

SERVICES NEXT WEEK

TUESDAY 6TH OCTOBER SEPTEMBER

10:30 AM MORNING PRAYER – DORCHESTER ABBEY

WEDNESDAY 7TH OCTOBER

9:00 AM MORNING PRAYER – BERINSFIELD – *followed by 9:30 AM*

HOLY COMMUNION – BERINSFIELD

SUNDAY 11TH OCTOBER

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

9.30 AM HOLY COMMUNION – LONG WITTENHAM

9.30 AM HOLY COMMUNION – DRAYTON ST LEONARD

9.30 AM HARVEST FAMILY SERVICE – STADHAMPTON

10.30 AM HARVEST FAMILY SERVICE – DORCHESTER ABBEY

10.30 AM HARVEST MORNING WORSHIP – CLIFTON HAMPDEN

11.00 AM BAPTISMS FOLLOWED BY 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

Dorchester Village Coffee Morning Tues in the Abbey

11.00am – 12pm

Community Coffee Morning Tues at Berinsfield Church Hall

10.30am–12pm. Dementia friendly.

Abbey Tots – Every Wednesday at 9.30am

The Funeral Service for the late

Mr Paul Wright

will be held on Wednesday 14th October at 11am

St Peter's Church, Marsh Baldon

The Service of Thanksgiving for the late

Mr Justin Hardy

will be held on Friday 16th October at 2pm

Dorchester Abbey

Hymns

O God beyond all praising 743

As the deer pants 592

O for a closer walk with God 131

Christ is made the sure foundation 291 (v 5-9)

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SUNDAY 4TH OCTOBER

18TH 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, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; 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, our judge and saviour, teach us to be open to your truth and to trust in your love, that we may live each day with confidence in the salvation which is given through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

BIBLE READINGS

Exodus 20.1–4, 7–9, 12–20

20 Then God spoke all these words: 2 I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; 3 you shall have no other gods before me. 4 You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. 7 You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. 8 Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. 9 For six days you shall labour and do all your work. 12 Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. 13 You shall not murder. 14 You shall not commit adultery. 15 You shall not steal. 16 You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. 17 You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour. 18 When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, 19 and said to Moses, 'You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die.' 20 Moses said to the people, 'Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin.'

Philippians 3.4b–14

⁴If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. ¹²Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Matthew 21.33–end

³³ ‘Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watch-tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. ³⁴When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. ³⁵But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. ³⁷Finally he sent his son to them, saying, “They will respect my son.” ³⁸But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, “This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.” ³⁹So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?’ ⁴¹They said to him, ‘He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.’ ⁴² Jesus said to them, ‘Have you never read in the scriptures: “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is amazing in our eyes”?’ ⁴³Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. ⁴⁴The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.’ ⁴⁵ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶They wanted to arrest him, but

they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast: for here we receive you, here the memory of your passion is renewed, here our minds are filled with grace, and here a pledge of future glory is given, when we shall feast at that table where you reign with all your saints for ever. **Amen**

FOR YOUR PRAYERS:

On the festival of St Francis of Assisi, who rejoiced in creation and lived in peace with all, let us pray for God’s world and all who share it. Like St Francis, may we follow Christ in humility, simplicity and love. Help us to recognise your image in every person and to share the good news in word and action. Creator God, we thank you for the beauty and diversity of creation and for all the creatures with whom we share the earth. Give us wisdom to protect its fragile places and use its resources with gratitude and restraint. Like St Francis, may we receive creation as your gift and recognise our responsibility to care for our common home. God of peace, we pray for all who suffer through violence and conflict. those caught in war, forced to flee, or living in fear and uncertainty. Give wisdom and courage to those in power, strengthen all who work for reconciliation, and turn those who seek harm towards understanding and peace. Following St Francis, make us instruments of your peace. Loving God, we pray for our communities and all who enrich them through small acts of kindness. Help us to notice the lonely, welcome newcomers, and value all. build places where everyone belongs and is valued. Compassionate God, we pray for all who are sick, anxious or afraid; and those who grieve who face poverty, loneliness or uncertainty; or who grieve and struggle with life’s burdens. Help us to respond with the compassion and simplicity of Francis, seeing Christ in those who are vulnerable and offering practical help wherever we can. Eternal God, we thank you for those who have died and for all they gave to our families and communities, remembering especially Paul Wright and Justin Hardy. May they rest in peace and rejoice with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. **Amen**