



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

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**Services for Sunday 9th March 2025
First Sunday of Lent**

St James Parish Centre

10am Parish Holy Communion
Canon Richard Morgan

St Giles

10am Parish Holy Communion
Revd Juliet Jensen

Dursley Tabernacle

4pm Churches Together Lent Service

Collect

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness,
and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:
give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit;
and, as you know our weakness,
so may we know your power to save;
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: Deuteronomy 26: 1-11

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, 'Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.' When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into

this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.' You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

Psalm 91: 1-11

It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to your name, O Most High; to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night, to the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre.

For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work; at the works of your hands I sing for joy.

How great are your works, O Lord!

Your thoughts are very deep!

The dullard cannot know, the stupid cannot understand this: though the wicked sprout like grass and all evildoers flourish, they are doomed to destruction for ever, but you, O Lord, are on high for ever.

For your enemies, O Lord, or your enemies shall perish; all evildoers shall be scattered.

But you have exalted my horn like that of the wild ox; you have poured over me fresh oil.

My eyes have seen the downfall of my enemies;

my ears have heard the doom of my evil assailants.

Second Reading: Romans 10: 8b - 13

If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.' For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

Holy Gospel: Luke 4: 1-13

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished.

The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone."'

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, 'To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."'

Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."'

Jesus answered him, 'It is said, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."' When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Intercessions

We pray for those who are ill at this time or in other forms of need, especially those we know. We remember Tony, Carol John, Sam, Jane, Paul, Edward, Ben, Paul, Phyllida

and Rita. 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 Don Binns, Pauline Martin, Valerie Ford and Carol Thomas, recently departed. We pray for their families and friends and all those who grieve.

We pray for Roland & Ruth; Lucy & Alex; Damien & Lauren; James & Rebecca; George & Chloe and Max & Georgina as we read their Banns of Marriage in preparation for their weddings in the coming months.

Post-communion prayer

Lord God,
you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven;
by it you nourish our faith,
increase our hope,
and strengthen our love:
teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread,
and enable us to live by every word
that proceeds from out of your mouth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

This Week

Tues 11th March

10.30am Lent Prayer Course at Dursley Methodist
7.30pm Methodist Lent House group

Weds 12th March

2-4pm Ageing Gracefully Course at St George's,
Upper Cam
6pm Evening Prayer via Zoom

Thurs 13th March

9am Morning Prayer in The Parish Centre
10am Holy Communion in The Parish Centre
7.30pm "Difference" Lent Course via Zoom

Friday 14th March

12pm Light Lent Lunch in The Parish Centre,
Dursley

Sunday 16th March

3pm Butchers Uke's Concert at St Giles

Services for 16th March 2025 Second Sunday of Lent

St James Parish Centre, Dursley

8am Said Holy Communion
10am Reflective Worship "Today I Believe".

St Giles, Uley

10am Parish Holy Communion

St George's, Upper Cam

4pm Churches Together Lent Service

Pastoral Care

Please let Revd Juliet (07776910890) 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 07778842060

No Live Stream this week, the next will be from St Giles on 16th March.

Collection of information for Ewelme Benefice Communications and New Electoral Roll 2025

From 9th March – 13th April, please can you either fill in a paper form or an electronic form for the collection of your data, so that The Ewelme Benefice has consent to communicate with you and apply to be added to the Parish Electoral Roll.

2025 is a renewal year for all church electoral rolls. Every PCC must remove all names from the roll and invite individuals to reapply, regardless of recent local electoral roll renewals.

Ideally The Ewelme Benefice would like to collect your data electronically, there is a QR code you can scan, which links you to the online form, there is also an online link.

If you find it difficult using technology or you haven't got access to an android or iPhone; an electronic tablet or a laptop/computer, then there will be access after church services or for support. It is much simpler to add the information online as the data is added to a spreadsheet automatically, this saves time and is more accurate for administration.

Your personal information will only be used by The Ewelme Benefice for communication purposes, it will not be shared.



St James

Data Collection & Electoral Roll

Hold your phone's camera over the QR code
and click on the prompt to the online form



Uley with Nympsfield and Owlpen

Data Collection & Electoral Roll

Hold your phone's camera over the QR code
and click on the prompt to the online form

****Please be sure to use the correct QR Code for the Parish Electoral Roll you wish to be included on****



New Boiler at St James Update

Merrett Heating Ltd have started to install the new boilers at St James. They have estimated that it will take 3-4 weeks to install. Therefore we will still hold our services in The Parish Centre for the time being.

Ageing Gracefully Course at St George's, Upper Cam.

You are invited to join in with the Ageing Gracefully course. It starts on **March 5th and will run for 6 weeks from 2pm to 4pm, during Lent.** The course is led by Ian Donald, a retired Doctor and Christian. It is designed for those who are ready to confront the process of ageing, blending medical expertise with biblical insight and practical Christian wisdom. For more information please look at this link, <https://gloucester.anglican.org/2024/ageing-gracefully-course-practical-theology-of-later-life/>

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LENT SERVICES ON THE BEATITUDES



**SUNDAYS
AT 4PM
DURING LENT**

ALL WELCOME


MAR 9th - DURSLEY TAB URC GL11 4BW

MAR 16th - ST GEORGE'S CAM GL11 5PQ

MAR 23rd - ST GILES ULEY GL11 5SN


MAR 30th - DURSLEY METHODIST GL11 4BS

APRIL 6th - ST BART'S CAM GL11 5JX



The Ewelme Benefice

The power of faith
in a conflicted world



Lent Study Course

A Church of England course on the theme of difference and how we work with that in our faith and in our contemporary world.

