

SERVICES NEXT WEEK

SUNDAY 27TH JULY

TRINITY 6

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 WORSHIP
MARSH BALDON – 11:00 AM HOLY COMMUNION
BERINSFIELD – 3.00 PM INFORMAL WORSHIP
BERINSFIELD – 3.00 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

Lord of all hopefulness 713
Seek ye first 775
O Lord my God (How great thou art) 546
Immortal invisible 676

NEXT WEEK'S BIBLE READINGS

Hosea 1.2–10
Colossians 2.6–15 [16–19]
Luke 11.1–13

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 20TH JULY

TRINITY 5

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 and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; through our Lord and Saviour 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, send down upon your Church the riches of your Spirit, and kindle in all who minister the gospel your countless gifts of grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

BIBLE READINGS

Amos 8.1–12

This is what the Lord God showed me—a basket of summer fruit.²He said, 'Amos, what do you see?' And I said, 'A basket of summer fruit.' Then the Lord said to me, 'The end has come upon my people Israel; I will never again pass them by. ³The songs of the temple shall become wailings on that day,' says the Lord God; 'the dead bodies shall be many, cast out in every place. Be silent!' ⁴Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, ⁵saying, 'When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practise deceit with false balances, ⁶buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat.' ⁷The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds. ⁸Shall not the land tremble on this account, and everyone mourn who lives in it, and all of it rise like the Nile, and be tossed about and sink again, like the Nile of Egypt? ⁹On that day, says the Lord God, I will make the sun go down at noon, and darken the earth in broad daylight. ¹⁰I will turn your feasts into mourning, and all your songs into lamentation; I will bring sackcloth on all loins, and baldness on

every head; I will make it like the mourning for an only son, and the end of it like a bitter day. ¹¹The time is surely coming, says the Lord God, when I will send a famine on the land; not a famine of bread, or a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord. ¹²They shall wander from sea to sea, and from north to east; they shall run to and fro, seeking the word of the Lord, but they shall not find it.

Colossians 1.15–28

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. ²¹And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²²he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him— ²³provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel. ²⁴I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. ²⁵I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, ²⁶the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. ²⁷To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

Luke 10.38–end

Jesus entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. ³⁹She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. ⁴⁰But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.' ⁴¹But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; ⁴²there is need of only one thing. Mary

has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.'

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by your governance, that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FOR YOUR PRAYERS:

Let us bring our prayers before God, who welcomes both our service and our stillness, and who speaks through the quiet as much as through our work. Gracious Lord, you commended Mary for choosing to sit and listen. We pray for the Church throughout the world, that we may not be so busy doing things *for* You that we forget to spend time *with* You. Help us to keep worship and prayer at the heart of our lives, listening for Your voice before rushing into action.

Loving God, we pray for a world often driven by urgency, performance, and busyness. In a culture that prizes productivity, may leaders and nations seek wisdom, stillness, and justice above personal gain. Teach us, as communities and societies, to prioritise people over progress, compassion over control.

Compassionate Father, we thank You for the Marthas in our lives, those who serve faithfully and tirelessly, often unnoticed. May they be refreshed and encouraged. Help us, too, to be like Mary, to know when to pause, to listen, and to be nourished by Your presence. Teach us a rhythm of life that honours both service and stillness.

God of peace, we lift to You all who are anxious or overwhelmed by responsibility. For those caring for others, managing busy homes, juggling work and family, or feeling the pressure to meet expectations. Give them moments of rest, reassurance, and the grace to let go when needed. May they know they are loved not for what they do, but for who they are in You.

Healing Lord, we pray for those who are sick, lonely, grieving, or in pain. May they find comfort in Your presence, healing in Your touch, and hope through the care of others.

Gracious God, we gather to celebrate the baptism of Grace Liliana Correia Da Silva. We pray for your Holy Spirit to empower them, guide them, and help them to live out the promises made in baptism. May they be a light to the world, reflecting your love and grace.

As we go into the week ahead, help us to balance our inner Mary and Martha, to serve with joy, but also to listen with love. May we always choose "the better part" by grounding our lives in You.

Amen.