

SERVICES NEXT WEEK

SUNDAY 1ST FEBRUARY

CANDLEMAS

ABBEY – 8.00 AM HOLY COMMUNION (BCP)

CLIFTON HAMPDEN – 8.00 AM HOLY COMMUNION (BCP)

LONG WITTENHAM – 9:30 AM HOLY COMMUNION

STADHAMPTON – 9:30 AM FAMILY SERVICE

ABBEY – 10:30 AM SUNG EUCHARIST

MARSH BALDON – 10:30 AM HOLY COMMUNION

WARBOROUGH – 11.00 AM PARISH EUCHARIST

BERINSFIELD – 2.30 PM MESSY CHURCH

ABBEY – 3:00 PM FOREST CHURCH

DRAYTON ST LEONARD – 5:00 PM HOLY COMMUNION

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

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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 25TH JANUARY

3RD OF EPIPHANY

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, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; 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 of all mercy, your Son proclaimed good news to the poor, release to the captives, and freedom to the oppressed: anoint us with your Holy Spirit and set all your people free to praise you in Christ our Lord.

Amen

BIBLE READINGS

Isaiah 9.1–4

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. ²The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness - on them light has shined. ³You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. ⁴For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

1 Corinthians 1.10–18

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you should be in agreement and that there should be no divisions among you, but that you should be united in the same mind and the same purpose. ¹¹For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. ¹²What I mean is that each of you says, 'I belong to Paul', or 'I belong to Apollos', or 'I belong to Cephas', or 'I belong to Christ.' ¹³Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in

the name of Paul? ¹⁴I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) ¹⁷For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. ¹⁸For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Matthew 4.12–23

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the lake, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: ¹⁵‘Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles— ¹⁶the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.’ ¹⁷From that time Jesus began to proclaim, ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.’ ¹⁸As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. ¹⁹And he said to them, ‘Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.’ ²⁰Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. ²²Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. ²³Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Almighty Father, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world: may your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.
Amen.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS:

*‘....the people who sat in darkness
have seen a great light. Matthew 4:16b*

We pray for those who follow God’s call to become disciples that the light may shine in their lives.

We pray for older members of our communities and those reaching the end of their lives on earth. We remember particularly carers and medical staff who work with the elderly and frail.

We pray for all those organisations in our communities that offer a place to meet and enjoy the company of others. Especially we pray for the coffee mornings and lunch clubs that meet across our villages.

We pray for all extended families and all those who care and nurture the next generation however we pray particularly for all those children who have no one to care for them especially those made homeless by war and conflict.

We continue to pray that all those with responsibility for policies and government decisions that they may recognise their duty of care for ensuring justice for both their people and the environment. In particular we pray for a generosity of spirit in the relationships between nations.

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

Amen

Confirmations 2026

We are delighted to have booked Bishop Gavin for a Confirmation Service on the morning of Sunday 5th July. If you are interested in being confirmed this year, please save the date! This year the Alpha Course will also serve as an excellent confirmation preparation course so we would encourage you to book in. If we have young people interested in being confirmed this year we would run separate preparation (probably Youth Alpha). Please speak with Claire, Jane or any of our clergy if you are interested.

Many thanks
Jane