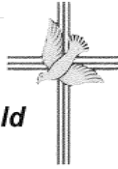




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## **Sunday 23rd January 2022** **3rd Sunday of Epiphany**

**10.00am Parish Communion St. James,  
Dursley** *Revd. Ian Gardner*

**10.00am Parish Communion St. Giles, Uley**  
*Revd. Jane Wood*

### **Collect**

Almighty God,  
whose Son revealed in signs and miracles  
the wonder of your saving presence:  
renew your people with your heavenly grace,  
and in all our weakness  
sustain us by your mighty power;  
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**

### **Old Testament Reading:**

#### **Nehemiah 8: 1-3, 5-6, 8-10**

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law.

And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, 'Amen, Amen', lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshipped the LORD with their faces to the ground.

So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, 'This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep.' For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, 'Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.'

### **Psalms 19**

The heavens are telling the glory of God;  
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.  
Day to day pours forth speech,  
and night to night declares knowledge.  
There is no speech, nor are there words;  
their voice is not heard; yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.  
In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun, which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy.  
Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them; and nothing is hidden from its heat.  
The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple; the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eyes; the fear of the LORD is pure, enduring for ever; the ordinances of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.  
More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.

Moreover by them is your servant warned;  
in keeping them there is great reward.

But who can detect their errors?

Clear me from hidden faults.

Keep back your servant also from the insolent;  
do not let them have dominion over me.

Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

### **New Testament Reading:**

#### **1 Corinthians 12: 12-31a**

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body - Jews or Greeks, slaves or free - and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot were to say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear were to say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you', nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.' On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honourable we clothe with greater honour, and

our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

## Holy Gospel:

### Luke 4: 14-21

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.'

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.'

## Post-communion prayer

Almighty Father,  
whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world:

may your people,  
illuminated by your word and sacraments,  
shine with the radiance of his glory,  
that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed  
to the ends of the earth;  
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

**Amen**

## Intercessions

Jesus Christ, may the light of your truth shine in your Church and on your world, to give true life and freedom. We pray for those who are ill at this time or in other forms of need, especially those we know. We remember especially Mel, Bob, Janet, Keith, Bernard, Rita, Norma, Marlene, Margaret, Joyce, Joan, Nina, Rose, Alisa, Frances, Jeremy, Margaret, Gill, Pat and Phil. Be with them in their suffering, support and comfort them and give them peace of mind in times of trouble. We remember Sue Rushton, Siobhan Marrow, Geoff Code, Eric South and Gillian Hewish recently departed, and pray for their families, friends and all those who grieve.

*If you would like someone who is currently unwell or in particular need of prayer to be named on the weekly pew sheet, please email the parish office giving the person's name and also your name as the contact*

## 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)

## Pastoral Care

Please continue to let Canon Michael (546459), Revd Ian Gardner (546895) or Revd Jane Wood (07983 623525) know of those who need to be contacted or are in hospital and we will get in touch. Marion Kee (860364) or Pat Jones (860696) are happy to be contacted for Uley, Owlpen and Nympsfield

Please continue to check the Ewelme Family Facebook page and the Benefice website

[www.ewelmebenefice.co.uk](http://www.ewelmebenefice.co.uk) regularly and if there are members who you know do not use any of these media, please let them know what is going on.

Printed copies of the weekly pew sheet are available to pick up from the porch in St James from Friday lunchtime. The porch will be left open every day. For those who can't come into Dursley, especially from Nympsfield or Uley, please do contact the office if you know of someone who would appreciate a printed copy.



