



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

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**Services for Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2025  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**St Giles**

**10am** Parish Holy Communion  
**11.30am** APCM  
*Revd Juliet Jensen*

**St James**

**10am** Parish Holy Communion  
*Canon Richard Morgan/Revd David Vonberg*  
**6.30pm** Choral Evensong  
*Revd Juliet Jensen*

**St George's, Upper Cam**

**6pm** Service for Christian Aid week

**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:**

**Genesis 7: 1-5, 11-18; 8: 6-18; 9: 8-13**

Then the Lord said to Noah, 'Go into the ark, you and all your household, for I have seen that you alone are righteous before me in this generation. Take with you seven pairs of all clean animals, the male and its mate; and a pair of the animals that are not clean, the male and its mate; and seven pairs of the birds of the air also, male and female, to keep their kind alive on the face of all the earth. For in seven days I will send rain on the earth for forty days and forty nights; and every living thing that I have made I will blot out from the face of the ground.' And Noah did all that the Lord had commanded him.

In the six-hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, on the seventeenth day of the month, on that day all the fountains of the great deep burst forth, and the windows of the heavens were opened. The rain fell on the earth for forty days and forty nights. On the very same day Noah with his sons, Shem and Ham and Japheth, and Noah's wife and the three wives of his sons, entered the ark, they and every wild animal of every kind, and all domestic animals of every kind, and

every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, and every bird of every kind - every bird, every winged creature.

They went into the ark with Noah, two and two of all flesh in which there was the breath of life. And those that entered, male and female of all flesh, went in as God had commanded him; and the Lord shut him in.

The flood continued for forty days on the earth; and the waters increased, and bore up the ark, and it rose high above the earth. The waters swelled and increased greatly on the earth; and the ark floated on the face of the waters.

At the end of forty days Noah opened the window of the ark that he had made and sent out the raven; and it went to and fro until the waters were dried up from the earth. Then he sent out the dove from him, to see if the waters had subsided from the face of the ground; but the dove found no place to set its foot, and it returned to him to the ark, for the waters were still on the face of the whole earth. So he put out his hand and took it and brought it into the ark with him. He waited another seven days, and again he sent out the dove from the ark; and the dove came back to him in the evening, and there in its beak was a freshly plucked olive leaf; so Noah knew that the waters had subsided from the earth. Then he waited another seven days, and sent out the dove; and it did not return to him any more.

In the six hundred and first year, in the first month, on the first day of the month, the waters were dried up from the earth; and Noah removed the covering of the ark, and looked, and saw that the face of the ground was drying. In the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth was dry. Then God said to Noah, 'Go out of the ark, you and your wife, and your sons and your sons' wives with you. Bring out with you every living thing that is with you of all flesh - birds and animals and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth - so that they may abound on the earth, and be fruitful and multiply on the earth.' So Noah went out with his sons and his wife and his sons' wives.

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, 'As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.' God said, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth.'

**Psalm 23**

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.  
He makes me lie down in green pastures;  
he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul.  
He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.  
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.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.  
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: Acts 9: 36-end.**

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, 'Please come to us without

delay.' So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, 'Tabitha, get up.' Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

### **Holy Gospel: John 10: 22-30**

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.' Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one.'

### **Intercessions**

We pray for those who are ill at this time or in other forms of need, especially those we know. We remember, Carol, John, Sam, Jane, Paul, Edward, Paul, 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 Betty Clarke, Barbara Higgs, Tony Curnock and Andy, recently departed. We pray for their families and friends and all those who grieve.

We pray for Chloe and George, Max and Georgina as they are married at St Giles in the next week.

### **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**

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### **This Week**

#### **Office closed this week**

#### **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May**

**12.15pm** Barbara Higgs funeral at Westerleigh  
**6pm** Evening Prayer via Zoom

#### **Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> May**

**9am** Morning prayer at St James  
**10am** Holy Communion at St James

#### **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May**

**1.30pm** Wedding of Max and Georgina at St Giles  
**7.30pm** Dursley Male Voice Choir Concert at St James

### **Services for 18<sup>th</sup> May 2025 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

#### **St James**

**8am** Said Holy Communion  
**10am** Reflective Worship  
**11.30am** APCM

#### **St Giles, Uley**

**10am** Parish Holy Communion with Baptism

### **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](mailto:ewelmebenefice@gmail.com) 07778842060

**APCM- Uley with Nympsfield & Owlpen will be at 11.15am in St Giles on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May**  
**APCM – Dursley will be at 11.15am in St James on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May.**



## **Christian Aid Week 11th - 17th May**

**11th May 6pm  
Christian Aid Service  
incorporated in the  
Soul Service  
at St George's  
Upper Cam**

**ALL WELCOME**

**The Dursley  
Male Voice Choir  
ANNUAL CONCERT  
2025**  
**Saturday 17th May 2025**  
**7.30pm**  
**ST. JAMES THE GREAT CHURCH**  
**DURSLEY, GL11 4JE**

**GUEST SOLOIST**  
**Manon Browning - Harpist**

**Tickets £12.00**

 **Tickets available from:-**  
**Durcans of Dursley**  
**Or contact:- Tel: 07831 682 486**  
**www.dursleymalechoir.org.uk**

**St Giles Church**  
 presents  
**Music for a  
Sunday Afternoon**  
 featuring  
**Thornbury Clarinet Choir**  
**Sunday 18th May at 3pm**

A free, short, informal concert in the church followed by tea & cake.

Donations welcome for Church Funds.

**GRAINGER:  
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**PIANO RECITAL**

MUSIC BY  
**PERCY GRAINGER**

TRANSCRIBED FOR PIANO BY  
**RONALD STEVENSON**

 

**SUN 25<sup>th</sup> MAY 2025 - 16:00**  
 St James-the-Great, Silver St , Dursley GL11 4JE

**CHRISTOPHER GUILD, PIANO**

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

April 26th	Claire Hobbs
<b>May 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Keith Hearnshaw</b>
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**



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



# Open Garden & Cream Tea



Sunday 1st June 2025

1.30-5pm



At 52 Woodmancote, Dursley GL11 4AQ

All donations in aid  
of St James Church



Parking is limited, please park in town and walk up if you are able.