

SERVICES NEXT WEEK

TUESDAY 16TH JUNE

10:30 AM MORNING PRAYER – DORCHESTER ABBEY

WEDNESDAY 17TH JUNE

9:00 AM MORNING PRAYER – BERINSFIELD – *followed by*

9:30 AM HOLY COMMUNION – BERINSFIELD

SUNDAY 21ST JUNE

8:00 AM HOLY COMMUNION (BCP) – DORCHESTER ABBEY

9:30 AM HOLY COMMUNION – TOOT BALDON

9:30 AM HOLY COMMUNION – LONG WITTENHAM

9:30 AM FAMILY EUCHARIST – STADHAMPTON

10:30 AM SUMMER FESTIVAL SERVICE – DRAYTON ST
LEONARD

10:30 AM HOLY COMMUNION – CLIFTON HAMPDEN

10:30 AM SUNG EUCHARIST – DORCHESTER ABBEY

11:00 AM MORNING WORSHIP – WARBOROUGH

11:00 AM HOLY COMMUNION – BERINSFIELD

6:00 PM HOLY COMMUNION (BCP) – WARBOROUGH

6:30 PM TEAM THE WELL – BERINSFIELD

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

Special Services in the Abbey

Sunday 28th June – 10.30 am Ordination of Priests including Revd. Claire Wren

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SUNDAY 14TH JUNE

2ND AFTER TRINITY

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 COLLECT PRAYERS

Lord, you have taught us that all our doings without love are nothing worth: send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you. Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Faithful Creator, whose mercy never fails: deepen our faithfulness to you and to your living Word, Jesus Christ our Lord **Amen**

BIBLE READINGS

Genesis 18.1–15 [21.1–7]

18 The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. 2 He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. 3 He said, 'My lord, if I find favour with you, do not pass by your servant. 4 Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. 5 Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.' So they said, 'Do as you have said.' 6 And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, 'Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.' 7 Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. 8 Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. 9 They said to him, 'Where is your wife Sarah?' And he said, 'There, in the tent.' 10 Then one said, 'I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.' And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. 11 Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner

of women. 12 So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, 'After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?' 13 The Lord said to Abraham, 'Why did Sarah laugh, and say, "Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?" 14 Is anything too wonderful for the Lord? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son.' 15 But Sarah denied, saying, 'I did not laugh'; for she was afraid. He said, 'Oh yes, you did laugh.'

[21The Lord dealt with Sarah as he had said, and the Lord did for Sarah as he had promised. 2Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the time of which God had spoken to him. 3Abraham gave the name Isaac to his son whom Sarah bore him. 4And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him. 5Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. 6Now Sarah said, 'God has brought laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh with me.' 7And she said, 'Who would ever have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age.

Romans 5.1–8

5 Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. 3 And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, 4 and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, 5 and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. 6 For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. 7 Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. 8 But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

Matthew 9.35 – 10.8 [9–23]

35 Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. 36 When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. 37 Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; 38 therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.'

10 Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. 2 These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; 3 Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax-collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; 4 Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him. 5 These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: 'Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, 6 but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. 7 As you go, proclaim the good news, "The kingdom of heaven has come near." 8 Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. 9 'Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, 10 no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for labourers deserve their food. 11 Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. 12 As you enter the house, greet it. 13 If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. 14 If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. 15 Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgement than for that town. 16 'See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. 17 Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; 18 and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. 19 When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; 20 for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. 21 Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; 22 and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. 23 When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next; for truly I tell you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.'

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Loving Father, we thank you for feeding us at the supper of your Son: sustain us with your Spirit, that we may serve you here on earth until our joy is complete in heaven, and we share in the eternal banquet with Jesus Christ our Lord..

FOR YOUR PRAYERS:

Heavenly Father, we thank you that you inspired many people who came before us to become leaders, teachers, writers, missionaries and people of compassion. As we move through this week, Lord, we remember some of these people and we pray that we may learn from their example.

We remember Evelyn Underhill whose spiritual writings can reignite our passion for you. We thank you for all whose writing of spiritual books, poems and songs inspire us today.

We remember Bishops Richard and Joseph Butler. We thank you for all our bishops and church leaders. We pray that by their life and teaching your glory may be revealed.

Samuel and Henrietta Barnett worked tirelessly for the welfare of the poor in London. Father, we know that many people live in hardship and poverty. May we also reach out to help others who are struggling, especially the aged and infirm.

Bernard Mzeki was a martyr. We thank you for all the brave men and women who have been prepared to die for you. May we also have the courage to stand up for and speak out about our faith.

We remember Sundar Singh, an Indian Christian missionary who converted many during his travels in Asia. We thank you for all those who have dedicated their lives to spreading the Gospel.

May our lives also be a testimony to you, Lord, as we remember those who have gone before us. Amen.

Amen

Fundraisers for All Saints' Church Nuneham Courtenay

Saturday 27th June 7.30pm- Nuneham Courtenay:
The house, the landscape and the village

www.visitchurches.org.uk/what-on/nuneham
For more information

The Bible Course

On Wednesdays at 7.30pm
Starting on Wednesday 13th May- Introducing the Bible. Contact The Reverend Claire Wren to sign up.
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Drayton St Leonard Church Fête: Saturday 20th June 2026 🌻

Join us from 1.00–4.30pm for a traditional village fête with games and stalls, BBQ, craft beer & Pimms tent, dog show, children's activities, raffle and auction. Fun for all ages and everyone welcome.

Summer festival service: Sunday 10.30am at St Leonard & St Catherine's

Duck Race: Sunday 21st June at 12 noon at the ford. All proceeds will go towards supporting St Leonard & St Catherine's Church in Drayton St Leonard.

Admitting Children to Communion

Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs.' And he laid his hands on them and went on his way. (Matthew 19:14-15)

The Gospels show us again and again that Jesus warmly welcomed children and valued them deeply. Over the coming months, I will be running preparation sessions for the Admission of Children to Communion. Rebecca Nye, a child psychologist, writes that children have 'the spiritual advantage of an acutely sensitive capacity for non-verbal communication and insight'—and, in my own experience, presiding at the altar with children gathered at my elbows, as often happens in Stadhampton, is always a joy and a privilege. If this is something you would like to consider for your child or children, please do have a chat with me, or get in touch by email or phone: revenmafirth@gmail.com, 07498 762485.