

SERVICES NEXT WEEK

SUNDAY 30TH NOVEMBER
ADVENT SUNDAY

ABBEY – 8.00 AM HOLY COMMUNION (BCP)

ABBEY – 10:30 AM TEAM SERVICE FOR ADVENT SUNDAY

ABBEY – 5:00 PM SPECIAL SERVICE OF WATCHING AND WAITING

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

At the name of Jesus 593
Christ is the King 486
Praise to the holiest 763
Crown him with many crowns 227

NEXT WEEK'S BIBLE READINGS

Isaiah 2.1–5
Romans 13.11–14
Matthew 24.36–44

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. Dementia friendly.

Abbey Tots – Wednesdays in the Abbey 9.30am – 10.30am – **PAUSED FOR ABBEY EVENT**

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SUNDAY 23RD NOVEMBER

CHRIST THE KING

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

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

God the Father, help us to hear the call of Christ the King and to follow in his service, whose kingdom has no end; for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, one glory.

Amen

BIBLE READINGS

Jeremiah 23.1–6

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. ²Therefore, thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. ³Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord. ⁵The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

Colossians 1.11–20

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints

in the light. ¹³He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. ¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Luke 23.33–43

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.' And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!' ³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, ³⁷and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' ³⁸There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.' ³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' ⁴²Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' ⁴³He replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS:

Dear loving God,

Thank you that you were willing to walk this earth with us, to breath our air, to feel our pain and joy and to show us the way forward.

Just as you did, help us to go the extra mile to love those who are far away from their homes, displaced and forgotten. May we lay down our agendas and walk with those who are lost, to understand their plight and to help show a way forward where possible. May those in power have compassion and mercy, and may we truly love like you have loved us. Help us as a Church to choose unity over division, peace over hostility, and forgiveness over anger. May we be a people who genuinely care for each other, and may our love for one another be a witness to you in our communities.

Give us the courage to share your love, to share your good news through word and action. We think of all those in our lives who do not already know you, and pray that each and everyone will come to know you and your incredible love.

Jesus, thank you for showing us the way.

Loving God, we lift before you Revd David Cockerell as he enters palliative care. Surround him with your deep peace and tender presence; let him feel held securely in your everlasting love. Strengthen those who care for him and comfort his family and friends with your kindness and hope.

Loving Lord, we pray for those who grieve, especially the family and friends of Janet Joseph, John Pratt, Revd Peter Dewey and Revd Janet Hiles who recently passed. May your peace give them strength for each new day and fill them with the hope of your promise of the joy of your eternal kingdom.

Amen

The Funeral Service for the late
Mr John Richard Pratt
will be held on
Thursday 4th December at 2pm
in Dorchester Abbey

PRIVATE EVENTS IN THE ABBEY
Monday 24th and Wednesday 26th
November
9AM-3PM

No access to the public during this time.
The Abbey will be open to visitors from
3PM.