## Churches Together.Cam, Dursley and District.

**TODAY** (Sunday 23rd January) at 6pm

The Revd. Fiona Crocker will lead the Annual Service of prayer for Christian Unity Week via Zoom  
Followed by a short forum meeting.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81700493043?pwd=M1VVNHFqWjZwTkpFa0VlWWZzZVhKQT09>

Meeting ID: 817 0049 3043

Passcode: 425791

## This week

Mon 24th	6pm	Evening Prayer via Zoom
Wed 26th	9am	Morning Prayer via Zoom
	6pm	Evening prayer via Zoom
	7.30pm	Dursley PCC, via Zoom
Thurs 27th	9am	Morning Prayer, St James
	10am	Holy Communion, St. James
	7pm	Living In Love & Faith Course via Zoom

To access the links to the Zoom services go to the website  
[www.ewelmebenefice.co.uk](http://www.ewelmebenefice.co.uk)

## Services for Sunday 30th January 2022 Presentation of Christ/Candlemas

10.00am	Parish Communion, St. James, Dursley
10.00am	BCP Matins, Holy Cross, Owlpen

### Morning Prayer in January via Zoom

Morning Prayer is usually said every Wednesday via Zoom. The link can be found by going into our website <https://ewelmebenefice.co.uk/> - and clicking on the link there. If needed,

Meeting ID: 893 3298 0143 Passcode: 899154

### Evening Prayer via Zoom

Twice a week, on Mondays and Wednesdays at 6pm, a number of us join together via Zoom for a short 20 minute service of Evening Prayer. We use a variety of styles of service and usually include some music – a hymn or song. Do join us! The link can be found by going into our website - <https://ewelmebenefice.co.uk/> - and clicking on the link there. If needed

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**\*\*The Ewelme Benefice quiet day has been postponed until May- new date to follow.\*\***



The Food Bank is now operating and donations are welcome. Uley village shop and both Tesco's and Sainsbury's have food donating points which can be used. Please continue to donate.

Message from Stroud District Foodbank-  
**THANK YOU SO MUCH**

*811.05 kg of food and toiletries have been collected from Dursley Churches Together in 2021*

*We fed and supported over 6000 people with crisis food and holiday hampers. 2/3 of this food goes to children. We couldn't do it without your support.*



### ST JAMES ECO BUG HOTEL APPEAL-

We are trying to increase the number and diversity of other species, plants and minibeasts. Over the last 20 years populations of many species have crashed due to our lack of awareness of the importance of nature to our wellbeing and that of the Earth.

Please can you donate bundles of sticks 12" (30cm) long tied with string, rag strips, non-plasticised wire etc are being sought for the church Bug Hotel. Roofing slates, tiles, seedy flower stems, pebbles (if you have them in your garden), chimney pots and terracotta clay fired pipes are useful too.



### Stewardship, Parish Giving Scheme, gifts and donations

**Very many thanks** to all members of our church community who have helped us financially by registering for the Parish Giving Scheme, increasing contributions through the Parish Giving Scheme, sending cheques to the treasurers or making bank transfers into our parish bank accounts.

These acts of generosity are really, really appreciated.

Please visit our website for quick and tax efficient online ways of giving - <https://ewelmebenefice.co.uk/coronavirus/> .

You can also donate directly via on-line banking:

**Uley account:** Barclays 20-33-83 A/C 43042057

**Dursley account:** Lloyds 30-98-29 A/C 02391588 Dursley PCC

### Live streaming of Services.

We plan to live stream the service of Holy Communion from St Giles on the third Sunday and from St James on the other Sundays in the month. The link can be found by going into our website - <https://ewelmebenefice.co.uk/> and clicking on the link there, or go into YouTube and enter 'Ewelme Benefice' in the Search Box, hit enter and select the service. Please note - the stream will start at about 9.50, the service starts at 10am. After the service the stream will convert to a recording which can be viewed from about 12noon. When there is a stream failure go to the Cathedral service – details in website. To listen to the service by phone through Zoom, dial 0131 460 1196 or 0203 481 5237. Enter the Meeting ID 893 3298 0143 followed by a #, key in # for Participant ID and, if requested, the Passcode 899154 followed by a #. Please be aware that due to technical difficulties, it may not always be possible to provide this Zoom link.

### St James wall monument refurbishment work.

Due to the on-going work on the wall monuments the church will remain closed when the contractor is not working. Including Friday, Saturday and Sunday after services. Work started on Monday 10th January and is likely to take up to 3 weeks to complete. Sorry for any inconvenience.

### Social media-

There is now an Instagram and Twitter account for the Benefice. Please follow the accounts if you use social media and send me anything you'd like me to advertise or share.



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