

SERVICES NEXT WEEK

SUNDAY 15TH FEBRUARY

1ST BEFORE LENT

ABBEY – 8.00 AM HOLY COMMUNION (BCP)

LONG WITTENHAM – 9:30 AM HOLY COMMUNION

DRAYTON ST LEONARD – 9:30 AM MORNING SERVICE

STADHAMPTON – 9:30 AM FAMILY EUCHARIST

TOOT BALDON – 9:30 AM HOLY COMMUNION

ABBEY – 10:30 AM SUNG EUCHARIST

CLIFTON HAMPDEN – 10:30 AM HOLY COMMUNION

WARBOROUGH – 11.00 AM PARISH EUCHARIST

BERINSFIELD – 11.00 AM HOLY COMMUNION

ABBEY – 6:00 PM THE WELL

WEDNESDAY 18TH FEBRUARY

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ABBEY – 9.30 AM ABBEY TOTS WITH ASHING

BERINSFIELD – 9:30 AM HOLY COMMUNION WITH ASHING

WARBOROUGH – 11:00 AM HOLY COMMUNION WITH ASHING

ABBEY – 7:00 PM HOLY COMMUNION WITH ASHING

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

Exodus 24.12–end

2 Peter 1.16–end

Matthew 17.1–9

HYMNS – 5PM EVENSONG

Psalm 136 (All)

All creatures of our God and King 532

Let us with a gladsome mind 706

Great is thy faithfulness 650

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



SUNDAY 8TH FEBRUARY

2ND 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 God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever.

Amen

Almighty God, give us reverence for all creation and respect for every person, that we may mirror your likeness in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

BIBLE READINGS

Genesis 1.1–2.3

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. ⁶And God said, 'Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.' ⁷So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. ⁸God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day. ⁹And God said, 'Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.' And it was so. ¹⁰God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. ¹¹Then God said, 'Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.' And it was so. ¹²The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. ¹³And there was evening and there was morning, the third day. ¹⁴And God said, 'Let there be

lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years,¹⁵ and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.’ And it was so.¹⁶ God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars.¹⁷ God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth,¹⁸ to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good.¹⁹ And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.²⁰ And God said, ‘Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.’²¹ So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good.²² God blessed them, saying, ‘Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.’²³ And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.²⁴ And God said, ‘Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.’ And it was so.²⁵ God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.²⁶ Then God said, ‘Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.’²⁷ So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.²⁸ God blessed them, and God said to them, ‘Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.’²⁹ God said, ‘See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food.³⁰ And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.’ And it was so.³¹ God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.² Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude.² And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done.³ So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

Romans 8.18–25

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us.¹⁹ For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God;²⁰ for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope²¹ that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now;²³ and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.²⁴ For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen?²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Matthew 6.25–34

Jesus said to his disciples, ‘Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?’²⁶ Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?²⁷ And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life?²⁸ And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin,²⁹ yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these.³⁰ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith?³¹ Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’³² For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things.³³ But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.³⁴ So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.’

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God our creator, by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of your Church: may we who have been nourished at your table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour’s cross and enjoy the delights of eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS:

'Commit everything you do to the LORD. Trust Him, and He will help you.' Psalm 37:5

Heavenly Father, we come before you in prayer this week, knowing that this world is in a mess.

And so we commit to you all the areas of war and conflict. We ask for your help to enable our leaders to make good decisions. We ask that you will help those who are suffering because of war, those who have lost their homes and possessions, those that have had to leave their homes, those who are injured or sick, bereaved or traumatised by their experiences.

We have made a mess of our planet. We have exploited its resources through our human greed. We pray that you will lead us in the right direction as we try to right the wrongs we have perpetrated. We pray that you will help us conserve and restore all that you gave us responsibility for.

Most of us have mess of one kind or another in our lives. We commit our lives to you, Lord, knowing that as we trust in you, you will help us sort out our problems as we follow your lead. And so we give you our burdens and worries, knowing that you will help us as you have promised.

We pray for our Archbishop of Canterbury, Sarah Mullally, as she became the 106th archbishop at her Confirmation of Election at St Paul's Cathedral last week. As the first woman to hold office, we pray that you will guide and strengthen her as she leads your church throughout the world in difficult times.

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).

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