

SERVICES NEXT WEEK

SUNDAY 23RD MARCH

3RD OF LENT

ABBEY – 8.00 AM HOLY COMMUNION (BCP)
WARBOROUGH – 8.00 AM HOLY COMMUNION (BCP)
LITTLE WITTENHAM – 8:30 AM HOLY COMMUNION
DRAYTON ST LEONARD – 9:30 AM HOLY COMMUNION
ABBEY – 10:30 AM MORNING SERVICE
MARSH BALDON – 11:00 AM HOLY COMMUNION
BERINSFIELD – 3.00 PM INFORMAL WORSHIP
BERINSFIELD – 3.30 PM BERINSFIELD LIVING ROOM
STADHAMPTON – 4:30 PM EVENSONG
LONG WITTENHAM – 6:30 PM WORSHIP

A Service of Holy Communion is at St Mary's and St Berin Berinsfield every Wednesday at 9.30am. Everyone welcome.

HYMNS

O God beyond all praising 743
Be thou my vision 595
Praise to the holiest 763
I the Lord of the sea and sky 494

NEXT WEEK'S BIBLE READINGS

Isaiah 55.1–9
1 Corinthians 10.1–13
Luke 13.1–9

NOTICES

Village Coffee Morning in the Abbey
Tuesdays 11.00 am – 12 pm

Community Coffee Morning meets every Tuesday at Berinsfield Church Hall 10.30am-12pm. Open to everyone and will remain Dementia friendly.

Babies and Toddlers in the Abbey – NEW TIME
Wednesday 1:45pm – 3pm in the Shrine Chapel

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SUNDAY 16TH MARCH

2ND OF LENT

Welcome to our services today, especially any who are visiting us or are new parishioners. Please make yourself known to the clergy or those on duty.

THE COLLECTS

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in his Way come to share in his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

BIBLE READINGS

Luke 13.31–35

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, 'Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.' ³²He said to them, 'Go and tell that fox for me, "Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. ³³Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem." ³⁴Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

Philippians 3.17 – 4.1

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. ¹⁹Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly

things. ²⁰But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. ²¹He will transform the body of our humiliation so that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. ⁴¹Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

Genesis 15.1–12, 17–18

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' ²But Abram said, 'O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' ³And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' ⁴But the word of the Lord came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' ⁵He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' ⁶And he believed the Lord; and the Lord ^b reckoned it to him as righteousness. ⁷ Then he said to him, 'I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.' ⁸But he said, 'O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?' ⁹He said to him, 'Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.' ¹⁰He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. ¹¹And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. ¹²As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. ¹⁷When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire-pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. ¹⁸On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, 'To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS:

Almighty God, you spoke to your servant Abram telling him not to be afraid; to use you as his shield; and to believe in your promises. Help us in our times of fear and worry; and remind us of the reward of everlasting life that you have promised when we turn in faith to your son Jesus Christ.

Thank you that you care for us as your beloved children, with tenderness as a hen gathers her chicks under her wing. Help us, in turn, to share that loving and tender care with others.

Creator God, we pray for the world, its peoples and leaders. We pray especially for peace in Ukraine, in the Holy Land, in Sudan and DR Congo. Be with all those who live in places troubled by disaster, natural or man-made and let others who are more fortunate respond with generosity and solidarity.

We thank you for all the wonders of the world which belong to you but were given into our care to protect and nurture. Help us to be good stewards and to cherish the natural world around us.

Father God, the psalmist tells us to "seek your face" in the people whom we live amongst. Please help us to grow ever more deeply into the likeness of Christ, so that in our words and deeds others may see his light reflected.

Merciful God, we raise before you those we know and love who are ill or in need at this time and we pray for all who care for them at home or in hospital.

We pray for the bereaved – especially we pray for the families and friends of Mike Whitten, John Osborne, Georgina (Jean) Selwood and Richard Fortey, whose funerals are happening within the Dorchester Team. May they know God's comfort and presence.

Amen

UPCOMING FUNERALS AND MEMORIALS IN THE ABBEY

Service of Thanksgiving Mike Whitten

Thursday 20th March 2:30pm

Service of Thanksgiving Richard Fortey

Thursday 27th March pm

Confirmation Classes

We have had some interest regarding confirmations this year. If anyone else is interested in getting confirmed, please contact the Admin Team on admin@dorchester-abbey.org.uk