

SERVICES NEXT WEEK

SUNDAY 3RD AUGUST
TRINITY 7

ABBEY – 8.00 AM HOLY COMMUNION (BCP)
STADHAMPTON – 9:30 AM FAMILY SERVICE
LONG WITTENHAM – 9:30 AM HOLY COMMUNION
ABBEY – 10:30 AM SAID EUCHARIST
MARSH BALDON – 10:30 AM HOLY COMMUNION
WARBOROUGH – 11.00 AM PARISH EUCHARIST
ABBEY – 3:00 PM FOREST CHURCH
DRAYTON ST LEONARD – 6:00 PM HOLY COMMUNION

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

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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 27TH JULY
TRINITY 6

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

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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

Creator God, you made us all in your image: may we discern you in all that we see, and serve you in all that we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

BIBLE READINGS

Hosea 1.2–10

When the Lord first spoke through Hosea, the Lord said to Hosea, 'Go, take for yourself a wife of whoredom and have children of whoredom, for the land commits great whoredom by forsaking the Lord.' ³So he went and took Gomer daughter of Diblaim, and she conceived and bore him a son. ⁴And the Lord said to him, 'Name him Jezreel; for in a little while I will punish the house of Jehu for the blood of Jezreel, and I will put an end to the kingdom of the house of Israel. ⁵On that day I will break the bow of Israel in the valley of Jezreel.' ⁶She conceived again and bore a daughter. Then the Lord said to him, 'Name her Lo-ruhamah, for I will no longer have pity on the house of Israel or forgive them. ⁷But I will have pity on the house of Judah, and I will save them by the Lord their God; I will not save them by bow, or by sword, or by war, or by horses, or by horsemen. ⁸When she had weaned Lo-ruhamah, she conceived and bore a son. ⁹Then the Lord said, 'Name him Lo-ammi, for you are not my people and I am not your God.' ¹⁰Yet the number of the people of Israel shall be like the sand of the sea, which can be neither measured nor numbered; and in the place where it was said to them, 'You are not my people', it shall be said to them, 'Children of the living God.'

Colossians 2.6–15 [16–19]

As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, ⁷rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. ⁸See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. ⁹For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. ¹¹In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; ¹²when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, ¹⁴erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it. [¹⁶Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. ¹⁷These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. ¹⁸Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, ¹⁹and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.]

Luke 11.1–13

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.' ²He said to them, 'When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. ³Give us each day our daily bread. ⁴And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial.' ⁵And he said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, "Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; ⁶for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him." ⁷And he answers from within, "Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything." ⁸I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. ⁹So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ¹⁰For everyone who asks receives, and everyone

who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹¹Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? ¹²Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? ¹³If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

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:

Heavenly Father, you taught us how to pray through your Son Jesus Christ. We thank you for the gift of prayer, for the invitation to speak with you honestly and regularly. Deepen our desire to seek you in stillness, and teach us again and again to trust in your presence and your love.

Gracious God, we pray for your Church throughout the world. May your people be rooted in prayer, guided by your Word, and empowered to share your love. Strengthen all leaders and ministers with your Spirit, that they may serve faithfully and nurture others in faith and hope.

Generous God, we thank you that you are a loving Father who hears our cries. We bring before you the needs of the world—where there is conflict, bring peace; where there is suffering, bring healing; where there is injustice, bring justice. May your kingdom come, and your will be done.

Compassionate Lord, we remember those who are struggling—those burdened by illness, loneliness, poverty, or anxiety. Give us persistence in our prayers and compassion in our actions. We pray especially for Dorothy Taylor who recently passed away, for Richard her husband and all her family. We ask that, through your Spirit, they may know your comfort, healing, and presence.

Faithful God, help us to be persistent in our faith, trusting that when we ask, you answer; when we seek, we will find; and when we knock, the door will be opened. Teach us to pray with expectation and humility, and to recognise your good gifts when they come.

Amen.