



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

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**Services for Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2024  
Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity**

**St James**

**10am** Parish Holy Communion  
*Revd Jane Wood*

**Holy Cross**

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

**Collect**

Almighty and everlasting God,  
increase in us your gift of faith  
that, forsaking what lies behind  
and reaching out to that which is before,  
we may run the way of your commandments  
and win the crown of everlasting joy;  
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: Esther 7: 1-6, 9-10**

So the king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther. On the second day, as they were drinking wine, the king again said to Esther, 'What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled.' Then Queen Esther answered, 'If I have won your favour, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me - that is my petition - and the lives of my people - that is my request. For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have held my peace; but no enemy can compensate for this damage to the king.' Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, 'Who is he, and where is he, who has presumed to do this?' Esther said, 'A foe and enemy, this wicked Haman!' Then Haman was terrified before the king and the queen. Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said, 'Look, the very gallows that Haman has prepared for Mordecai, whose word saved the king, stands at Haman's house, fifty cubits high.' And the king said, 'Hang him on that.' So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the anger of the king abated.

Mordecai recorded these things, and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, both near and far, enjoining them that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar and also the fifteenth day of the same month, year by year, as the days on which the Jews gained relief from their enemies, and as the month that had been turned for them from sorrow into gladness

and from mourning into a holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, days for sending gifts of food to one another and presents to the poor.

**Psalm 124**

If it had not been the Lord who was on our side - let Israel now say - if it had not been the Lord who was on our side, when our enemies attacked us, then they would have swallowed us up alive, when their anger was kindled against us; then the flood would have swept us away, the torrent would have gone over us; then over us would have gone the raging waters.

Blessed be the Lord, who has not given us as prey to their teeth.

We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowlers; the snare is broken, and we have escaped.

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

**Second Reading: James 5: 13-end.**

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest. My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

**Holy Gospel: Mark 9: 38-end.**

John said to Jesus, 'Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.' But Jesus said, 'Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterwards to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

'If any of you put a stumbling-block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

'For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.'

## 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, Mary, Thelma, Ben, Paul, Pauline, Phyllida, Ann, Bobbie, Les, Paul, Derek, Julie, Robert, David, Mel, Rita, Norma, Joan, Marion, Rose, Francis, Sue, Tina, Lottie, Rory, Tommie, Carol, Jenny, Siân, Louise, Megan, Ann & Clive. 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 Janet Midgley, Mike Graham, Glynne Pugh and David Simpson, recently departed. We pray for their families and friends and all those who grieve.

## Post-communion prayer

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast: for here we receive you, here the memory of your passion is renewed, here our minds are filled with grace, and here a pledge of future glory is given, when we shall feast at that table where you reign with all your saints for ever.

**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)

### This Week

#### Tues 1<sup>st</sup> October

**10.00am** Staff & wardens meeting choir room

#### Weds 2<sup>nd</sup> October

**8.45am** Morning prayer via Zoom

**1.30pm** Wedding of Steven Benson & Sophie Bedford at Holy Cross

**6pm** Evening prayer via Zoom

#### Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> October

**9.00am** Morning Prayer in St James

**10.00am** Holy Communion at St James

**3.30pm** Dursley United Charities meeting, Parish Centre

#### Fri 4<sup>th</sup> October

**Office closed**

Tyndale Arts at St James

**3.00pm** Wedding Rehearsal at Holy Cross

#### Sat 5<sup>th</sup> October

**10.00am** Tyndale Arts at St James

**12.30pm** Wedding of Thomas Botham & Emma Poulton at Holy Cross

#### Sun 6<sup>th</sup> October

**11.00am** Tyndale Arts at St James

### Services for 6<sup>th</sup> October

#### 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

#### St James

**10am** Parish Holy Communion

**6.30pm** Choral Evensong

#### St Bartholomew's

**10am** Harvest Festival

☎ **Revd Juliet's new phone number is 01453 350810**

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## Morning and Evening Prayer in September

**Morning Prayer** Wednesday via Zoom will be on hold until 2<sup>nd</sup> October, then the new time will be 8.45am.

In person at 9am on Thursdays in St James

**Evening Prayer** Wednesday at 6pm via Zoom

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

**No Live Stream this week.**

## Churchwardens-

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**St James the Great  
Dursley**

**Coffee, Cake & Music  
2024**

**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**  
(Breon Cathedral)

**August 31st - Andrew Millington** (Exeter)

**September 28th - Jed Hughes**  
(St Mary's,  
Wotton-Under-Edge)

**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.

## Pastoral Care

Please let Revd Juliet, 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



**The latest Messenger is out, please find a copy at the back of St James.**



## Harvest Festival

The Trussell Trust (Food Bank) indicates the items they are currently short of, these are the specific products they require at present-

- Tinned Ham & Corned Beef
- Fray Bentos Pies
- Savoury Snacks - Nuts, Crisps, Crackers
- Spreads - Marmite, Peanut Butter, Jam, Chocolate
- Laundry Liquid
- Tinned Tomatoes


In general, the following items are often needed

### Food:

- UHT milk
- Tinned meat (hotdogs, meatballs etc.)
- Tinned fish
- Tinned fruit
- Sponge/rice puddings
- Coffee (small jars)
- Long-life juice
- Pasta sauce
- Tinned veg (potatoes, carrots, green beans, tomatoes)
- Tinned meals (spaghetti, chicken or veg curries, chilli)
- Tinned soup
- Jam and spreads

### Non-food items:

- Shower gel
- Shampoo/conditioner
- Deodorant
- Toilet rolls
- Washing up liquid




## Shoe Box Collection 2024

Leaflet and donation envelope available in St James.

Who gets the shoeboxes?  
Your shoebox will be given to a vulnerable child, or family, through schools, nurseries, hospitals and orphanages. Our aim is that each box is given in relationship with the local community as part of a long-term commitment to these children. Please be a part of this ongoing story that is continuing to impact and change lives by donating a shoebox to this year's appeal!

Like in 2023, this year the shoeboxes will be heading to the Ukraine, Moldova, Georgia, Bosnia and Romania. We work with in country partners like the Red Cross to help us find children that are most in need.



## Collection Sunday is 10th November



## Harvest Festival



## St Bartholomew's Nympsfield

### 6th October 2024

10am



## St James the Great Dursley

## Harvest Festival

### 13th October 2024

10am

Followed by Harvest Lunch in The Parish Centre.

