



**Churches of St James,
St Giles, Holy Cross & St Bartholomew**
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**Services for Sunday 3rd August 2025
Seventh Sunday after Trinity**

St James

10am Parish Holy Communion
Revd Juliet Jensen

St Bartholomew's, Nympsfield

10am Parish Holy Communion
Revd Ian Gardner

Collect

Lord of all power and might,
 the author and giver of all good things:
 graft in our hearts the love of your name,
 increase in us true religion,
 nourish us with all goodness,
 and of your great mercy keep us in the same;
 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: Hosea 11: 1-11

When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son.

The more I called them, the more they went from me;
 they kept sacrificing to the Baals, and offering incense to idols.

Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk, I took them up in my arms; but they did not know that I healed them.
 I led them with cords of human kindness, with bands of love.

I was to them like those who lift infants to their cheeks.
 I bent down to them and fed them.

They shall return to the land of Egypt, and Assyria shall be their king, because they have refused to return to me.

The sword rages in their cities, it consumes their oracle-priests, and devours because of their schemes.
 My people are bent on turning away from me.

To the Most High they call, but he does not raise them up at all.

How can I give you up, Ephraim?

How can I hand you over, O Israel?

How can I make you like Admah?

How can I treat you like Zeboiim?

My heart recoils within me; my compassion grows warm and tender.

I will not execute my fierce anger; I will not again destroy Ephraim; for I am God and no mortal, the Holy One in your midst, and I will not come in wrath.

They shall go after the Lord, who roars like a lion; when he roars, his children shall come trembling from the west.

They shall come trembling like birds from Egypt,

and like doves from the land of Assyria; and I will return them to their homes, says the Lord.

Psalm 107: 1-9, 43

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures for ever.

Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those he redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

Some wandered in desert wastes, finding no way to an inhabited town; hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them.

Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress; he led them by a straight way, until they reached an inhabited town.

Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind.

For he satisfies the thirsty, and the hungry he fills with good things.

Let those who are wise give heed to these things, and consider the steadfast love of the Lord.

Second Reading: Colossians 3: 1-11

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things - anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

Holy Gospel: Luke 12: 13-21

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.' But he said to him, 'Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?' And he said to them, 'Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.' Then he told them a parable: 'The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, "What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?" Then he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry." But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.'

Intercessions

We pray for those who are ill at this time or in other forms of need, especially those we know. We remember, Carol, Sam, Jane 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 Dennis Hill, Jean Beeston, Valerie Banham, Edward Seager, Duff Hart-Davis and Florence Moulder, recently departed. We pray for their families and friends and all those who grieve.

We pray for Howard and Rebecca as they are married at Holy Cross next Saturday and for Bluebelle, Margot and Mabel as they are baptised into God's family at St Giles on Sunday.

Post-communion prayer

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life,

ever giving himself that the world may live:

may we so receive within ourselves

the power of his death and passion

that, in his saving cup,

we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love;

for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Amen

This Week

Thursday 7th August

9am Morning prayer at St James

10am Holy Communion at St James

Friday 8th August

4pm Wedding rehearsal at Holy Cross

Saturday 9th August

9.30-12 Jumble Sale at St James

1pm Wedding of Howard and Rebecca at Holy Cross

Services for 10th August 2025

Eighth Sunday after Trinity

The Transfiguration

St James, Dursley

10am Parish Holy Communion

St Giles, Uley

10am Parish Holy Communion with Baptisms

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 The Parish office-

ewelmeeparishoffice@gmail.com 07778842060 Clare in

Evening prayer will be suspended through August and returns on 3rd September.

The Parish Centre is being tidied up!

There is a large amount of stuff that needs to be taken to the tip. If anyone has room in their car or can take a trip up there we'd be very grateful. Please talk to Clare if you can help.



Ewelme Benefice

Jumble Sale

9.30-12pm

Saturday 9th August

On St James Church Lawn or in the Parish Centre if wet

All items £2 or less.

All profits will be shared between Dursley and Uley churches.

This is a Benefice event.



Ewelme Benefice



St Bartholomew's, Nympsfield

'Community Tea and Hymns' Celebration

of

St Bartholomew's Day

Sunday 24th August at 4pm.

For all the village.

Please nominate your favourite hymns.

We will sing as many of them as we can!

Send hymn nominations to Jane Williams at jazzingjanie62@gmail.com or 07791 057144. by 31st July.

Ewelme Benefice

"What on earth am I here for?"

Revd Juliet intends to facilitate some time for people to reflect on their gifts and how they feel called to offer them in a short series of sessions called 'What on earth am I here for?' We will be doing this using some simple resources.

Wednesday 13th August - The gift of who I am
 Wednesday 20th August - Discovering our gifts
 Wednesday 27th August - Sharing our gifts

Sessions will be held at
The Rectory, The Broadwell, Dursley
3pm-4.30pm or 7pm-8.30pm

This is for anyone from the worshipping communities across the benefice who is a bit curious - no other requirements!



Here are links to the Christian Aid Campaign. We have chosen Wednesday as a day to Fast in whatever way we can [Fast for Gaza - Christian Aid](#) There is guidance on what might be

included in a letter to our local MP which can be sent by anyone, regardless of whether they want to fast - this is particularly relevant now that Parliament is being recalled.

[Write to your MP - Fast 4 Gaza - Christian Aid](#)

simon.opher.mp@parliament.uk

<https://gloucester.anglican.org/2025/archbis-hop-of-yorks-statement-on-gaza/>

Live stream will be from St James on Sunday – link

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hANI-bV1QJQ>

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The piano recital on 10th August has been postponed.