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**Services for Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2024  
Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**St James**

**8am**

Said Holy Communion  
*Canon Richard Morgan*

**10am**

Service of the Word  
*Tony King and Open The Book team*

**St Giles**

**10am**

Parish Holy Communion  
*Revd Peter Fewings*

**Holy Cross**

**6pm**

BCP Evensong  
*Revd Peter Cheesman*

**Collect**

Almighty God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:  
raise us, who trust in him,  
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,  
that we may seek those things which are above,  
where he reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen**

**First Reading: Acts 4: 5-12**

The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is "the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone."

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.'

**Psalm 23**

<sup>1</sup> The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

<sup>2</sup> He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;

<sup>3</sup> he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

<sup>4</sup> Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil;

for you are with me; your rod and your staff - they comfort me.

<sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

<sup>6</sup> Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

**Second Reading: 1 John 3: 16-end.**

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us - and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

**Holy Gospel: John 10: 11-18**

'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away - and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'

**Intercessions**

We pray for those who are ill at this time or in other forms of need, especially those we know. We remember Karis, Mary, Thelma, Ben, Paul, Malcolm, Pauline, Phyllida, Ann, Joyce, Bobbie, Les, Paul, Beryl, Julie, Robert, David, Mel, Janet, Jean, Bernard, Rita, Norma, Joan, Marion, Rose, Francis, Sue, Tina, Lottie, Rory, Tommie & 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 Archdeacon Hilary's husband Richard, recently departed. We pray for his family and friends and all those who grieve.

**Post-communion prayer**

Merciful Father,

you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again:

keep us always under his protection,

and give us grace to follow in his steps;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

## 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 is from St Giles, Uley. The next will be on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May from St James.**

## Pastoral Care

Please let 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

## This Week

### Weds 24<sup>th</sup> April

9am Morning Prayer

### Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> April

9am Morning Prayer in St James

10am Holy Communion at St James

### Sat 27<sup>th</sup> April

10am Turret Clock Group visit to St Giles, Uley

10.30am Coffee, cake & Music at St James, featuring Paul Bailey from St Helen's, Alveston.

11.15am Turret Clock Group visit to St James, Dursley

## Services for 28<sup>th</sup> April 2024 Fifth Sunday of Easter

### St Giles

10am Benefice Holy Communion

**NO 10am Service in Dursley this week**

12pm Baptism of Charlie Groves at St Giles, Uley

6.30pm Choral Evensong

## Electoral Roll review

**For Uley, Owlpen & Nympsfield** the electoral roll is now closed for updating in 2024.

**In Dursley** the electoral roll will be open for revision and amendment between 31<sup>st</sup> March and 21<sup>st</sup> April. Any changes you wish to make to the Electoral Roll eg. Additions, deletions, changes of name or address etc. must be notified at that time.

If you have any queries please see Chris Raffle or Clare White.

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## Morning and Evening Prayer in April

**Morning Prayer** Wednesday via Zoom at 9am and in person at 9am on Thursdays in St James

**Evening Prayer** via Zoom at 6pm. No evening prayer on 17<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> April.

The link can be found by going into our website- [www.ewelmebenefice.co.uk](http://www.ewelmebenefice.co.uk)

**Zoom Meeting ID: 893 3298 0143 Passcode: 899154**

## Julius and Dora Charity Quiz

Thanks to everyone's generosity of time and money, the quiz raised an amazing £520 for the work of Julius and Dora. I hope everyone enjoyed it and I will try to do another in Autumn.

*Chris Morgan*



## April 27th - Paul Bailey (St Helen's, Alveston)

May 25th - Nick Sherwood  
(St Monica's, Bristol)

June 29th - Nigel Nash  
(Bristol)

July 27th - Stephen Power  
(Brecon Cathedral)

August 31st - Andrew Millington  
(Exeter)

September 28th - Anthony Burns-Cox (Romsey)

October 26th - Nigel Davies  
(St James The Great, Dursley)

The coffee and homemade cake will be served from 10.30am. The Music begins at 11am and lasts for 30-40 minutes.

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

# Coffee Morning

at

## St James, the Great

9th May 2024

10.45-12pm

Together we can  
protect and restore  
creation



A ROCHA  
Caring for God's Earth



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Proceeds in aid of AROCHA,  
Eco Church Charity

A Rocha UK is part of the international A Rocha family, a network of Christian organisations present in more than 20 countries in six continents. This year the network is celebrating the significant milestone of 40 years engaging communities in nature and conservation.

Eco Church is a learning community of churches of all shapes and sizes. It provides a framework to support your church and its leadership to take practical action on caring for God's earth.

## St James Choir

Plant & Produce Stall  
at St James Church, Dursley

Saturday 25th May 2024

9.30am on the  
church lawn if dry, in church  
if it's raining

Donations of  
plants and produce  
would be welcome

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## QUIET DAY

11th May 2024  
10am-2pm

### Nymphsfield Village Hall

A day to rest and draw nearer to God  
in Stillness, Silence and Prayer  
St Bartholomew's will be open for  
quiet reflection.

A soup, bread and cheese lunch will be  
provided.

Cost: Donations

Please sign up at the back of church or  
contact the Parish Office  
on [ewelmeparishoffice@gmail.com](mailto:ewelmeparishoffice@gmail.com)

Revd Jane

All are welcome

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## Uley Church, Holiday Club

22nd - 26th July 2024

Further information & application forms  
will be in  
June's magazine