

SERVICES NEXT WEEK

SUNDAY 8TH FEBRUARY

2ND BEFORE LENT

ABBEY – 8.00 AM HOLY COMMUNION (BCP)

LONG WITTEHAM – 9:30 AM HOLY COMMUNION

DRAYTON ST LEONARD – 9:30 AM HOLY COMMUNION

STADHAMPTON – 9:30 AM HOLY COMMUNION

ABBEY – 10:30 AM FAMILY SERVICE

CLIFTON HAMPDEN – 10:30 AM MORNING SERVICE

WARBOROUGH – 11.00 AM MORNING WORSHIP

BERINSFIELD – 11.00 AM HOLY COMMUNION WITH
HEALING

TOOT BALDON – 4:00 PM EVENSONG

ABBEY – 5:00 PM EVENSONG

WARBOROUGH – 6.00 PM HOLY COMMUNION (BCP)

A service of Morning Prayer is held at Dorchester Abbey every Tuesday at 10:30am.

A Service of Morning Prayer is at St Mary's and St Berin Berinsfield every Wednesday at 9.00am followed by a Service of Holy Communion at 9.30am.

Everyone welcome.

NEXT WEEK'S BIBLE READINGS

Genesis 1.1–2.3

Romans 8.18–25

Matthew 6.25–34

HYMNS

Love Divine all loves excelling 721

Let all mortal flesh 452

Faithful vigil ended 396

In our darkness 101 (tune Gwalcmai 698i)

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

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SUNDAY 1ST FEBRUARY

CANDLEMAS

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

God our creator, who in the beginning commanded the light to shine out of darkness: we pray that the light of the glorious gospel of Christ may dispel the darkness of ignorance and unbelief, shine into the hearts of all your people, and reveal the knowledge of your glory in the face 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 heaven, you send the gospel to the ends of the earth and your messengers to every nation: send your Holy Spirit to transform us by the good news of everlasting life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

BIBLE READINGS

Malachi 3.1–5

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. ²But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; ³he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. ⁴Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years. ⁵Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the Lord of hosts.

Hebrews 2.14–end

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵and free those

who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death.¹⁶ For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham.¹⁷ Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people.¹⁸ Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Luke 2.22–40

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord²³ (as it is written in the law of the Lord, ‘Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord’),²⁴ and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, ‘a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.’²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him.²⁶ It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah.²⁷ Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law,²⁸ Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,²⁹ ‘Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word;³⁰ for my eyes have seen your salvation,³¹ which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.’³³ And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him.³⁴ Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, ‘This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed³⁵ so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.’³⁶ There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage,³⁷ then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day.³⁸ At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.³⁹ When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth.⁴⁰ The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Generous Lord, in word and eucharist we have proclaimed the mystery of your love: help us so to live out our days that we may be signs of your wonders in the world; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Amen.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS:

Heavenly Father, Paul reminds us that you will supply every need we have according to your riches in glory in Christ Jesus” ([Phil. 4:19](#)). And so we come before you to pray for the needs of the world.

We pray for peace in all parts of the world experiencing war, conflict and political unrest. Thank you, Lord, that your Son comes to us as the Prince of Peace and we pray that His peace may spread in areas where people are being killed or maimed, where families are being forced to leave their homes, where medical help is not always available and where winter weather makes life even more difficult. In our own neighbourhoods, may we also be channels of your peace, restoring relationships wherever they are broken.

In our country there are many in need of food and shelter and we pray that we may be your agents in supplying help to those in need. Thank you for all who donate to food banks and who look after shelters and crisis centres.

Many are in need of medical help and are often not able to obtain it without long waits. Lord, we pray for all those who are suffering pain or illness. We pray that help will be available whenever it is needed. We pray for the NHS and all who work there, knowing how stretched resources already are.

We pray that those in need will turn to you for their strength, courage, support and comfort for we know that this is your promise to us.

Loving Lord, we pray for those who grieve, especially the friends and family of Marie (Betty) Greenaway and Ann Cullimore who recently passed. May they know your comforting presence.

Amen

Consultation for the new Bishop of Oxford

We are currently discerning who might be our new Diocesan Bishop for Oxford. Anyone living, working or worshipping in the diocese can contribute their views by following this link or going to the Diocese of Oxford website: <https://oxford.anglican.org/consultation>

This consultation closes on **Wednesday 4th**

February at 5pm. I urge you to make your voice heard particularly if you would value a bishop who affirms the ordination of women and is for the full welcome and inclusion of the LGBTQI+ community

Many thanks