

SERVICES NEXT WEEK

SUNDAY 8TH JUNE
PENTECOST

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
CLIFTON HAMPDEN – 10:30 AM MORNING SERVICE
WARBOROUGH – 11:00 AM HOLY COMMUNION
BERINSFIELD – 11:00 AM HOLY COMMUNION WITH HEALING
LONG WITTENHAM – 15:00 PM WALK
NUNEHAM COURTENAY – 16:00 PM EVENSONG WITH ABBEY CHOIR

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

HYMNS

Hail the day that sees him rise 228
All heaven declares 193
Christ triumphant 612
Crown him with many crowns 227

NEXT WEEK'S BIBLE READINGS

Acts 2.1–21
Romans 8.14–17
John 14.8–17 [25–27]

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

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SUNDAY 1ST JUNE
7TH 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

O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Risen, ascended Lord, as we rejoice at your triumph, fill your Church on earth with power and compassion, that all who are estranged by sin may find forgiveness and know your peace, to the glory of God the Father.

Amen

BIBLE READINGS

Acts 16.16–34

One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. ¹⁷While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, 'These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation.' ¹⁸She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, 'I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.' And it came out that very hour. ¹⁹But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market-place before the authorities. ²⁰When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, 'These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews ²¹and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe.' ²²The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. ²³After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. ²⁴Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. ²⁵About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were

listening to them. ²⁶Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. ²⁷When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸But Paul shouted in a loud voice, 'Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.' ²⁹The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰Then he brought them outside and said, 'Sirs, what must I do to be saved?' ³¹They answered, 'Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.' ³²They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. ³³At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. ³⁴He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God

Revelation 22.12–14, 16, 17, 20, 21

'See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. ¹³I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.' ¹⁴Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. ¹⁶'It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.' ¹⁷The Spirit and the bride say, 'Come.' And let everyone who hears say, 'Come.' And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift. ²⁰The one who testifies to these things says, 'Surely I am coming soon.' Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! ²¹The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

John 17.20–26

'I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²²The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, ²³I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. ²⁴Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

²⁵'Righteous Father, the world does not know you,

but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.'

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS:

Jesus Christ calls everyone to follow Him. Lord, we pray for all who seek to walk in your way. Empower your Church to speak your truth boldly and in unity, so that those who are searching may clearly hear your message of love and peace. We lift to you all the prayer gatherings taking place in parish churches across the Church of England, and those praying at home, at work, or while traveling.

Jesus Christ calls everyone to follow Him. We lift before you the leaders and decision-makers in the Governments and for all who hold authority. Almighty God, guide their hearts and actions, and bring wisdom and peace, especially where there is conflict.

Jesus Christ calls everyone to follow Him. We pray for all those who do not yet know you. Work through us, Lord, so we may share your love, your life, and your message with them. Open their hearts, that they may come to know, follow, and witness to you.

Jesus Christ calls everyone to follow Him. We remember those who, through illness, disability, or frailty, find it hard to pray. May they be surrounded by your peace and upheld by the love and prayers of others. Bless all who care for them.

Jesus Christ calls everyone to follow Him. Help us to trust in your promise of eternal life. Give us ears to hear and hearts to believe, so that we may look with hope to the day when we join you in your eternal peace. We especially remember those who have recently died, or whose anniversaries we mark today.

Jesus Christ calls everyone to follow Him. Strengthen us through your Holy Spirit to be faithful witnesses of your love, beauty, and grace. May our prayers bear fruit and may those for whom we pray come into the fellowship of the faithful.

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