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Services for Sunday 12th January 2025

The Baptism of Christ

St James

10am	Parish Holy Communion	<i>Revd Juliet Jensen/Canon Richard Morgan</i>
6.30pm	Epiphany Carols	<i>Revd Juliet Jensen</i>

St Giles

10am	Parish Holy Communion with baptism.	<i>Revd Ian Gardner</i>
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Collect

Eternal Father,
who at the baptism of Jesus
revealed him to be your Son,
anointing him with the Holy Spirit:
grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit,
that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children;
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: Isaiah 43: 1-7

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.

For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour.

I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.

Because you are precious in my sight, and honoured, and I love you,

I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life.

Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, 'Give them up', and to the south, 'Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth -

everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.'

Psalm 29

Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name; worship the Lord in holy splendour.

The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters.

The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.

The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.

The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare; and in his temple all say, 'Glory!'

The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king for ever.

May the Lord give strength to his people!

May the Lord bless his people with peace!

Second Reading: Acts 8: 14-17

Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Holy Gospel: Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptise you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

Intercessions

We pray for those who are ill at this time or in other forms of need, especially those we know. We remember David, John, Sam, Jane, Paul, Edward, Liz, John, Mary, Thelma, Ben, Paul, Phyllida, Ann, Bobbie, Les, Paul, Derek, Julie, Robert, David, Rita, Norma, Joan, Marion, Rose, Francis, Sue, Tina, Lottie, Rory, Tommie, Carol and 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 Chris Raffle and Marion Pagett, recently departed. We pray for their families and friends and all those who grieve.

Post-communion prayer

Lord of all time and eternity,
you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father
in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son:
by the power of your Spirit
complete the heavenly work of our rebirth
through the waters of the new creation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

This Week

Mon 13th January

OFFICE CLOSED all week, please contact Clare by email

Tues 14th January

10am Staff Meeting

7pm Uley PCC in St Giles room

Weds 15th January

6pm Evening prayer via Zoom

Thurs 16th January

9am Morning Prayer in St James

10am Holy Communion at St James

17th January

2pm Poetry Group at 9 Five Acres, Dursley.

Services for 19th January 2025 2nd Sunday of Epiphany

St James

8am Said Holy Communion

10am Reflective Worship - "God's gifts to us".

St Giles

10am Parish Holy Communion

St Dominic's, Kingshill

4pm Christian Unity week Service

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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 Nymphsfield.

You can also contact Clare in The Parish office- ewelmebenefice@gmail.com
07778842060

No Live Stream this week, the next will be on 19th January from St Giles.

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

ewelmeparishoffice@gmail.com

New Boiler at St James

We will need to raise £50k to meet the costs of the new gas boiler in St James.

If you can help, please contact our parish office

ewelmeparishoffice@gmail.com or make a donation

Sending cash or cheque: Make payable to

“PCC DURSLEY FABRIC FUND” With reference

“BOILER” written on the back

Send to St James Parish office

Silver Street

Dursley

GL11 4NA

Transferring a donation by BACS

To: PCC Dursley Fabric Fund

AC NO; 02391693

SORT CODE;30-98-29 Reference “Boiler”



Intercessions and Pastoral Prayer.

From January at St James if there is someone named on the pew sheet to be prayed for they will be on the list for a month. You can always ask for them to go back on. We will include their surname where permission has been given.

The Pastoral Prayer group prays for people with ongoing needs, if you think this would be suitable for your situation please speak to Maragret Lloyd (544741).

A form is available on the prayer desk or email Clare in the Parish Office or a member of the clergy team.

The office is currently closed I am working from home for over a month, you will still be able to contact me by email. ewelmeparishoffice@gmail.com or on 07778842060

Clare

A message from Revd Jane Wood-

Dear Friends, at the beginning of this New Year, we look forward to a new season of ministry in the Ewelme Benefice and all that it holds.

With mixed emotions, I write to say that this is also time for a new season of ministry for me. After six and a half years of ordained ministry among you and several years previously at St James, I shall be leaving at the end of January. Thank you to each of you for the privilege of serving you, in times of great joy and sadness and for everything we have shared. You are a wonderful community, and I count my blessings to have been part of it!

My last service in the benefice will be on 26th January The details of my new post are still to be finalised, but as I am not moving from my home in Cam, I hope I will still see many of you out and about.

With my thanks, love, prayers and every blessing for the future.

Revd Jane

Friends of St. Giles are organizing a Quiz Evening on 8th February at 7pm in Uley Village Hall, this is part of a fundraising effort to repair the churchyard wall. I am helping organize a raffle to be held at this event and would like to ask you to consider donating a small prize of wine, chocolates or item of your choice. I would be happy to collect this or you can leave it at my house 8 Court Garden. I need to have prizes before 8th February. It would be great if you wish enter a team of 6 for this fun evening. There will be a bar to purchase beer, wine and soft drinks. Light refreshments will be included in the ticket price which is £10 per person.

Many thanks in anticipation! *Marion Mills (01453 861001)*



St Giles Church, Uley
presents
**Music for a
Sunday Afternoon**
featuring
Acoustic Singing Duo
Doozie
Sunday 19th January
3pm
A free informal concert in church
followed by refreshments & a chance to chat
Donations welcome for the upkeep of the church

**ASSISTED DYING BILL
PUBLIC MEETING
WITH SIMON O'PHER MP
Friday 17th January 7.30pm
Dursley Tabernacle GL11 4BJ**



Simon Opher, MP for Stroud, is willing to discuss with the public the issues around the implementation of the Assisted Dying Bill.

Kim Leadbeater's Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill passed its second reading on 29 November by a wider than expected margin, 330-275. But this is just the first hurdle the bill will face.

The bill has been committed to a public bill committee – a group of MPs, yet to be selected, who will go through the bill line-by-line, scrutinising each clause and proposing amendments. Simon Opher hopes to be on the Bill Committee.

This meeting, chaired by Revd Simon Helme, will give an opportunity to reflect on the Commons vote in November and the challenges faced in implementing the bill with proper safeguards in place.

Morning & Evening Prayer

Morning Prayer

9am St James, every Thursday

Evening Prayer

6pm every Wednesday via Zoom

Zoom Meeting ID: 893 3298 0143 Passcode: 899154

Ewelme Benefice



**St James The Great,
Dursley**

Epiphany Carols

12th January 2025

6.30pm





Friends
of
Uley Church

QUIZ NIGHT

8th February 2025

7pm

Uley Village Hall

Teams of 6

**Beer, wine and soft drinks for
sale.**

**Light refreshments will be
included in the ticket price.**

£10 per person.

Proceeds in aid of St Giles