



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

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Services for Sunday 11th January 2026
Baptism of Christ

St James, Dursley

10am Parish Holy Communion
Canon Frances Wookey

6.30pm Epiphany Carols
Revd Juliet Jensen

St Giles, Uley

10am 2nd Sunday Special Service –
Exploring Baptism
Revd Juliet Jensen

Collect

Eternal Father,
who at the baptism of Jesus
revealed him to be your Son,
anointing him with the Holy Spirit:
grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit,
that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted
children;
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 42: 1-9

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom
my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will
bring forth justice to the nations.

He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the
street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly
burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring
forth justice.

He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has
established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for
his teaching.

Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and
stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what
comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and
spirit to those who walk in it: I am the Lord, I have called
you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and
kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people,
a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the
prison those who sit in darkness.

I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to idols.

See, the former things have come to pass, and new things
I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

Psalm 29

Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord
glory and strength.

Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name; worship the Lord in
holy splendour.

The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory
thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters.

The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full
of majesty.

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars; the Lord breaks the
cedars of Lebanon.

He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young
wild ox.

The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.

The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes
the wilderness of Kadesh.

The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the
forest bare; and in his temple all say, 'Glory!'

The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits
enthroned as king for ever.

May the Lord give strength to his people!

May the Lord bless his people with peace!

Second Reading: Acts 10: 34-43

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that
God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears
him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the
message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by
Jesus Christ - he is Lord of all. That message spread
throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that
John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with
the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good
and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was
with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea
and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a
tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to
appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by
God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he
rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the
people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as
judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about
him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of
sins through his name.'

Holy Gospel: Matthew 3: 13-end

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to
be baptized by him. John would have prevented him,
saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to
me?' But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now; for it is
proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.' Then
he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as
he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were
opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending
like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven
said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well
pleased.'

Intercessions

We pray for those who are ill at this time or in other forms of
need, especially those we know. We remember Caroline, Ian,
Keith, Kath, Ann, 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 give thanks for the life of Dr Mary Wotton and Hector
Barrett, recently departed, and we pray for their families and
friends and all those who grieve..

Post Communion Prayer.

Lord of all time and eternity,
you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father
in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son:
by the power of your Spirit
complete the heavenly work of our rebirth
through the waters of the new creation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

This Week.

Tuesday 13th January

2pm Communion at Holly Oak Care Home
7.30pm PCC Dursley, at St James

Wednesday 14th January

6pm Evening prayer via Zoom.

Thursday 15th January

9am Morning prayer at St James
10am Holy Communion at St James
11.15am Communion at Henlow Court

Saturday 17th January

9am Bring and Take event at St James, Dursley
7pm Quiz in St James Parish Centre

Sunday 18th January

3pm "It's Bonkers" 4 piece band concert at St Giles, Uley

Services for 18th January 2026 2nd Sunday of Epiphany

St James, Dursley

8am Said Holy Communion
10am Reflective Worship – "Grace is Quite Amazing"
10am Shine! Family worship at Dursley Academy School

St Giles, Uley

10am Parish Holy Communion

Need winter clothing? Had a New Year clear out?
St James' Eco-Church with Dursley Freecycle present

FREE STUFF BRING & TAKE

Saturday 17th January 2026

St. James' Church, Dursley 9.00am – 12 noon
Alongside the regular free book stall

TOYS * GAMES * CLOTHES * SHOES * BEDDING
BRIC-A-BRAC * HOUSEHOLD GOODS * GIFTS * CRAFT



Please bring items in a CLEAN and USABLE state. Leftover items may be posted on the Freecycle website or donated to local charity shops etc. We cannot accept electrical goods or knives, sorry

Next events: 21st March 2026, 16th May 2026



Don't throw it away;
Give it away with Freecycle



St James the Great, Dursley

Epiphany Carol Service

6.30pm

Sunday 11th January 2026



Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the
glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

Isaiah 60: 1

Quiz Night

17th January, 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

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

St Giles Church, Uley

Sunday Music at

St Giles

“It’s Bonkers”

4 piece Band

Sunday 18th January

3pm

Free, informal concert in church followed by tea, cake & a chance to chat
Donations welcome

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