

SERVICES NEXT WEEK

SUNDAY 22ND FEBRUARY

1ST OF LENT

ABBEY — 8.00 AM HOLY COMMUNION (BCP)

WARBOROUGH — 8.00 AM HOLY COMMUNION (BCP)

LITTLE WITTENHAM — 8:30 AM HOLY COMMUNION

DRAYTON ST LEONARD — 9:30 AM HOLY COMMUNION

STADHAMPTON — 9:30 AM HOLY COMMUNION (BCP)

ABBEY — 10:30 AM MORNING SERVICE

CULHAM — 11:00 AM LENT SERVICE

MARSH BALDON — 11:00 AM HOLY COMMUNION

BERINSFIELD — 3.00 PM BLR WITH INFORMAL WORSHIP

WARBOROUGH — 4.30 PM CLUSTER EVENSONG

**PLEASE BRING YOUR PALM CROSSES BACK TO CHURCH
SO ASH CAN BE MADE FOR ASH WEDNESDAY**

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 2.15–17; 3.1–7

Romans 5.12–19

Matthew 4.1–11

HYMNS

Alleluia sing to Jesus 422

Christ whose glory fills the skies 2

Christ is the world's true light 610

God of grace and God of glory 648

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 15TH FEBRUARY

1ST BEFORE LENT

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 Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Holy God, you know the disorder of our sinful lives: set straight our crooked hearts, and bend our wills to love your goodness and your glory in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

BIBLE READINGS

2 Peter 1.16–end

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, 'This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.' ¹⁸We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. ¹⁹So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. ²⁰First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, ²¹because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Matthew 17.1–9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ²And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' ⁵While he was still speaking, suddenly a

bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!' ⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Get up and do not be afraid.' ⁸And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. ⁹As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, 'Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.'

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Team Vicar Appointment

Following a successful interview process on Monday 2nd February, we are delighted to announce the appointment subject to legalities of the Revd Lisa Morgan as Team Vicar in the Dorchester Team. Lisa will be living in Warborough Vicarage and will be ministering primarily in the Eastern Cluster. Lisa's licensing service will be in Dorchester Abbey on Thursday 11th June at 7.30pm.

Lisa writes:

I'd like to introduce myself to those that I haven't yet met. My name is Lisa Morgan, and I'm married to Nigel, between us we have 7 children and 8 grandchildren, not forgetting 3 cats! We are both originally from South Wales. I have lived in various places including Somerset and London, but my ministry has so far been in the Diocese of Swansea and Brecon, and has encompassed both rural and city churches. I was ordained in 2020, a very challenging time as I'm sure you remember, so my ordination service was rather different to most! I love swimming, especially in the sea or a lake, and I'm currently studying for an MA in Ancient Religions, which allows me to indulge my fascination for ancient Egypt. Both Nigel and myself are excited at the thought of a move to Oxfordshire, a county that means a great deal to us. It will mean a return to rural ministry, which we particularly love, and an opportunity to serve in a different part of the UK. We are especially looking forward to sharing our love of Celtic spirituality with you all, but are hoping that things don't get too fraught during the Six nations!

Thank you to everyone who has been a part of this appointment process.

We look forward to welcoming Lisa to the team, please keep her, and Nigel with her, in your prayers. Every blessing
Jane

FOR YOUR PRAYERS:

Heavenly Father, as we contend with the rain and the cold, gloomy days we thank you for the signs of spring which are emerging all around us. The snowdrops, daffodils and crocuses are brightening our gardens and our spirits! We pray for those people who are experiencing conditions far worse than ours, especially the people of Ethiopia where an estimated 10 million people are affected by the prolonged drought. We thank you for all those people and agencies who are offering help.

Lord, we thank you that, in the main, we live in a country where there are generally peaceful conditions. We pray for those who are caught up in conflict in the Middle East, Ukraine, Sudan and Myanmar. We pray for those who are suffering injury, loss and hardship. We pray for the leaders whose decisions will impact on these wars and ask that you will give them the strength and the understanding to make the right decisions.

Lord, there are so many people who cannot access the health care that they need and are enduring illness and pain which could be alleviated. Even in our own country this is true, Lord, and so we pray for the NHS and all who work in our hospitals, and in all levels of medical care.

We pray for all those who are part of the Dorchester team both clergy and lay. We ask that you bless them, Lord, as they endeavour to spread your word in this area.

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

Amen

Annual Revision of our Church Electoral Roll

The Electoral Roll of a parish church is the list of all those who are entitled to vote at our Annual Parochial Church Meeting. Each year the roll is revised, and we would encourage anyone who is a regular member of our congregations who is not on the Roll to sign up. Those who wish to be added can find applications can be found on the Bishop's Table in the Abbey or emailed by request sam@dorchester-abbey.org.uk. The closing date for this year's revision is Tuesday 31st March 2026.

APCM – Save the date!

Advanced warning that our Annual Meeting of Parishioners (at which we elect churchwardens) and Annual Parochial Church Meeting (at which we elect Deanery Synod representatives and member of the Parochial Church Council and hear and receive reports and accounts) will be on Sunday 26th April 2026 at 12noon (following our 10.30 service).