

SERVICES NEXT WEEK

TUESDAY 9TH JUNE

10:30 AM MORNING PRAYER – DORCHESTER ABBEY

WEDNESDAY 10TH JUNE

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

9:30 AM HOLY COMMUNION – BERINSFIELD

THURSDAY 11TH JUNE

7:30 PM Licensing of Revd. Lisa Morgan – Dorchester Abbey

SUNDAY 14TH JUNE

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

9:30 AM HOLY COMMUNION FEAST – LONG WITTENHAM

9.30 AM PARISH EUCHARIST – STADHAMPTON

9:30 AM HOLY COMMUNION – DRAYTON ST LEONARD

10:30 AM MORNING SERVICE – CLIFTON HAMPDEN

10:30 AM FAMILY SERVICE WITH NASIO TRUST –

DORCHESTER ABBEY

11:00 AM PARISH EUCHARIST – WARBOROUGH

11:00 AM HOLY COMMUNION WITH HEALING – BERINSFIELD

4:00 PM EVENSONG – TOOT BALDON

5:00 PM EVENSONG – 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

Special Services in the Abbey

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

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SUNDAY 7TH JUNE

1ST 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 strength of all those who put their trust in you, mercifully accept our prayers and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in the keeping of your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; 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 truth, help us to keep your law of love and to walk in ways of wisdom, that we may find true life in Jesus Christ your Son... **Amen**

BIBLE READINGS

Genesis 12.1–9

12 Now the Lord said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. 2I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. 3I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.' 4 So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. 5 Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, 6 Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. 7 Then the Lord appeared to Abram, and said, 'To your offspring I will give this land.' So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. 8 From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the Lord and invoked the name of the Lord. 9 And Abram journeyed on by stages towards the Negeb.

Romans 4.13–end

13 For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. 14 If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void.

15 For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

16 For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, 17 as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. 18 Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become 'the father of many nations', according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your descendants be.' 19 He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. 20 No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, 21 being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. 22 Therefore his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.' 23 Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him', were written not for his sake alone, 24 but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, 25 who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Matthew 9.9–13, 18–26

9 As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, 'Follow me.' And he got up and followed him.

10 And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax-collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. 11 When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, 'Why does your teacher eat with tax-collectors and sinners?' 12 But when he heard this, he said, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. 13 Go and learn what this means, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice." For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.' 18 While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, 'My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.' 19 And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. 20 Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from haemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, 21 for she said to herself, 'If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.' 22 Jesus turned,

and seeing her he said, 'Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.' And instantly the woman was made well. 23 When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute-players and the crowd making a commotion, 24 he said, 'Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping.' And they laughed at him. 25 But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. 26 And the report of this spread throughout that district.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal Father, we thank you for nourishing us with these heavenly gifts: may our communion strengthen us in faith, build us up in hope, and make us grow in love; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS:

Lord God, we pray for Your church and all Your children. Protect and guide them through the challenges of this world. Sanctify them, purify their hearts, and let their faith empower every step. Grant them the spirit of wisdom and understanding so they may abound in hope and joy.

We pray for the Dorchester team and for Revd Jane Willis as she leads it. We pray especially for Revd Lisa Morgan as she prepares for her licensing on June 11th.

Heavenly Father, we lift up the people of God everywhere. Strengthen them with power through Your Spirit in their inner beings so that Christ may dwell in their hearts through faith. May they be rooted and grounded in love, living in harmony and peace, and equipped to glorify Your name in all they do.

May all those who are preparing to for marriage in our churches among them Tabitha Atkinson-Seed and Jacob Bruten grow together in wisdom, grace and love. And we pray too for Anya Grace Selwood and her family, who is being baptised in Dorchester Abbey this Sunday.

Loving Lord, remember Your people who are sick, struggling, or facing distress. Provide for their needs, comfort them in their anguish, and pour out Your living strength so they can bear their sufferings and feel Your presence. We pray for those who have died, especially Keith (Simmo) Symonds and all who mourn their going. May our community be eager to obey Your will and be ready to serve those in need. We pray in Jesus's name. **Amen**

**Funeral of Keith (Simmo) Simmonds
Dorchester Abbey
Friday 12th June 2026 at 11.00 am**

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