

## SERVICES NEXT WEEK

**SUNDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST**  
**TRINITY 9**

**ABBEY** – 8.00 AM HOLY COMMUNION (BCP)  
**STADHAMPTON** – 9:30 AM FAMILY EUCHARIST  
**LONG WITTENHAM** – 9:30 AM HOLY COMMUNION  
**DRAYTON ST LEONARD** – 9:30 AM MORNING SERVICE  
**TOOT BALDON** – 9:30 AM HOLY COMMUNION  
**ABBEY** – 10:30 AM SAID EUCHARIST  
**CLIFTON HAMPDEN** – 10:30 AM HOLY COMMUNION  
**BERINSFIELD** – 11:00 AM HOLY COMMUNION  
**WARBOROUGH** – 11.00 AM PARISH EUCHARIST

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

### NEXT WEEK'S BIBLE READINGS

Isaiah 5.1–7  
Hebrews 11.29 – 12.2  
Luke 12.49–56

### NOTICES

**Celebration of Life**  
Verite Reily-Collins  
Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> August at 2pm  
Dorchester Abbey

**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** – summer break, restarts on 17th September at 2pm

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**SUNDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST**  
**TRINITY 8**

*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 Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; 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**

Lord God, your Son left the riches of heaven and became poor for our sake: when we prosper save us from pride, when we are needy save us from despair, that we may trust in you alone; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

### BIBLE READINGS

#### Isaiah 1.1, 10–20

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah. <sup>10</sup>Hear the word of the Lord, you rulers of Sodom! Listen to the teaching of our God, you people of Gomorrah! <sup>11</sup>What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the Lord; I have had enough of burnt-offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts; I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of goats. <sup>12</sup>When you come to appear before me, who asked this from your hand? Trample my courts no more; <sup>13</sup>bringing offerings is futile; incense is an abomination to me. New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation—I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity. <sup>14</sup>Your new moons and your appointed festivals my soul hates; they have become a burden to me, I am weary of bearing them. <sup>15</sup>When you stretch out your hands, I will hide my eyes from listen; your hands are full of blood. <sup>16</sup>Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your doings from before my eyes; cease to do evil, <sup>17</sup>learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow. <sup>18</sup>Come now, let us argue it out, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like

snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool. <sup>19</sup>If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land; <sup>20</sup>but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured by the sword; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

### Hebrews 11.1–3, 8–16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. <sup>2</sup>Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. <sup>3</sup>By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. <sup>8</sup>By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup>By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup>For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. <sup>11</sup>By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. <sup>12</sup>Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, ‘as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.’ <sup>13</sup>All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, <sup>14</sup>for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. <sup>15</sup>If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup>But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

### Luke 12.32–40

‘Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup>Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. <sup>35</sup>Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; <sup>36</sup>be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. <sup>37</sup>Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. <sup>38</sup>If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

<sup>39</sup>But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>40</sup>You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.’

### THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things; may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute; may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit; may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life; glory to you for ever.

**Amen.**

### FOR YOUR PRAYERS:

Let us offer our prayers to God, who tells us not to be afraid, and who calls us to be ready and watchful for his kingdom.

Loving Father, you have given us your kingdom, and yet we are often anxious and distracted. Teach your Church to live in joyful trust, storing up treasure not in possessions or power, but in compassion, truth, and love. Help us to live as people who are always ready to meet you.

God of peace, in a world marked by fear and uncertainty, we pray for your kingdom to come. Strengthen those who lead with integrity. Guide nations towards justice and mercy. Bless all who work for reconciliation, especially in places torn by conflict, division or oppression.

God of compassion, be with all who are weighed down with worry, those struggling to provide for their families, those burdened by debt, ill health, or loneliness. May they know the peace of your presence, and may we be generous and alert to their needs.

God of hope, you call us to be dressed and ready for action. Make us faithful stewards of the time, talents and resources you have entrusted to us. Give us courage to live with purpose and to serve others with joy.

God of eternity, we pray for all who have died, and for those who mourn. As we wait for the coming of your kingdom, keep us watchful and faithful, so that when you return, you will find us ready and at peace. We pray especially for Daphne Garth, Dorothy Taylor and Verite Reily Collins and their families. We ask that, through your Spirit, they may know your comfort, healing, and presence.

Heavenly Father, keep us rooted in your love, watchful for your coming, and generous with all you have given us. Make us a people prepared to meet you, and to welcome you in one another.

**Amen.**