



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

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**Services for Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

**Palm Sunday**

**St James**

**8am**

**Said Holy Communion**

*Canon Richard Morgan*

**10am**

**Procession starts at the Parish Centre**

**with Blessing of palms**

**Parish Holy Communion**

*Revd Juliet Jensen*

**6.30pm**

**Music for Passiontide**

*Revd David Vonberg/Revd Juliet Jensen*

**St Giles**

**10am**

**Parish Holy Communion**

*Canon Richard Morgan*

**Collect**

Almighty and everlasting God,  
who in your tender love towards the human race  
sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ  
to take upon him our flesh  
and to suffer death upon the cross:  
grant that we may follow the example of his patience  
and humility,  
and also be made partakers of his resurrection;  
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**

**Isaiah 50: 4-9a**

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher,  
that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word.  
Morning by morning he wakens - wakens my ear to  
listen as those who are taught.

The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not  
rebellious, I did not turn backwards.

I gave my back to those who struck me, and my  
cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not  
hide my face  
from insult and spitting.

The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been  
disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint,  
and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who  
vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me.

It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me  
guilty?

**Psalm 31: 9-16**

Be gracious to me, Lord, for I am in distress; my eye  
wastes away from grief, my soul and body also.

For my life is spent with sorrow, and my years with  
sighing;

my strength fails because of my misery, and my  
bones waste away.

I am the scorn of all my adversaries, horror to my  
neighbours, an object of dread to my acquaintances;  
those who see me in the street flee from me.

I have passed out of mind like one who is dead; I have  
become like a broken vessel.

For I hear the whispering of many - terror all around! -  
as they scheme together against me, as they plot to  
take my life.

But I trust in you, O Lord; I say, 'You are my God.'

My times are in your hand; deliver me from the hand of  
my enemies and persecutors.

Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your  
steadfast love.

**Second Reading: Philippians 2: 5-11**

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,  
who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard  
equality with God as something to be exploited, but  
emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.  
And being found in human form, he humbled himself and  
became obedient to the point of death - even death on a  
cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the  
name that is above every name, so that at the name of  
Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth  
and under the earth, and every tongue should confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**Holy Gospel: Luke 23: 1-49**

The assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus  
before Pilate. They began to accuse him, saying, 'We  
found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to  
pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is  
the Messiah, a king.' Then Pilate asked him, 'Are you  
the king of the Jews?' He answered, 'You say so.'  
Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, 'I  
find no basis for an accusation against this man.' But  
they were insistent and said, 'He stirs up the people by  
teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he  
began even to this place.'

When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was  
a Galilean. And when he learned that he was under  
Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was  
himself in Jerusalem at that time. When Herod saw  
Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to  
see him for a long time, because he had heard about  
him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. He  
questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no  
answer. The chief priests and the scribes stood by,  
vehemently accusing him. Even Herod with his soldiers  
treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put  
an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate.  
That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with  
each other; before this they had been enemies.  
Pilate then called together the chief priests, the  
leaders, and the people, and said to them, 'You  
brought me this man as one who was perverting the  
people; and here I have examined him in your  
presence and have not found this man guilty of any of  
your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he

sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. I will therefore have him flogged and release him.'

Then they all shouted out together, 'Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!' (This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.) Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; but they kept shouting, 'Crucify, crucify him!' A third time he said to them, 'Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him.' But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.

As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. But Jesus turned to them and said, 'Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For the days are surely coming when they will say, "Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed." Then they will begin to say to the mountains, "Fall on us"; and to the hills, "Cover us." For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?'

Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.' And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!' The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.' One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' He replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, 'Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.' Having said this, he breathed his last. When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, 'Certainly this man was innocent.' And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

## Intercessions

We pray for those who are ill at this time or in other forms of need, especially those we know. We remember, Karen, Carol John, Sam, Jane, Paul, Edward, 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 Tony King, Jackie Strange and Richard Baker recently departed. We pray for their families and friends and all those who grieve.

We pray for Lewis & Laura, Charlie & Lettice, Charlie & Sian and Rebecca & Adam as we read their Banns of Marriage in preparation for their weddings in the coming months.

Lord please bless Simon & Emily as they are married at Holy Cross this week.

## Post-communion prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant, and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation: give us the mind to follow you and to proclaim you as Lord and King, to the glory of God the Father.

**Amen**

## This Week

### Mon 14<sup>th</sup> April

7pm Stations of the Cross at St James

### Weds 16<sup>th</sup> April

1pm Simon & Emily's wedding at Holy Cross

6pm Evening Prayer via Zoom

### Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> April

9am Morning prayer at St James  
11am Chrism Service at Gloucester Cathedral

7.30pm Agapé service at St James

### Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April

#### OFFICE CLOSED

9am from Sainsbury's, Dursley  
2pm Tenebrae service at St James, Dursley  
3pm Good Friday service at St Bartholomew's, Nympsfield

### Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> April

8pm The Service of Light and Easter Vigil at St James

## Services for 20<sup>th</sup> April 2025 Easter Day

### St James, Dursley

8am Said Holy Communion

10am Holy Communion

6.30pm Choral Evensong

### St Giles, Uley

10am Parish Holy Communion

## 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-  
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### **Safeguarding Officers**

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Please can you make donations towards the Easter Flowers in St James.

BACs bank transfer To:  
PCC Dursley Fabric Fund  
AC NO; 02391693

SORT CODE; 30-98-29

Ref Easter Flowers.

Envelopes for cash/cheques are also available at the back of church.

**A thanksgiving service for Tony King will be held at St James in Dursley on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April at 2pm.**

The next dates for Live Streaming will be April  
20th – Easter Sunday from St Giles (10am)  
April 25th afternoon - Tony King Funeral from  
St James (2pm)

## **Collection of information for Ewelme Benefice Communications and**

### **New Electoral Roll 2025 COLLECTION CLOSSES TODAY**

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.

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

**\*If you have filled in an online form and you didn't get a thank you after you submitted it then you will need to try again, please.\***



### **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**

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

# Ewelme Benefice

## EASTER SERVICES 2025



### Sunday 13th April Palm Sunday

#### St Giles, Uley

10am Parish Holy Communion

#### St James, Dursley

8am Said Holy Communion

10am Parish Holy Communion

6.30pm Music for Passiontide



### Monday 14th April

#### St James, Dursley

7pm Stations of the Cross

### Thursday 17th April - Maundy Thursday

11am Chrism Service at Gloucester Cathedral

7.30pm Agapé service at St James

### Friday 18th April - Good Friday

9am Procession of Witness to Cam Peak

#### St James, Dursley

2pm Tenebrae Service

#### St Bartholomew's, Nympsfield

3pm Good Friday Service

### Saturday 19th April - Holy Saturday

#### St James, Dursley

8pm Easter Vigil at St James



### Sunday 20th April - Easter Day

8am Said Holy Communion at St James

10am Parish Holy Communion at St James

6.30pm Choral Evensong at St James

#### St Giles, Uley

10am Parish Holy Communion

All are welcome

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**