

SERVICES NEXT WEEK

SUNDAY 31ST AUGUST
TRINITY 11

ABBEY – 8.00 AM HOLY COMMUNION (BCP)
STADHAMPTON – 10:30 AM TEAM SERVICE

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

HYMNS

Father, Lord of all creation 630
I cannot tell 666
Be still for the presence of the Lord 358
Be thou my guardian and my guide 116

NEXT WEEK'S BIBLE READINGS

Jeremiah 2.4–13
Hebrews 13.1–8, 15, 16
Luke 14.1, 7–14

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



SUNDAY 24TH AUGUST
BARTHOLOMEW THE APOSTLE

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, who gave to your apostle Bartholomew grace truly to believe and to preach your word: grant that your Church may love that word which he believed and may faithfully preach and receive the same; 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

Lord of heaven and earth, as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer, give us patience and courage never to lose hope, but always to bring our prayers before you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

BIBLE READINGS

Isaiah 43.8–13

Bring forth the people who are blind, yet have eyes, who are deaf, yet have ears! ⁹Let all the nations gather together, and let the peoples assemble. Who among them declared this, and foretold to us the former things? Let them bring their witnesses to justify them, and let them hear and say, 'It is true.' ¹⁰You are my witnesses, says the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen, so that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he. Before me no god was formed, nor shall there be any after me. ¹¹I, I am the Lord, and besides me there is no saviour. ¹²I declared and saved and proclaimed, when there was no strange god among you; and you are my witnesses, says the Lord. ¹³I am God, and also henceforth I am He; there is no one who can deliver from my hand; I work and who can hinder it?

Acts 5.12–16

Now many signs and wonders were done among the people through the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. ¹³None of the rest dared to join them, but the people held them in high esteem. ¹⁴Yet more than ever believers were added to the Lord, great numbers of both men and women, ¹⁵so that they even carried out the sick into the streets, and laid them on cots and mats, in order

DORCHESTER TEAM *Communion Together*



Everybody's Welcome

A service of Holy Communion for all ages
with the blessing of our backpacks and briefcases
(bring something to represent your daily work)

31st August at 10.30am
St John the Baptist Church, Stadhampton

that Peter's shadow might fall on some of them as he came by. ¹⁶A great number of people would also gather from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all cured.

Luke 22.24–30

A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. ²⁵But he said to them, 'The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. ²⁶But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. ²⁷For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves. ²⁸You are those who have stood by me in my trials; ²⁹and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, ³⁰so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

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.

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FOR YOUR PRAYERS:

Let us pray to the God who calls us not to seek power or privilege, but to walk the way of Christ, who came as one who serves.

Servant King, you remind your disciples that true greatness is found not in ruling but in serving. We pray for your Church, that we may follow your example of humility and love. Strengthen bishops, priests, deacons, and all your people in their call to serve, that together we may reveal your Kingdom. Lord of the nations, you see the struggles for power in our world. We pray for those in positions of leadership – in government, business, and community life. Give them the wisdom to serve rather than to dominate, to seek justice for the poor, and to work for peace and reconciliation.

Compassionate Lord, you came among us as one who serves. We pray for those who serve others quietly and faithfully: carers, nurses, teachers, volunteers, and all who give of themselves for the good of others. Bless their work, sustain their strength, and encourage them when they feel weary or unnoticed.

Loving God, we thank you for the gift of love and the joy we see in those preparing for marriage. Bless all wedding couples in this community and beyond, especially Charlotte Buckett and Joshua Axtell, Joshua Paul and Harriet Edwards and Jesslyn Thay and Tom Blundell who will be married this weekend. We pray that their lives together may be rooted in faith, shaped by patience, forgiveness, and mutual service, and strengthened by the support of family, friends, and the wider church. As Christ came among us as one who serves, help them to serve one another with humility and joy, and to be a sign of your faithful love in the world.

God of mercy, you know the needs of your children. We pray for all who are in difficulty today – for the sick, the lonely, the anxious, and the grieving. We pray especially for the families and friends of Edward Lennon, Evie Crawford and all who have recently passed. Surround them with your healing presence and give them hope.

Faithful God, you promised your disciples a place at your table in your Kingdom. We give thanks for those who have gone before us in faith and now share in your eternal banquet. Bring us, with them, to the joy of your heavenly feast, where Christ is host and all are fed.

Amen.