

SERVICES NEXT WEEK

SUNDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER
TRINITY 12

ABBAY – 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
MARSH BALDON – 10:30 AM HOLY COMMUNION
ABBAY – 10:30 AM SUNG EUCHARIST
WARBOROUGH – 11.00 AM PARISH EUCHARIST
BERINSFIELD – 2.30 PM MESSY CHURCH
ABBAY – 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.

HYMNS – TEAM SERVICE AT STADHAMPTON

NEXT WEEK'S BIBLE READINGS

Jeremiah 18.1–11
Philemon 1–21
Luke 14.25–33

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

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SUNDAY 31ST AUGUST
TRINITY 11

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

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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

God of glory, the end of our searching, help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom, and to give all that we have to gain the pearl beyond all price, through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen

BIBLE READINGS

Jeremiah 2.4–13

Hear the word of the Lord, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel. ⁵Thus says the Lord: What wrong did your ancestors find in me that they went far from me, and went after worthless things, and became worthless themselves? ⁶They did not say, 'Where is the Lord who brought us up from the land of Egypt, who led us in the wilderness, in a land of deserts and pits, in a land of drought and deep darkness, in a land that no one passes through, where no one lives?' ⁷I brought you into a plentiful land to eat its fruits and its good things. But when you entered you defiled my land, and made my heritage an abomination. ⁸The priests did not say, 'Where is the Lord?' Those who handle the law did not know me; the rulers transgressed against me; the prophets prophesied by Baal, and went after things that do not profit. ⁹Therefore once more I accuse you, says the Lord, and I accuse your children's children. ¹⁰Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look, send to Kedar and examine with care; see if there has ever been such a thing. ¹¹Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods? But my people have changed their glory for something that does not profit. ¹²Be appalled, O heavens, at this, be shocked,

be utterly desolate, says the Lord, ¹³for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living water, and dug out cisterns for themselves, cracked cisterns that can hold no water.

Hebrews 13.1–8, 15, 16

Let mutual love continue. ²Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. ³Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. ⁴Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. ⁵Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, 'I will never leave you or forsake you.' ⁶So we can say with confidence, 'The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?' ⁷Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever. ¹⁵Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. ¹⁶Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Luke 14.1, 7–14

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. ⁷When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. ⁸'When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; ⁹and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, "Give this person your place", and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. ¹⁰But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, "Friend, move up higher"; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. ¹¹For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.' ¹²He said also to the one who had invited him, 'When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. ¹³But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.'

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord of all mercy, we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace: by our communion keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel and preserve us from all sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS:

Let us pray to the God who welcomes all to his table of grace.

Lord Jesus, you teach us that the true place of honour is found in humility and service. We pray for your Church, here in this community and across the world: that we may be a people who welcome and make space for all. Help us to embody your generous hospitality so that the Church may truly be a sign of your kingdom on earth.

God of justice and peace, we pray for our world. Stir the hearts of leaders and governments to seek fairness and dignity for all, to lift up the lowly and to ensure that all are given a place at the table of life. Bless those working in charities, foodbanks, and community organisations, as they put humility into action through service to others.

God of welcome, we thank you for our village, our schools, and all the places where we live and work. Help us to build communities where no one feels left out, where friendship overcomes loneliness, and where generosity replaces suspicion. Bless all who organise meals, gatherings, and community events that draw people together in joy and fellowship. God of compassion, we bring before you those who are struggling today: the sick, the lonely, the bereaved, and those weighed down by worry. In their weakness, may they find strength; in their isolation, may they know belonging; and in their sorrow, may they glimpse your peace. We pray especially for the families and friends of Edward Lennon, Lindsay McLardy-Smith and Audrey Willis whose funerals are upcoming. May they be comforted.

God of resurrection hope, we remember with thanksgiving those who have gone before us into your eternal banquet. Grant us grace to follow their example of faith, so that we, too, may one day find our place at your heavenly feast, where all are welcomed and none are turned away.

Amen.