

## SERVICES NEXT WEEK

**SUNDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> MAY**  
**4<sup>TH</sup> OF EASTER**

**ABBEY** – 8.00 AM HOLY COMMUNION (BCP)  
**LONG WITTENHAM** – 9.30 AM HOLY COMMUNION  
**STADHAMPTON** – 9.30 AM HOLY COMMUNION  
**DRAYTON ST LEONARD** – 9.30 AM HOLY COMMUNION  
**ABBEY** – 10.30 AM FAMILY SERVICE & NASIO TRUST  
**CLIFTON HAMPDEN** – 10.30 AM MORNING SERVICE  
**WARBOROUGH** – 11.00 AM MORNING WORSHIP  
**BERINSFIELD** – 11.00 PM HOLY COMMUNION WITH HEALING  
**LONG WITTENHAM** – 3.00 PM WALK  
**TOOT BALDON** – 4.00 PM EVENSONG  
**ABBEY** – 5.00 PM EVENSONG  
**WARBOROUGH** – 6.00 PM HOLY COMMUNION (BCP)

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

### HYMNS

Thine be the glory 218  
All heaven declares 193  
Just as I am 451  
We have a gospel to proclaim 507

### NEXT WEEK'S BIBLE READINGS

Acts 9.36–43  
Revelation 7.9–end  
John 10.22–30

### 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** – every Wednesday 1:45pm – 3pm in the Shrine Chapel

**Dorchester Abbey & Team Office**  
01865 340007

Email: [admin@dorchester-abbey.org.uk](mailto:admin@dorchester-abbey.org.uk)

**Team Rector- Revd Jane Willis**  
Tel: 01865 294276

Email: [rector@dorchester-abbey.org.uk](mailto:rector@dorchester-abbey.org.uk)

**Team Vicar**  
**Revd Jo Allen** 07422 944006

**Associate Clergy**  
**Canon Rachel Carnegie** – contact via the office

**Curates**  
**Revd Mel Stanley** 07891 050851  
[revmelstanley@gmail.com](mailto:revmelstanley@gmail.com)

**Revd Emma Firth** 07498 762485  
[revemmafirth@gmail.com](mailto:revemmafirth@gmail.com)



**SUNDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> MAY**  
**3<sup>RD</sup> OF EASTER**

*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 Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and 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**

Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father.

**Amen**

### BIBLE READINGS

#### Acts 9.1–6

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest<sup>2</sup> and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.<sup>3</sup> Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him.<sup>4</sup> He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?'<sup>5</sup> He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting.'<sup>6</sup> But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.'

#### Revelation 5.11–14

Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands,<sup>12</sup> singing with full voice, 'Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honour and glory and blessing!' <sup>13</sup> Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing, 'To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and

honour and glory and might for ever and ever!’  
<sup>14</sup>And the four living creatures said, ‘Amen!’ And the elders fell down and worshipped.

### **John 21.1–19**

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. <sup>2</sup>Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. <sup>3</sup>Simon Peter said to them, ‘I am going fishing.’ They said to him, ‘We will go with you.’ They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. <sup>4</sup>Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>5</sup>Jesus said to them, ‘Children, you have no fish, have you?’ They answered him, ‘No.’ <sup>6</sup>He said to them, ‘Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.’ So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. <sup>7</sup>That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, ‘It is the Lord!’ When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the lake. <sup>8</sup>But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. <sup>9</sup>When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. <sup>10</sup>Jesus said to them, ‘Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.’ <sup>11</sup>So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. <sup>12</sup>Jesus said to them, ‘Come and have breakfast.’ Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, ‘Who are you?’ because they knew it was the Lord. <sup>13</sup>Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. <sup>14</sup>This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. <sup>15</sup>When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, ‘Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?’ He said to him, ‘Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Feed my lambs.’ <sup>16</sup>A second time he said to him, ‘Simon son of John, do you love me?’ He said to him, ‘Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Tend my sheep.’ <sup>17</sup>He said to him the third time, ‘Simon son of John, do you love me?’ Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, ‘Do you love me?’ And he said to him, ‘Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Feed my sheep. <sup>18</sup>Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.’ <sup>19</sup>(He said this to indicate the kind of

death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, ‘Follow me.’

### **THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread:  
open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

### **FOR YOUR PRAYERS:**

Mighty God, your Son revealed himself again and again and convinced his disciples of his glorious resurrection. Help us to feel his risen presence so we can move forward with our faith through love, compassion and fellowship.

Creator God, we thank you for the example of leadership given to us by your Son, Jesus Christ, in his life on earth and how, in a very practical sense, he showed his followers a new way to fish. We pray for the peoples of the world who are learning to do new things with their lives and we continue to pray that such changes will hasten the day when all of your world has enough of the basic essentials and comforts of life.

Almighty God, you have called us to follow in the way of your risen Son, and to care for those who are our companions, not only with words, but with acts of love. As we seek to be true friends of all, we pray for our families, our friends and our neighbours especially in areas where there are problems with our relationships. Let us always be the ones to make the first steps towards reconciliation.

Gracious God, we remember this morning those who are sick, unhappy or lonely and those who are brave and patient when things are going wrong. We pray that they may be aware of your comforting presence and know that in your hands they are safe and loved.

Creator God, through the glorious resurrection of your son, Jesus Christ, you have freed us from the grip of the tomb. We pray for those who have departed this life and ask You, through your loving kindness, to have mercy on their souls. We pray too for those bereaved by their passing. May they know your comforting presence.

Lord, help us to be an example to others. Show us, as you did with the fishermen, the practical steps we need to take so that we can change the ways in which we do things and so develop consistency and integrity in all that we do in our lives.

Merciful father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**