

SERVICES NEXT WEEK

TUESDAY 30TH JUNE

10:30 AM MORNING PRAYER – DORCHESTER ABBEY

WEDNESDAY 1ST JULY

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

9:30 AM HOLY COMMUNION – BERINSFIELD

SUNDAY 5TH JULY

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

8:00 AM HOLY COMMUNION (BCP) – CLIFTON HAMPDEN

9:30 AM HOLY COMMUNION – LONG WITTENHAM

10:30 AM SUNG EUCHARIST WITH CONFIRMATION –

DORCHESTER ABBEY

11:00 AM TOOT AIR CRASH SERVICE – TOOT BALDON

11:00 AM PARISH EUCHARIST - WARBOROUGH

12:00 TO 2:00 PM MESSY CHURCH WITH SUMMER PICNIC –

BERINSFIELD

3:00 PM FOREST CHURCH – DORCHESTER ABBEY

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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Thank you so much, *Jane*

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SUNDAY 28TH JUNE

4TH 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

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that with you as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not our hold on things eternal; grant this, heavenly Father, for our Lord 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**

Gracious Father, by the obedience of Jesus you brought salvation to our wayward world: draw us into harmony with your will, that we may find all things restored in him, our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**

BIBLE READINGS

Genesis 22.1–14

22 After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, 'Abraham!' And he said, 'Here I am.' 2 He said, 'Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt-offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you.' 3 So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt-offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. 4 On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. 5 Then Abraham said to his young men, 'Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you.' 6 Abraham took the wood of the burnt-offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. 7 Isaac said to his father Abraham, 'Father!' And he said, 'Here I am, my son.' He said, 'The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt-offering?' 8 Abraham said, 'God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt-offering, my son.' So the two of them walked on together. 9 When they came to the place that God

had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. 10 Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. 11 But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, and said, 'Abraham, Abraham!' And he said, 'Here I am.' 12 He said, 'Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.' 13 And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt-offering instead of his son. 14 So Abraham called that place 'The Lord will provide'; as it is said to this day, 'On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided'

Romans 6.12–end

12 Therefore, do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. 13 No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. 14 For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. 15 What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! 16 Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? 17 But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, 18 and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. 19 I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification. 20 When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. 21 So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. 22 But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. 23 For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Matthew 10.40–end

40 'Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. 41 Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the

righteous; 42 and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.'

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal God, comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken, you have fed us at the table of life and hope: teach us the ways of gentleness and peace, that all the world may acknowledge the kingdom of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS:

Heavenly Father, as we read in Genesis, you have given us stewardship over the whole earth. As weather patterns around the world are changing, and we are going through another heatwave in the U.K. we acknowledge our culpability in this phenomenon. We have been greedy, selfish and uncaring. Sometimes we have pleaded ignorance but now we see the results of our poor stewardship. And we are sorry. Father, we know that there are people now who are trying to change the way we treat the environment and we pray that their efforts will be successful. Thank you that we are all more aware of what is happening. May each one of us play our part in whatever way we can. May we support sustainable practices in farming, fishing, packaging, recycling and transport. May we, as your Church, lead the way. We pray that the children in our schools will learn about sustainability and about caring for the environment. It is easier in this part of Oxfordshire where we are surrounded by the countryside but we pray that inner city children will also learn to become good stewards of what you have given us. But we are far from getting it all right and we know that heatwaves in the U.K. can be very hard on the sick and elderly, Lord, and we pray that we may be aware of those who are suffering and do what we can to reach out to them. We pray that world leaders will be more willing to change their ways and legislate against those practices which are still endangering your world, even though it may initially be costly. Lord, you have given this Earth to all of us and we know that astronauts become so aware that they can see no boundaries from space that all humanity shares this planet. It is home to every person. May our leaders become more aware of their shared humanity and find peaceful solutions to the problems that arise between them which too often lead to conflict and war. May all those who are recently married or preparing for marriage in our churches, among them Olivia Symonds and Benjamin Hawker being married in Dorchester Abbey this weekend, grow together in wisdom, grace and love. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

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