

SERVICES NEXT WEEK

SUNDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER
HOLY CROSS DAY

ABBEY – 8.00 AM HOLY COMMUNION (BCP)
DRAYTON ST LEONARD – 9:30 AM HOLY COMMUNION
STADHAMPTON – 9:30 AM HOLY COMMUNION
LONG WITTENHAM – 9:30 AM HOLY COMMUNION
ABBEY – 10:30 AM FAMILY SERVICE WITH BAPTISM
CLIFTON HAMPDEN – 10.30 AM MORNING SERVICE
WARBOROUGH – 11.00 AM MORNING WORSHIP
BERINSFIELD – 11.00 AM HOLY COMMUNION WITH HEALING
ABBEY – 5:00 PM FOSB EVENSONG
TOOT BALDON – 6:00 PM EVENSONG
WARBOROUGH – 6:00 PM HOLY COMMUNION (BCP)

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

HYMNS

Praise to the Lord the Almighty 765
Teach me my God and King 790
From heaven you came (Servant King) 489
Forth in the name O Lord we go 476

NEXT WEEK'S BIBLE READINGS

Numbers 21.4–9
Philippians 2.6–11
John 3.13–17

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 7TH SEPTEMBER
TRINITY 12

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, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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 constant mercy, who sent your Son to save us: remind us of your goodness, increase your grace within us, that our thankfulness may grow, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

BIBLE READINGS

Jeremiah 18.1–11

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord:
²'Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words.'
³So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel.
⁴The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him.
⁵Then the word of the Lord came to me:
⁶'Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done?' says the Lord. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel.
⁷At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it,
⁸but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it.
⁹And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it,
¹⁰but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it.
¹¹Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the Lord: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a

plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

Philemon 1–21

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, ²to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow-soldier, and to the church in your house: ³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God ⁵because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith towards the Lord Jesus. ⁶I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. ⁷I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother. ⁸For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, ⁹yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus.¹⁰ I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. ¹¹Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. ¹²I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. ¹³I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; ¹⁴but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. ¹⁵Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for ever, ¹⁶no longer as a slave but as more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. ¹⁷So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. ¹⁸If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. ¹⁹I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. ²⁰Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

Luke 14.25–33

Large crowds were travelling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, ²⁶'Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. ²⁷Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule

him, ³⁰saying, "This fellow began to build and was not able to finish." ³¹Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³²If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. ³³So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.'

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of all mercy, in this eucharist you have set aside our sins and given us your healing: grant that we who are made whole in Christ may bring that healing to this broken world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS:

Let us pray to the God who calls us to follow Christ with all that we are and all that we have. Lord, you ask us to count the cost of discipleship and to follow you wholeheartedly. Strengthen your Church to walk together in faith, supporting one another when the way is hard. Bless our bishops, clergy, and all who lead, that they may encourage us in faithfulness and generosity of spirit. Gracious God, we pray for our world where so many carry heavy burdens of poverty, conflict, and injustice. May we be communities that share the load, seeking peace and reconciliation, and making sacrifices for the sake of others. Help us to place people before possessions, and compassion before self-interest. Loving God, we thank you for the gift of love and marriage. Bless all wedding couples in this community and beyond, especially Chloe Corran and Thomas Tonge who will be married this weekend. Loving God, we bring before you those who struggle with illness, loneliness, or despair. In a world where discipleship can feel costly, surround them with your care and with neighbours who embody your love. We pray especially for the families and friends of Lindsay McLardy-Smith and Susan Bates whose funerals are upcoming. May they be comforted. Faithful God, help us to remember that we do not walk alone. In following Jesus, may we encourage one another, rejoice with one another, and bear one another's burdens. Teach us to trust that what we give up for your sake, you transform into blessing for us and for others. God of eternity, we give thanks for those who have run the race before us and shown us how to follow Christ faithfully. May their witness inspire us to persevere, and may we find our place at your heavenly banquet with all your saints in glory.

Amen.