

## SERVICES NEXT WEEK

### TUESDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST

10:30 AM MORNING PRAYER – DORCHESTER ABBEY

### WEDNESDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST

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

9:30 AM HOLY COMMUNION – BERINSFIELD

### SUNDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> AUGUST

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

8:00 AM HOLY COMMUNION (BCP) – WARBOROUGH

9:00 AM HOLY COMMUNION – LITTLE WITTENHAM

9:30 AM HOLY COMMUNION – DRAYTON ST LEONARD

9:30 AM HOLY COMMUNION (BCP) – STADHAMPTON

10:30 AM MORNING SERVICE – DORCHESTER ABBEY

11.00 AM HOLY COMMUNION – MARSH BALDON

3.00 PM HOUSE OF PRAYER LIVING ROOM – BERINSFIELD

4.30 PM CLUSTER EVENSONG – NEWINGTON

### 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** – Paused until the 9<sup>th</sup> September

### **Hymns**

Praise to the holiest 763

For the fruits of His creation 284

Dear Lord and Father 621

Let us build a House 365

Thank you all very much for the beautiful home communion set. I am very grateful for your continued love, support and prayers during my curacy. Every blessing, Claire

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### SUNDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST

#### 11<sup>TH</sup> 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, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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 glory, the end of our searching, help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom, and to give all that we have to gain the pearl beyond all price, through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

**Amen**

### BIBLE READINGS

#### **Genesis 45.1–15**

45 Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, 'Send everyone away from me.' So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. <sup>2</sup>And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. <sup>3</sup>Joseph said to his brothers, 'I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?' But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. <sup>4</sup>Then Joseph said to his brothers, 'Come closer to me.' And they came closer. He said, 'I am your brother Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. <sup>5</sup>And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. <sup>6</sup>For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither ploughing nor harvest. <sup>7</sup>God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. <sup>8</sup>So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to

Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. <sup>9</sup>Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, “Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. <sup>10</sup>You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. <sup>11</sup>I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.” <sup>12</sup>And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. <sup>13</sup>You must tell my father how greatly I am honoured in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.’ <sup>14</sup>Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin’s neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. <sup>15</sup>And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

#### **Romans 11.1–2a, 29–32**

11 I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. <sup>2</sup>God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. <sup>29</sup>For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. <sup>30</sup>Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, <sup>31</sup>so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. <sup>32</sup>For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

#### **Matthew 15. 10–20 21–28**

10 Then he called the crowd to him and said to them, ‘Listen and understand: <sup>11</sup>it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.’ <sup>12</sup>Then the disciples approached and said to him, ‘Do you know that the Pharisees took offence when they heard what you said?’ <sup>13</sup>He answered, ‘Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. <sup>14</sup>Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.’ <sup>15</sup>But Peter said to him, ‘Explain this parable to us.’ <sup>16</sup>Then he said, ‘Are you also still without understanding? <sup>17</sup>Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? <sup>18</sup>But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what

defiles. <sup>19</sup>For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. <sup>20</sup>These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.’ <sup>21</sup>Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>22</sup>Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, ‘Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.’ <sup>23</sup>But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, ‘Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.’ <sup>24</sup>He answered, ‘I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.’ <sup>25</sup>But she came and knelt before him, saying, ‘Lord, help me.’ <sup>26</sup>He answered, ‘It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.’ <sup>27</sup>She said, ‘Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.’ <sup>28</sup>Then Jesus answered her, ‘Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.’ And her daughter was healed instantly.

#### **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Lord of all mercy, we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace: by our communion keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel and preserve us from all sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

#### **FOR YOUR PRAYERS:**

Heavenly Father we pray for peace in the world and look forward to the day when all the wars across the world will be brought to an end, that everyone will acknowledge your name, as the name above every name. And so we pray we will see the fulfilment of your Kingdom on earth, indeed, ‘....your Kingdom come, your will be done....’ As we pray for the church we remember the Nasio Trust working to empower vulnerable communities in Kakamega County to break the cycle of poverty, focussing on education, healthcare and sustainable livelihoods. And to fill the vacancies with the Bridge Group and the Bishop of Oxford. For those with particular needs, especially for those who know they approach the end of their lives here on earth, particularly those who are fearful, Lord reach out to them and by your Spirit assure them of your love. ....and for those suffering bereavement, help them Lord through their grief, to find a way through, to peace again. Father, surround Lucy Usher and William Bishop with your love, may their unity in marriage this week be a light to all who know them **Amen**