Elliot Gilfoyle,
Recently departed, we pray for their families and friends and
all those who grieve.

Post Communion Prayer.

God of peace,
whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom
and restored the broken to wholeness of life:
look with compassion on the anguish of the world,
and by your healing power
make whole both people and nations;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Evening prayer via Zoom is on Wednesday at 6pm, to join please use this login - Link – Meeting ID: 811 3331 8043 Passcode: 346570

This Week

Tuesday 11th November

7.30pm PCC Dursley at St James

Wednesday 12th November

6pm Evening prayer via Zoom.

Thursday 13th November

9am Morning prayer at St James

10am Holy Communion at St James

11.15am Communion at Henlow Court

Saturday 15th November

9-12noon Bring and Take Event at St James

7.30pm Tyndale Choral Society Concert at St James

Services for 16th November 2025
2nd Sunday before Advent

St James, Dursley

8am Said Holy Communion

10am Service of the Word

Dursley Academy CE School

10am Shine! Family Service

St Giles, Uley

10am Parish Holy Communion

BECOMING CHURCH TOGETHER
With St James Church, Dursley; Sportly and Dursley Academy CE School

SHINE!

Family Service

10am Sunday 16th November 2025

EVERYONE WELCOME



Refreshments



Games



Music

Venue:
Dursley CE Primary Academy, School Rd, Dursley GL11 4NZ

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY
ST GILES, ULEY
9TH NOVEMBER AT 10.30

THE SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE
WILL START IN THE CHURCH AND
THEN MOVE TO
THE WAR MEMORIAL

WE WILL BE SERVING TEA AND
COFFEE FROM 9.45am
PLEASE JOIN US
ALL ARE WELCOME.



Nympsfeld War Memorial

10.45am on Sunday
9th November

Act of Worship to Remember
the Fallen of World Wars and
Conflict.

Lest We Forget

Remembrance Day Service

Sunday 9th November 3pm

St James the Great, Dursley

All Welcome

EWELME BENEFICE

ST GILES, ULEY CHRISTMAS FAIR

Date – Saturday 22nd November.
Venue – St Giles Church
Time – 11am-3pm
**An opportunity to buy local
handcrafted items.**
**Grand Raffle, Tombola, Soup,
Gluhwein, Good Company & much
more!**

**For more information please contact
Gill Holmes or Prue Vernon**

Please can you volunteer to help with the setting up of the Christmas fair.

Help with refreshments and ideas of things to do.

We also need good raffle prizes.

Many thanks, Gill and Prue

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”**

Calling Crafty People

We would like to transform our old church candles into decorated candles for Christmas to sell at our Christmas Fair on the 22nd November.

Do please come and help us – suggested times 10 – 12 on the Monday mornings 10th and 17th November in Uley church. All ages welcome, there are toys for young ones and hot drinks.

If you have fir cones, glitter, spray paint, ivy, ribbon etc that we could use please bring them, there will be some stuff provided but variety is inspirational – also a few newspapers to protect the floor.

Hope to see you on Monday morning
Prue Vernon

Please can you volunteer to help with the Christmas Market.

Help is needed with refreshments, please.

The bellringers need tombola prizes and the choir need bottles of wine for their stall.

Cynthia will need beautifully presented cakes for the cake stall. Last year was a great success with your donations and we'd like to be able to achieve this again.

Many thanks, Clare & Anne.



**CHRISTMAS MARKET AT
ST JAMES, DURSLEY**
FRIDAY 28TH NOVEMBER 2025
4-7PM

Tombola, Water into Wine, Cakes, Preserves, Raffle, Scones, Mulled Wine

Craft stalls - Photography, Lotions, Christmas decorations, Art, Knitted items, Fabric creations, Flowers & wreaths, Recycled Christmas, and much, much more. A chance to start your Christmas shopping locally with unique gifts.

In conjunction with Dursley's Christmas lights switch on.



T4U
Shoe Box Appeal 2025

The shoeboxes will be heading to Ukraine, Moldova, Georgia, Bosnia and Romania. T4U work with in country partners like the Red Cross to help us find children that are most in need.

Suggested items for boxes -

For boys or girls: Toothbrush & toothpaste, hair accessories/brush, soap & face cloth, stationery & paper, gloves, hat & scarf, new socks/underwear, a soft toy, game, puzzle, small musical instruments, toy vehicles, small ball, sweets (use by date from June), a photo and message from yourself.