The five themes:

- 1 God's call
- 2 Crossing divides
- 3 Navigating disagreement
- 4 Practising forgiveness
- 5 Risking hope

Via Zoom on Thursday evenings on 13th, 20th 27th March, 3rd and 10th April.
7.30pm and lasting about an hour to an hour and a half.

Zoom Details-ID: 893 3298 0143
Passcode: 899154

For more details please contact David Vonberg - revdavidvonberg@gmail.com

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Light Lent Lunches 2025

**Starting on 7th March, from 12 noon
in St James Parish Centre, Dursley.**

**Soup, bread and tea or coffee will be served
each Friday during Lent.
All are welcome.**

All donations will be donated
to our nominated charities
(James Hopkins Trust, Julius and
Dora Orphanage, Medecins Sans
Frontiere, Longfield Hospice).




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St Giles Church, Uley
presents
**Music for a
Sunday Afternoon**
featuring
**The Butcher's Ukes
Ukelele Group**
**Sunday 16th March
3pm**
A free informal concert in church
followed by refreshments & a chance to chat
Donations welcome for the upkeep of the church

**LENT PRAYER
COURSE** 6 SESSIONS
LED BY
REVD JIMMY
CULLINGFORD



MEETING EACH TUESDAY
STARTING 4TH MARCH

10.30am DURSLEY METHODIST
CHURCH
7.30pm HOUSE GROUP

for more details contact
Revd Jimmy Cullingford
01453 542565

The Prayer Course is an six-week journey through the Lord's Prayer, with 24-7 Prayer founder Pete Greig and co-host Poppy Williams.

Each session includes a video, a guide for small group discussion and practical ideas for prayer.

The Prayer Course is based on Pete Greig's book How To Pray: A Simple Guide for Normal People.

Ewelme Benefice

**St James The Great, Dursley
Coffee, Cake and Music 2025**

April 26th	Claire Hobbs
May 31st	Keith Hearnshaw
June 28th	Martin Bell
July 26th	Pavlos Triantaris
August 30th	John Pennington
September 27th	Nigel Davies
October 25th	Jonathan Hope

Coffee and homemade cake will be served from 10.30am.
The music begins at 11am and last for 30-40 minutes



There is no charge, but a retiring collection will be taken, the proceeds of which go to the work of St James' Church

Le Swing

French Cafe Music
Uley Village Hall
29th March 7.30 for 8pm.
Ticket £12 to include Cheese and Biscuits
Licenced Bar.



On behalf of The Friends of St Giles

Monday April 7, 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm

Monday 7 April – Monday 7 July 2025 (no session 21 April / 5 May / 26 May) (possibility of some sessions via Teams by arrangement)

@ 7.30pm – 9.00pm in The Monastery', (old House of Frazer Building) near Cirencester Parish Church, Market Place, Cirencester, GL7 2NX.

This free course is for lay church members seeking to be licensed for Funeral Ministry. Also suitable for Readers or ordained ministers wishing to refresh their funeral ministry.

The course will cover topics such as leading funeral services, listening skills, the impact of grief / self-care for those in funeral and pastoral ministry.

Course Leader – Nick Partridge, Diocese of Gloucester Funeral Lead and Interim Warden of Readers

Nick Partridge manages Diocese of Gloucester Funerals, its development and growth and Funeral and Bereavement Ministry Training

If you would like more information about the course, please contact -

Nick Partridge: ku.gro.coidsolq@egdirtrapn

If you would like to register for this course, please talk with your Incumbent / Minister first and then book.

Friends of... Workshop

Tuesday May 20, 10:00 am to 12:30 pm

What are the benefits of a 'Friends of' scheme in your church or community? If you are looking at setting one up or already have one that you'd like to grow and develop then this workshop will help you to think about how your 'Friends of' community can be of best help in generating income. Many 'Friends of' groups support the fabric of the church itself, so this workshop is being run in partnership with our Diocesan buildings' teams.

Refreshment will be included.

[Book here](#) to secure your place.

Lisa- Jayne Lewis – Stewardship and Giving Advisor

The Ewelme Benefice Prayer Booklet is available for use throughout Lent. (Copies on the hymn book chest in church.)



Dursley & Caldicot Male Voice Choirs

DURSLEY METHODIST CHURCH

**Saturday 22nd March
at 7.00 pm**

Tickets £15 (U18 £5)
from:

Durcans, Dursley
Cam Post Office

At the door or on line www.cammethodists.org.uk



Stroud District Foodbank Lent Donation Campaign

This Lent, we invite you to take part in our 40 days of giving campaign—a simple yet powerful way to ensure that families facing hardship have access to the essentials. Every contribution, big or small, provides hope and nourishment to those struggling in our community.

Ways to Donate Food

Whilst many generously give through church collection points, we know this may not be an option for everyone. Here are some other ways to donate to us:-

Supermarket Donation Points

You can donate whilst you shop by dropping donations at our collection points in Tesco (Cam)

Donate Online

For those of you who prefer to donate via the comfort of your armchair, please visit our online shop:

www.givetoday.co.uk/strouddistrictfoodbank