SERVICES NEXT WEEK

SUNDAY 6TH JULY TRINITY 3

ABBEY - 8.00 AM HOLY COMMUNION (BCP)

CLIFTON HAMPDEN - 8.00 AM HOLY COMMUNION (BCP)

STADHAMPTON — 9:30 AM FAMILY SERVICE

LONG WITTENHAM - 9:30 AM HOLY COMMUNION

TOOT BALDON — 10:00 AM PARACHUTE JUMP AND 11:00

AM AIR CRASH 60 YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE

ABBEY - 10:30 AM SUNG EUCHARIST

WARBOROUGH - 11.00 AM PARISH EUCHARIST

CULHAM – 11.00 AM HOLY COMMUNION

BERINSFIELD - 2.30 PM MESSY CHURCH

ABBEY - 3:00 PM FOREST CHURCH

DRAYTON ST LEONARD — 6:00 PM HOLY COMMUNION

CLIFTON HAMPDEN - 7.00 PM FIRE PIT

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

HYMNS

Let all the world in every corner sing Brother, sister let me serve you Let all mortal flesh keep silence Hope of our calling

NEXT WEEK'S BIBLE READINGS

2 Kings 5.1–14
Galatians 6.[1–6] 7–16
Luke 10.1–11, 16–20

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 29TH JUNE TRINITY 2, PETER & PAUL

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, whose blessed apostles Peter and Paul glorified you in their death as in their life: grant that your Church, inspired by their teaching and example, and made one by your Spirit, may ever stand firm upon the one foundation, 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

Faithful Creator, whose mercy never fails: deepen our faithfulness to you and to your living Word, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

BIBLE READINGS

Zechariah 4.1-6a, 10b-14

The angel who talked with me came again, and wakened me, as one is wakened from sleep. ²He said to me, 'What do you see?' And I said, 'I see a lampstand all of gold, with a bowl on the top of it; there are seven lamps on it, with seven lips on each of the lamps that are on the top of it. ³And by it there are two olive trees, one on the right of the bowl and the other on its left.' 4I said to the angel who talked with me, 'What are these, my lord?' ⁵Then the angel who talked with me answered me, 'Do you not know what these are?' I said, 'No, my lord.' ⁶He said to me, ¹⁰'These seven are the eyes of the Lord, which range through the whole earth.' ¹¹Then I said to him, 'What are these two olive trees on the right and the left of the lampstand?' 12And a second time I said to him, 'What are these two branches of the olive trees, which pour out the oil through the two golden pipes?' 13He said to me, 'Do you not know what these are?' I said, 'No, my lord.' ¹⁴Then he said, 'These are the two anointed ones who stand by the Lord of the whole earth.'

Acts 12.1-11

About that time King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. ²He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword. ³After he saw that it pleased the Jews, he

the festival of Unleavened Bread.) ⁴When he had seized him, he put him in prison and handed him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending to bring him out to the people after the Passover. 5While Peter was kept in prison, the church prayed fervently to God for him. ⁶The very night before Herod was going to bring him out, Peter, bound with two chains, was sleeping between two soldiers, while guards in front of the door were keeping watch over the prison. ⁷Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him, saying, 'Get up quickly.' And the chains fell off his wrists. 8The angel said to him, 'Fasten your belt and put on your sandals.' He did so. Then he said to him, 'Wrap your cloak around you and follow me.' 9Peter went out and followed him; he did not realize that what was happening with the angel's help was real; he thought he was seeing a vision. ¹⁰After they had passed the first and the second guard, they came before the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of its own accord, and they went outside and walked along a lane, when suddenly the angel left him. ¹¹Then Peter came to himself and said, 'Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hands of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting.'

proceeded to arrest Peter also. (This was during

Matthew 16.13-19

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' 14And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 15He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' 16Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' ¹⁷And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.'

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Almighty God, who on the day of Pentecost sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame, filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel: by the power of the same Spirit strengthen us to witness to your truth and to draw everyone to the fire of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS:

Father in Heaven, we rejoice in the work You have done in the lives of those ordained today - Dov, Francis and Emma. You have called them, taught them, and already used them mightily. And now, as they stand at the beginning of a lifelong journey in ministry, we pray that You will guide their steps in the days ahead. May they be lights in the darkness, bringing truth and hope to a world in need. Use them, Lord, with increasing fruitfulness for Your glory. Your Word assures us that when You call, You also provide all that is needed to fulfil that calling. May they draw daily from the deep well of Your grace. Give them the heart of our Saviour, who at the end of His earthly ministry commanded, "Go and make disciples" (Matthew 28:19). Guard them from sin, and, in times of success, protect them from pride. Keep them humble under Your mighty hand. Multiply their gifts, Lord, to strengthen and grow the body of Christ. May each one reflect the mind of Christ, the heart of Christ, and the life of Christ.

We give thanks for all who have shaped and supported the ordinands along the way—for their parents and grandparents, spouses and children, loved ones, friends, teachers, and mentors. Each has contributed to preparing them for the calling You have placed on their lives.

Father God, thank You for drawing us into the warmth of Your loving embrace. Help us to reflect that love by reaching out to someone in our community today—and each day—with kindness and compassion. We are grateful for those who welcome us into their lives, and for the gift of friendship that fills our hearts with joy.

Merciful God, have mercy on those who have recently passed and those who are on that last journey now. We especially remember Malcolm Elias whose funeral will be held at the Abbey on 16th July. May those who have gone before us rest in your eternal peace. We pray for those who mourn his passing, especially Paula, Andrew & Emily, Dan & Sarah, his grandchildren, family and friends.

Gracious God, thank You for Your Word and its powerful influence in our lives. Help us to learn to put its truth into practice as we go from this church and out into the world to live the week ahead.

Amen.