

SERVICES NEXT WEEK

SUNDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER

MATTHEW, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST

ABBEY — 8.00 AM HOLY COMMUNION (BCP)

DRAYTON ST LEONARD — 9:30 AM MORNING SERVICE

TOOT BALDON — 9:30 AM HOLY COMMUNION WITH
BAPTISM

STADHAMPTON — 9:30 AM FAMILY EUCHARIST

LONG WITTENHAM — 9:30 AM HOLY COMMUNION

ABBEY — 10:30 AM SUNG EUCHARIST

CLIFTON HAMPDEN — 10.30 AM HOLY COMMUNION

WARBOROUGH — 11.00 AM PARISH EUCHARIST

BERINSFIELD — 11.00 AM HARVEST SERVICE

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

HYMNS — 5PM EVENSONG

Psalm 22 V. 23-28

Glory be to Jesus 142

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NEXT WEEK'S BIBLE READINGS

Proverbs 3.13–18

2 Corinthians 4.1–6

Matthew 9.9–13

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 – restarting this
week on 17th September at 1:45pm!

The office have received reports of a spam
email claiming to be from Revd Jane Willis but
not showing the [rector@dorchester-
abbey.org.uk](mailto:rector@dorchester-abbey.org.uk) email address. Please do be
vigilant on any email that might seem out of
place and, if needs be, report it to
report@phishing.gov.uk, block the email
address and then delete the email. Thank you!



SUNDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER

HOLY CROSS DAY

*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 God, who in the passion of your blessed
Son made an instrument of painful death to be for
us the means of life and peace: grant us so to
glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly
suffer for his sake; who is alive and reigns with
you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now
and for ever.

Amen

Almighty God, you search us and know us: may we
rely on you in strength and rest on you in
weakness, now and in all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

BIBLE READINGS

Numbers 21.4–9

From Mount Hor, Moses and the people of Israel set
out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land
of Edom; but the people became impatient on the
way. ⁵The people spoke against God and against
Moses, 'Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to
die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no
water, and we detest this miserable food.' ⁶Then
the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people,
and they bit the people, so that many Israelites
died. ⁷The people came to Moses and said, 'We have
sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you;
pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us.'
So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸And the Lord said
to Moses, 'Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a
pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and
live.' ⁹So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it
upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone,
that person would look at the serpent of bronze and
live.

Philippians 2.6–11

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did
not regard equality with God as something to be
exploited, ⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a
slave, being born in human likeness. And being
found in human form, ⁸he humbled himself and
became obedient to the point of death— even death
on a cross. ⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him

and gave him the name that is above every name,
¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should
bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ
is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

John 3.13–17

Jesus said to Nicodemus, 'No one has ascended into
heaven except the one who descended from heaven,
the Son of Man.¹⁴ And just as Moses lifted up the
serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man
be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may
have eternal life. ¹⁶For God so loved the world that
he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes
in him may not perish but may have eternal life.
¹⁷Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world
to condemn the world, but in order that the world
might be saved through him.'

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Faithful God, whose Son bore our sins in his body on
the tree and gave us this sacrament to show forth
his death until he comes: give us grace to glory in the
cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, for he is our salvation,
our life and our hope, who reigns as Lord, now and
for ever.

Amen.

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FOR YOUR PRAYERS:

Let us pray to the God who draws all people to
himself through the Cross of Christ.

Lord Jesus, lifted high upon the cross, you draw the
whole world to yourself. We pray for your Church
throughout the world, that we may be united in your
love and courageously bear witness to your saving
power. Make our communities that reflect your
cross-shaped love: generous, forgiving, welcoming to
all.

Lord of the nations, the cross reminds us that your
love reaches every people and place. We hold before
you the places where there is conflict, injustice, or
suffering. We pray for communities broken apart by
war, disaster, or division. By the power of your cross,
bring reconciliation, peace, and hope.

Lord of life, you call us to bear one another's
burdens and so fulfil the law of Christ. Bless this
community with compassion and kindness. We pray
for our neighbours, our schools, our farmers, our
shops, and all who serve the common good. Where
there is loneliness, bring friendship; where there is
hardship, bring relief; where there is joy, bring
gratitude. May we be a people who carry the cross
not for ourselves alone but for one another.

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the gift of new
life, and today especially for Sylvie White who is
being baptised. Bless them with your love,
surround them with your protection, and fill them
with your Holy Spirit. We pray for the wider family,
friends, and this church community. Help us all to
play our part in supporting Sylvie as they grow, so
that they may learn to follow Christ and know his
love.

Lord of compassion, your cross shows us that you
are with us in our pain. We bring before you all who
suffer in body, mind, or spirit. May they find healing,
comfort, and strength in your presence.

Lord of eternity, your cross is the gate of life. We
remember before you those who have died and
those whose anniversary of death falls at this time.
We pray especially for Susan Bates whose funeral is
upcoming in the Dorchester Team. May they rest in
the peace won for us by your victory on the cross,
and rise in glory with all your saints.

Lord Jesus Christ, who for love of us carried the cross
to Calvary, help us to take up our cross daily and
follow you, so that your love may be known in our
communities and your kingdom come on earth as it
is in heaven.

Amen.