



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

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**Services for Sunday 25th January 2026
3rd Sunday of Epiphany**

St James, Dursley

10am Benefice Holy Communion
Revd Juliet Jensen

St George's, Upper Cam

6pm Service of Prayer for Christian Unity
Revd Fiona Crocker & Revd David Vonberg

Collect

Almighty God,
whose Son revealed in signs and miracles
the wonder of your saving presence:
renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your mighty power;
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 9: 1-4

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish.
In the former time he brought into contempt the land of
Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he
will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the
Jordan, Galilee of the nations.
The people who walked in darkness have seen a great
light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness - on them
light has shined.
You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as
people exult when dividing plunder.
For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their
shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as
on the day of Midian.

Psalms 27 1, 4-12

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I
be afraid?
One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after:
to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,
to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in
His temple.
For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me
high on a rock.
Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me,
and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make melody to the Lord.
Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and
answer me!
'Come,' my heart says, 'seek his face!' Your face, Lord,

do I seek.

Do not hide your face from me.

Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been
my help.

Do not cast me off, do not forsake me, O God of my salvation!
If my father and mother forsake me, the Lord will take me up.
Teach me your way, O Lord, and lead me on a level path
because of my enemies.

Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries, for false
witnesses have risen against me, and they are breathing
out violence.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1: 10-18

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our
Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you should be in agreement and
that there should be no divisions among you, but that you
should be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For
it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are
quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is
that each of you says, 'I belong to Paul', or 'I belong to
Apollos', or 'I belong to Cephas', or 'I belong to Christ.' Has
Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you
baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized
none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say
that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the
household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I
baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize
but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so
that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.
For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who
are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of
God.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 4: 12-23

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he
withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home
in Capernaum by the lake, in the territory of Zebulun and
Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the
prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:
'Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea,
across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles - the people
who sat in darkness have seen a great light,
and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death
light has dawned.'
From that time Jesus began to proclaim, 'Repent, for the
kingdom of heaven has come near.'
As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers,
Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother,
casting a net into the lake - for they were fishermen. And
he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fish for
people.' Immediately they left their nets and followed him.
As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James
son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their
father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them.
Immediately they left the boat and their father, and
followed him.
Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their
synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the
kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness
among the people.

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 Richard Graham, Eleanor Brewer and Hector Barrett, recently departed, and we pray for their families and friends and all those who grieve.

Post Communion Prayer.

Almighty Father,
whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world:
may your people,
illumined by your word and sacraments,
shine with the radiance of his glory,
that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed
to the ends of the earth;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.
Amen

This Week.

Tuesday 27th January

2pm Communion at the Hollies care home

Wednesday 28th January

1pm Hector Barrett's Funeral at St James

6pm Evening prayer via Zoom.

Thursday 29th January

9am Morning prayer at St James

10am Holy Communion at St James

Richard Graham's funeral at St James

**Services for 1st February 2026
Presentation of Christ**

St James, Dursley

10am Parish Holy Communion

St Bartholomew's, Nympsfield

10am Parish Holy Communion

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

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This month the Poetry Group will meet on 23rd January at 9 Five Acres.

**Sunday January 25th 6pm
SERVICE FOR
THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR
CHRISTIAN UNITY
COME & SING!**

**All welcome to join an Ecumenical Scratch Choir
Rehearsal at 4.30pm on Jan 25th**

St George's Upper Cam GL11 5PQ

Led by Revd Fiona Crocker Preacher: Revd David Vonberg



Churches Together are putting a "Scratch Choir" together for the service at St George's, Upper Cam on 25th January. If you'd like to join rehearsals are on Sunday 25th at 4.30pm, the service will start at 6pm All are welcome.

QUIZ NIGHT



**7th February 7 pm
for 7.30 pm start
Uley Village Hall**

Teams of 6. £10 per person including light refreshments
Bar and Raffle Prizes

Friends of St Giles raising money to refurbish a room in the Church for Church and Community Use.

To book tickets: marionmills@btinternet.com 01453 861001

LENT 2026 A CLOUD OF WITNESSES



**All the services take
place at 6.00pm
at different churches**

**A series of
Ecumenical
Evening Services
reflecting on some
of the great people
of the faith in the
past centuries, and
what they can
say to us today**

22nd February
"William Tyndale"
St George's Cam
GL11 5PQ

1st March
"George Whitefield"
Dursley Tab
GL11 4LW

8th March
"Thomas Merton"
The Quarry Chapel
GL11 6JA

15th March
"Mother Julian of
Norwich"
**Dursley Methodist
Church GL11 4BS**

22nd March
"St Benedict"
St Dominic's
GL11 4ES

**Don't forget the
Walk of Witness on
Good Friday
3rd April**

Please
volunteer to
Cynthia or
Anthea if you
can help wash
up, serve,
waiter, make
soup or cake.

Light Lent Lunches 2026 **Starting on 23rd February, from 12 noon** **in St James Parish Centre, Dursley.**

**Soup, bread, cake and tea or coffee will be
served each Monday during Lent.**

All are welcome.

**All donations will be donated
to our nominated charities.**

