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## **Services for Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2024**

### **Advent Sunday**

#### **St James**

**10am** Parish Holy Communion  
*Canon Richard Morgan/Revd David Vonberg*

**6.30pm** Advent Carol Service  
*Revd Juliet Jensen*

#### **St Bartholomew's**

**10am** Parish Holy Communion  
*Revd Juliet Jensen/Revd Ian Gardner*

#### **Blessing of the Advent Wreath**

Almighty God our heavenly Father, as we prepare to celebrate the coming of your Son among us, we ask that you will bless this Advent wreath. May it help us to remember the saving events which, through your love, brought your Son into the world for us all.

#### **Lighting The 1<sup>st</sup> Candle on the Advent Wreath**

*Today our candle reminds us of the Patriarchs – characters of the Old Testament such as Abraham and David.*

#### **Prayer**

God of Abraham and Sarah, and all the patriarchs of old, you are our Father too.  
Your love is revealed to us in Jesus Christ.  
Son of God and Son of David.

Help us in preparing to celebrate his birth to make our hearts ready for your Holy Spirit to make his home among us.

We ask this through Jesus Christ,  
the light who is coming into the world.

**Amen**

*The first candle is lit and then we pray:*

**Lord Jesus, Light of the world, born in David's city of Bethlehem, born like him to be a king: be born in our hearts this Christmas, be king of our lives today.**  
**Amen.**

#### **Collect**

Almighty God,  
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness  
and to put on the armour of light,  
now in the time of this mortal life,  
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great  
humility; that on the last day,  
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty  
to judge the living and the dead,  
we may rise to the life immortal;  
through him who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

**Amen**

#### **First Reading: Jeremiah 33: 14-16**

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

#### **Psalm 25: 1-9**

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame;  
do not let my enemies exult over me.

Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame; let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.  
Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.

Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O Lord!

Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.

#### **Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3: 9-end**

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

#### **Holy Gospel: Luke 21: 25-36**

'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.'

Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.'

'Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

## Intercessions

We pray for those who are ill at this time or in other forms of need, especially those we know. We remember Chris, Sam, Jane, Paul, Edward, Liz, John, Mary, Thelma, Ben, Paul, Phyllida, Ann, Bobbie, Les, Paul, Derek, Julie, Robert, David, Rita, Norma, Joan, Marion, Rose, Francis, Sue, Tina, Lottie, Rory, Tommie, Carol and Jenny. Be with them in their suffering, support and comfort them and give them peace of mind in times of trouble.'

We ask for your prayers for Jenny Blease, Pauline Thomas, and Pat Brett, recently departed. We pray for their families and friends and all those who grieve.

## Post-communion prayer

O Lord our God,  
make us watchful and keep us faithful  
as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;  
that, when he shall appear,  
he may not find us sleeping in sin  
but active in his service  
and joyful in his praise;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## Morning and Evening Prayer in December

Morning prayer on via Zoom on Wednesday at 8.45am

Morning prayer in person at 9am on Thursdays in St James

Evening Prayer Wednesday at 6pm via Zoom

Zoom Meeting ID: 893 3298 0143 Passcode: 899154

## Service Sheet for Worship at Home

If you are unable to join the Sunday services, please do make use of the reflective service for use at home alongside the prayers and readings for the day which can be found on this pew sheet. If you would like a copy please contact the office [ewelmeeparishoffice@gmail.com](mailto:ewelmeeparishoffice@gmail.com)

**Live Stream this week, 1<sup>st</sup> December will be from St James, Dursley.**

### This Week

#### Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> December

10am Staff Meeting in The Parish Centre

#### Weds 4<sup>th</sup> December

8.45am Morning prayer via Zoom

6pm Evening prayer via Zoom

#### Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> December

9am Morning Prayer in St James

10am Holy Communion at St James

#### Sat 7<sup>th</sup> December

10am-1pm Bellringing at St James

5.30pm Christmas Concert at St James- Kim Ward's pupils.

## Services for 8<sup>th</sup> December

### Advent Sunday

#### St James

10am Parish Holy Communion

#### St Giles

10am Parish Holy Communion

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## Pastoral Care

Please let Revd Juliet, Chris Raffle (01453 545684 or 07517 380772), or Revd Jane Wood (07983 623525) know of those who need to be contacted or are in hospital and we will get in touch. Moya Wallis (01453 861675) and Pat Jones (860696) are happy to be contacted for Uley, Owlpen and Nympsfield.

You can also contact Clare in The Parish office-  
[ewelmebenefice@gmail.com](mailto:ewelmebenefice@gmail.com) 01453 549280



Friends of St Giles Church, Uley

# Words and Music for a Winter Afternoon

*A light hearted entertainment  
with seasonal readings and music  
followed by refreshments  
and a chance to chat.*

## Sunday 1st December

### 3pm

**Admission free**  
Donations for the upkeep of the  
Church building welcome

**Quiz Night-** Christine Morgan has sent £450 to The Julius and Dora Orphanage. Thanks to everyone who came, helped and/or donated. God willing, the quizzes will be back in the Spring.

Dursley PCC wish to donate to 4 charities in 2025, to nominate a charity please email Clare - [ewelmeeparishoffice@gmail.com](mailto:ewelmeeparishoffice@gmail.com) or leave your nomination on the form at the back of Church Please let her know information about the charity by 6<sup>th</sup> January 2024

## New Boiler at St James

Since September 2023 when our boiler was condemned we have been without heating in the church. Having explored alternatives the only feasible solution is a replacement gas boiler. We are just waiting for the necessary permissions but will need to raise £50k to meet the costs of this option. If you can help, please contact our parish office [ewelmeeparishoffice@gmail.com](mailto:ewelmeeparishoffice@gmail.com)

or make a donation

Sending cash or cheque:

Make payable to

“PCC DURSLEY FABRIC FUND”

With reference

“BOILER” written on the back

Send to St James Parish office

Silver Street

Dursley

GL11 4NA

Transferring a donation by BACS

To: PCC Dursley Fabric Fund

AC NO; 02391693

SORT CODE;30-98-29

Reference “Boiler”



St James The Great, Dursley

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Christmas  
Carvery  
Saturday  
14th December

Parish Centre  
from 12 noon

Donations will  
be very welcome

SHOPPERS' CAROLS

St James The Great, Dursley

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Saturday  
21st  
December  
11am

FESTIVE REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE



# Christmas in The Ewelme Benefice 2024



## **1st December**

6.30pm Advent Carols at St James, Dursley

## **14th December**

12noon Christmas Carvery at St James Parish Centre

## **15th December**

7pm Beer & Carols at the Market Place, Dursley

## **18th December**

6pm Carols & Christingle at St Bartholomew's, Nympsfield

## **20th December**

6pm Carols by Candlelight at Holy Cross, Owlpen

## **21st December**

11am Shoppers Carols at St James

## **22nd December**

6.30pm Carols by Candlelight at St James, Dursley

## **24th December**

4pm Crib & Christingle Service at St James, Dursley

4pm Crib & Christingle service at St Giles, Uley

11pm Midnight Mass at St James

## **25th December**

8am Said Holy Communion at St James, Dursley

10am Parish Holy Communion at St James, Dursley

10am Parish Holy Communion at St Giles, Uley

*Everyone is very welcome at any of the services.*