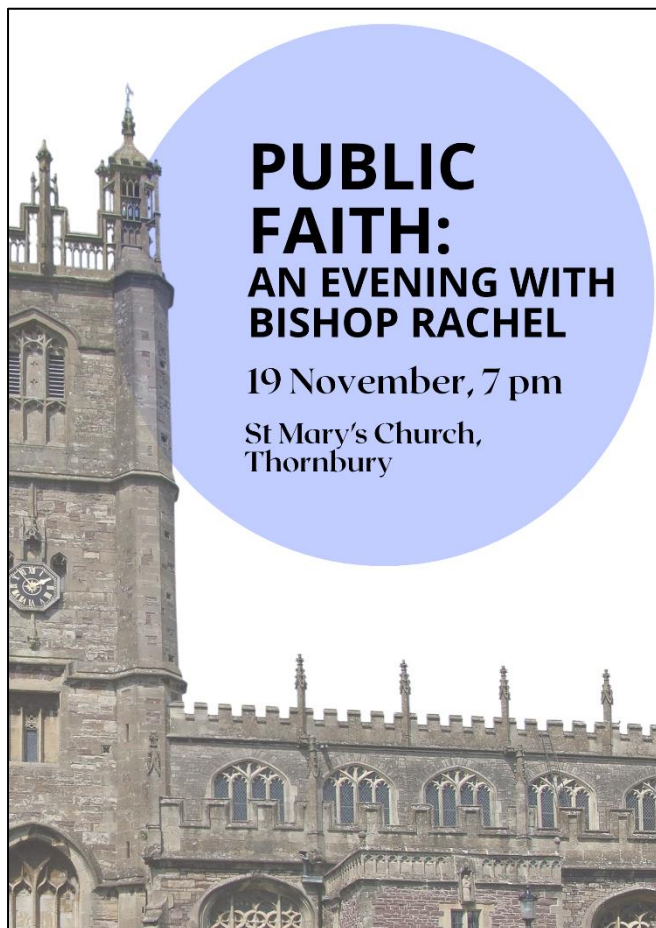
The Home box: Candles, cooking utensils, plastic containers, t-towels, washing up cloths, hairbrush, small toiletries, bowls & cups, small decoration, soap, clothes pegs, headscarves, new socks and underwear, jewellery, new makeup.

The boxes need to be returned by 16th November.

The cost of the delivery is £3.50, please put in the envelope provided. Caroline Marrow has leaflets or you can download your own - link - <https://teams4u.com/shoebox-resources/>

There are some ready wrapped empty boxes in the Parish Centre.





PUBLIC FAITH: AN EVENING WITH BISHOP RACHEL

19 November, 7 pm

**St Mary's Church,
Thornbury**

The Bishop is visiting the deanery on 19th November.

The day will include time with clergy and churchwardens, as well as a school visit.

The day concludes with an open meeting to which you are all invited.

Titled: Public Faith - an evening with Bishop Rachel.

A chance to ask the bishops about all kinds of things, such as prisons, same-sex marriage, Palestine-Israel, assisted dying, political divisions...



St James The Great, Dursley
Christmas
Carvery
Saturday
13th December
Parish Centre
from 12 noon

Hello! I am writing on behalf of GL11 Community Hub, the only cradle to grave community organisation serving Cam, Gloucestershire, and surrounding areas. Our mission is to reduce isolation, increase employability, improve wellbeing and bring people together. With a monthly footfall of 2,125 people, 98% report improved health and wellbeing after engaging with GL11. It's fast approaching and we are preparing for Christmas. Building on a successful pilot last year, we will offer a 'build your own hamper' service, whereby people can come in and choose a selection of items to box up and take home. I am reaching out to local organisations, groups and supporters of GL11 to ask whether you are doing any kind of Christmas collection and might consider donating any Christmas items to us for this purpose. We will be offering the hampers in the week of 15th December and can arrange pickups of stock beforehand if that's needed. Items we would be looking to offer would include: - Christmas food (meats, cheeses, sides, vegetables, pudding) - Snacks and treats (chocolates, biscuits, sweets, crisps) - Toiletries (gift sets, hair and body care, candles, soaps) - Crafts/ gifts (art materials, books, small toys, kits) Thank you, Naomi Richards.