

## SERVICES NEXT WEEK

**SUNDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**  
**LAST AFTER TRINITY / BIBLE SUNDAY**

**ABBAY** – 8.00 AM HOLY COMMUNION (BCP)  
**WARBOROUGH** – 8.00 AM HOLY COMMUNION (BCP)  
**STADHAMPTON** – 9:30 AM HOLY COMMUNION (BCP)  
**DRAYTON ST LEONARD** – 9:30 AM HOLY COMMUNION  
**ABBAY** – 10:30 AM MORNING SERVICE  
**MARSH BALDON** – 11:00 AM HOLY COMMUNION  
**BERINSFIELD** – 3.00 PM INFORMAL WORSHIP  
**BERINSFIELD** – 3.30 PM BERINSFIELD LIVING ROOM  
**WARBOROUGH** – 4.30 PM CLUSTER EVENSONG

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

### HYMNS

O God beyond all praising 743  
I lift mine eyes (Sheet)  
Praise to the Lord the Almighty 765  
Lord for the years 715

### NEXT WEEK'S BIBLE READINGS

Joel 2.23–32  
2 Timothy 4.6–8, 16–18  
Luke 18.9–14

### 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.

**Abbey Tots** – Wednesdays in the Abbey 9.30am – 10.30am

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**SUNDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**  
**TRINITY 18**

*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, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; 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, our judge and saviour, teach us to be open to your truth and to trust in your love, that we may live each day with confidence in the salvation which is given through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

### BIBLE READINGS

#### Genesis 32.22–31

The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. <sup>23</sup>He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. <sup>24</sup>Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. <sup>25</sup>When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. <sup>26</sup>Then he said, 'Let me go, for the day is breaking.' But Jacob said, 'I will not let you go, unless you bless me.' <sup>27</sup>So he said to him, 'What is your name?' And he said, 'Jacob.' <sup>28</sup>Then the man said, 'You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed.' <sup>29</sup>Then Jacob asked him, 'Please tell me your name.' But he said, 'Why is it that you ask my name?' And there he blessed him. <sup>30</sup>So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, 'For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved.' <sup>31</sup>The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

## Psalm 121

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills;  
from where is my help to come?
- 2 My help comes from the Lord,  
the maker of heaven and earth.
- 3 He will not suffer your foot to stumble;  
he who watches over you will not sleep.
- 4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel  
shall neither slumber nor sleep.
- 5 The Lord himself watches over you;  
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,
- 6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day,  
neither the moon by night.
- 7 The Lord shall keep you from all evil;  
it is he who shall keep your soul.
- 8 The Lord shall keep watch over your going out  
and your coming in,  
from this time forth for evermore.

## 2 Timothy 3.14 – 4.5

As for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, <sup>15</sup>and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>16</sup>All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup>so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. <sup>4</sup>In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: <sup>2</sup>proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. <sup>3</sup>For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, <sup>4</sup>and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. <sup>5</sup>As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

## Luke 18.1–8

Jesus told the disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. <sup>2</sup>He said, 'In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. <sup>3</sup>In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, "Grant me justice against my opponent." <sup>4</sup>For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, "Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, <sup>5</sup>yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming." <sup>6</sup>And the Lord said, 'Listen to what the unjust judge says. <sup>7</sup>And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? <sup>8</sup>I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And

yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?'

## THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast: for here we receive you, here the memory of your passion is renewed, here our minds are filled with grace, and here a pledge of future glory is given, when we shall feast at that table where you reign with all your saints for ever.

**Amen.**

## FOR YOUR PRAYERS:

Let us pray for the Church and for the world, and let us thank God for His faithfulness and love.

You teach us through Jesus' parable of the persistent widow to pray always and not lose heart. Strengthen your Church to be a people of constant prayer and steady hope. May we not grow weary in seeking justice, peace, and mercy for your world.

We pray for our bishops, clergy, and all who lead, that they may serve faithfully and encourage others in prayer and perseverance. You hear the cries of those who suffer and long for fairness.

We pray for all who are denied justice, whose voices go unheard, and whose needs are ignored. May your Spirit stir us, your people, to speak out and stand alongside them. Give courage to those working in law, politics, and community life to act with integrity and compassion.

We thank you for the people among whom we live and work: for friends, neighbours, and all who share our daily lives. Help us to see your image in one another, and to be patient, kind, and persistent in love. Where there are divisions, bring reconciliation; where there is weariness, bring renewal; and where there is loneliness, help us to notice and respond with care.

We pray for those who struggle today: the sick, the anxious, the grieving, and those who feel abandoned. We pray for the family and friends of Eileen Olleson who recently passed. May they be comforted by your presence.

As the widow in the parable would not give up, teach us to hold one another in prayer, trusting that you are always at work, bringing healing and hope. You promise that your Son will return and that faith will be found among your people. Keep us steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love.

May our community be known not for its strength or success, but for its compassion, prayerfulness, and perseverance.

**Amen.**