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**Services for Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2024  
Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity**

**St James**

**10am** Parish Holy Communion  
*Canon Richard Morgan*

**3pm** Licensing of Revd Dr Juliet Jensen  
*Bishop Robert of Tewkesbury*

**St Giles**

**10am** Parish Holy Communion  
*Revd Mike Cross*

**Collect**

Almighty God,  
whose only Son has opened for us  
a new and living way into your presence:  
give us pure hearts and steadfast wills  
to worship you in spirit and in truth;  
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: Song of Solomon 2: 8-13**

The voice of my beloved!  
Look, he comes, leaping upon the mountains, bounding  
over the hills.  
My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag.  
Look, there he stands behind our wall, gazing in at the  
windows, looking through the lattice.  
My beloved speaks and says to me:  
'Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away; for now the  
winter is past, the rain is over and gone.  
The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has  
come, and the voice of the turtle-dove is heard in our land.  
The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom;  
they give forth fragrance.  
Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.'

**Psalm 45: 1-2, 6-9**

My heart overflows with a goodly theme; I address my  
verses to the king; my tongue is like the pen of a ready  
scribe.  
You are the most handsome of men; grace is poured upon  
your lips; therefore God has blessed you for ever.  
Your throne, O God, endures for ever and ever.  
Your royal sceptre is a sceptre of equity; you love  
righteousness and hate wickedness.  
Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of  
gladness beyond your companions; your robes are all  
fragrant with myrrh and aloes and cassia.  
From ivory palaces stringed instruments make you glad;  
daughters of kings are among your ladies of honour; at your  
right hand stands the queen in gold of Ophir.

**Second Reading: James 1: 17-end.**

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from  
above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom  
there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfilment  
of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so  
that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.  
You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be  
quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger  
does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid  
yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of  
wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted  
word that has the power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who  
deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and  
not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a  
mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away,  
immediately forget what they were like. But those who look  
into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being  
not hearers who forget but doers who act - they will be  
blessed in their doing.

If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their  
tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless.  
Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father,  
is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and  
to keep oneself unstained by the world.

**Holy Gospel: Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23**

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had  
come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed  
that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands,  
that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all  
the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their  
hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they  
do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it;  
and there are also many other traditions that they observe,  
the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the  
Pharisees and the scribes asked him, 'Why do your  
disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but  
eat with defiled hands?' He said to them, 'Isaiah  
prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,  
"This people honours me with their lips, but their hearts are  
far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human  
precepts as doctrines."

You abandon the commandment of God and hold to  
human tradition.'

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, 'Listen to  
me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a  
person that by going in can defile, but the things that come  
out are what defile.'

For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil  
intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery,  
avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander,  
pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they  
defile a person.'

**Intercessions**

We pray for those who are ill at this time or in other forms  
of need, especially those we know. We remember Paul,  
Edward, Liz, John, Karis, Mary, Thelma, Ben, Paul,  
Pauline, Phyllida, Ann, Bobbie, Les, Paul, Derek, Julie,  
Robert, David, Mel, Janet, Rita, Norma, Joan, Marion,  
Rose, Francis, Sue, Tina, Lottie, Rory, Tommie, Carol &  
Jenny. Be with them in their suffering, support and comfort  
them and give them peace of mind in times of trouble.

### Post-communion prayer

Lord God, the source of truth and love,  
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,  
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,  
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

### Morning and Evening Prayer in September

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

**Evening Prayer** via Zoom starts again on 4<sup>th</sup> September.

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

### 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 James at 10am & at the licensing service at 3pm.**

### 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

#### Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> September

**10am** Staff & wardens meeting in Parish Centre  
**10am** Burial of Roy Herbert's ashes at St Giles

#### Weds 4<sup>th</sup> September

**9am** Morning prayer via Zoom  
**6pm** Evening prayer via Zoom

#### Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> September

**9am** Morning Prayer in St James  
**10am** Holy Communion at St James

#### Sat 7<sup>th</sup> September

**4pm** Licensing of Revd Jimmy Cullingford at Dursley Methodist

### Services for 8<sup>th</sup> September 2024 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

#### St James

**10am** Parish Holy Communion

#### St Bartholomew's

**10am** Parish Holy Communion

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# Quiz Night

In aid of



Providing a loving home for abandoned babies in Maseno, Kenya

14th September, 7pm

St James Parish Centre, Dursley

Teams of up to 6

Tickets- £10

To book or join a team contact  
[chrismorgan194@btinternet.com](mailto:chrismorgan194@btinternet.com)

Includes Ploughman's supper, please bring  
your own drinks.

Friends of St Giles Church, Uley

presents

Music for a  
Sunday Afternoon

featuring

Copious Notes

Sunday 15th September

3pm

A free informal concert in church  
followed by refreshments & a chance to chat  
Donations welcome for the upkeep of the church building





**Messy**  
CHURCH  
AT ST GILES

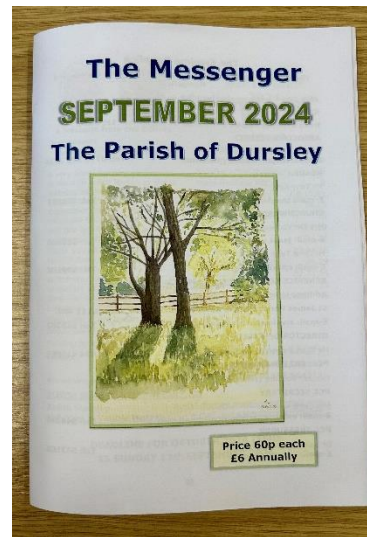
**Uley  
Church**  
**Saturday 21st**  
**September 2024**  
**10-12 noon**

**All are welcome but children must  
be accompanied by an adult**

Messy Church is a form of  
church for children and adults  
that involves creativity,  
celebration and hospitality.

Please remember you are all invited to attend the Licensing service of our new Rector, Revd Juliet Jensen, at 3pm on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September in St James.

There will be cakes and tea after. Please bring a cake, if you can, to share, plated and ready to eat.



September's copy of The Messenger is available in St James

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Harvest Festival

**St Bartholomew's  
Nympsfield**

**6th October 2024**

**10am**



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**St James the Great  
Dursley**

Harvest Festival

**13th October 2024**  
**10am**

Followed by Harvest Lunch  
in The Parish Centre.

