

SERVICES NEXT WEEK

TUESDAY 7TH JULY

10:30 AM MORNING PRAYER – DORCHESTER ABBEY

WEDNESDAY 8TH JULY

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

9:30 AM HOLY COMMUNION – BERINSFIELD

SUNDAY 12TH JULY

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

9:30 AM HOLY COMMUNION – DRAYTON ST LEONARD

9:30 AM PARISH EUCHARIST – STADHAMPTON

9:30 AM HOLY COMMUNION – LONG WITTENHAM

10:30 AM FAMILY SERVICE – DORCHESTER ABBEY

10:30 AM MORNING SERVICE – CLIFTON HAMPDEN

11:00 AM HOLY COMMUNION WITH HEALING - BERINSFIELD

11:00 AM MORNING WORSHIP - WARBOROUGH

4:00 PM EVENSONG – TOOT BALDON

5:00 PM EVENSONG – DORCHESTER ABBEY

6:00 PM HOLY COMMUNION (BCP) – WARBOROUGH

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 5TH JULY

5TH 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

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.. **Amen**

Almighty God, send down upon your Church the riches of your Spirit, and kindle in all who minister the gospel your countless gifts of grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.. **Amen**

BIBLE READINGS

Genesis 24.34–38, 42–49, 58–67

34 So he said, 'I am Abraham's servant. 35 The Lord has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys. 36 And Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master when she was old; and he has given him all that he has. 37 My master made me swear, saying, "You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live; 38 but you shall go to my father's house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son." 42 'I came today to the spring, and said, "O Lord, the God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going! 43 I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say, 'Please give me a little water from your jar to drink,' 44 and who will say to me, 'Drink, and I will draw for your camels also'—let her be the woman whom the Lord has appointed for my master's son." 45 'Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water-jar on her shoulder; and she went down to the spring, and drew. I said to her, "Please let me drink." 46 She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder, and said, "Drink, and I will also water your camels." So I drank, and she also watered

The Service of Thanksgiving for the late
Dr Chisholm Ogg
will be held on Wednesday 8th July at 2pm
at Dorchester Abbey

The Funeral Service for the late
William Charles Stafford
will be held on Wednesday 8th July at 12 noon
at St Paul's Church, Culham

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the camels. 47 Then I asked her, "Whose daughter are you?" She said, "The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bore to him." So I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her arms. 48 Then I bowed my head and worshipped the Lord, and blessed the Lord, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master's kinsman for his son. 49 Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left.' 58 And they called Rebekah, and said to her, 'Will you go with this man?' She said, 'I will.' 59 So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham's servant and his men. 60 And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, 'May you, our sister, become thousands of myriads; may your offspring gain possession of the gates of their foes.' 61 Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man; thus the servant took Rebekah, and went his way. 62 Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi, and was settled in the Negeb. 63 Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field; and looking up, he saw camels coming. 64 And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel, 65 and said to the servant, 'Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?' The servant said, 'It is my master.' So she took her veil and covered herself. 66 And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. 67 Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

Romans 7.15–25a

15 I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. 16 Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. 17 But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. 18 For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. 19 For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. 20 Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. 21 So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. 22 For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, 23 but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. 24 Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? 25 Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Matthew 11.16–19, 25–end

16 'But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market-places and calling to one another, 17 "We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn." 18 For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, "He has a demon"; 19 the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, "Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!" Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.' 25 At that time Jesus said, 'I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; 26 yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. 27 All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. 28 'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by your governance, that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord..

FOR YOUR PRAYERS:

Almighty God, we pray for your Church across the globe, for unity, love and grace to abound in your people. We thank you for our Archbishops, bishops and clergy, and pray that they may inspire us to worship you in spirit and truth, as you set our hearts on fire with love for you.

Prince of Peace, we pray for troubled areas across the globe. We ask that you bring an end to conflict, violence, and injustice, both near and far. Give your wisdom to world leaders, and renew the hope of those suffering through poverty, famine, or war.

Everlasting Father, we pray for our local schools, community hubs and healthcare workers in and around our villages. We thank you for their dedication and ask that you bless the work of their hands. Especially we pray for those young people leaving schools or colleges, seeking new possibilities. Your kingdom come, your will be done.

Wonderful Counsellor, we thank you for all who are being baptised or confirmed today. May they be firmly rooted and established in your love, shining as bright lights in this dark world. We hold in your presence all who are sick, grieving, or facing difficult trials. Give healing and comfort to them and bring us all to share in your eternal kingdom. **Amen.**

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.

Ordination gift for Claire

Claire was ordained priest in the Abbey last Sunday – and it would be wonderful to give her a gift on the occasion of her ordination. For various reasons it will be a few weeks until she can first preside in the Abbey – but we are so looking forward to her presiding on 2nd August – when we can also present her with her gift. If you would like to contribute please send payment to Dorchester Abbey PCC, 20327603, 20-01-09 with a reference of Claire. Alternatively you can give cash to Nick Forman at 73 High Street.
Thank you so much, Jane

The following services will be taking place within the Abbey as part of the St Birinus Festival
The St Birinus Festival is organised by the Catholic Church of St Birinus, Dorchester-on-Thames in collaboration with the Davey Consort.

Thursday 9th July 2026

17.30 Choral Vespers

Fr John Osman

Friday 10th July 2026

09.00 Lauds

Fr John Osman

11.00 Requiem Mass

Fr John Osman

17.15 Choral Vespers

Fr John Osman

Saturday 11th July

09.00 Lauds

Fr John Osman

11.00 Pontifical Mass of St Birinus and Solemn procession

Celebrant- Dom Cuthbert Brogan, Abbot of Farnborough

17.00 The Monteverdi Vespers of 1610

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