SERVICES NEXT WEEK

TUESDAY 24TH NOVEMBER

10:30 AM MORNING PRAYER – DORCHESTER ABBEY

WEDNESDAY 25TH NOVEMBER

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

9:30AM HOLY COMMUNION – BERINSFIELD

SUNDAY 29TH NOVEMBER

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

10.30 AM TEAM: ADVENT SUNDAY EUCHARIST– DORCHESTER ABBEY

5.00 PM A SERVICE OF WATCHING AND WAITING FOR ADVENT SUNDAY- 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

A Celebration of Life for the Late **Joe Seed** will be held on **Monday 30th November at 12 noon**
Dorchester Abbey

The Funeral Service for the late **Mr Anthony King** will be held on **Monday 7th December at 11.30am**
St John the Baptist, Stadhampton

Hymns

Crown Him with many crowns 227
Let all the world 701
Beauty for brokenness 557
Christ triumphant 612

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DORCHESTER TEAM

SUNDAY 22ND NOVEMBER

CHRIST THE KING

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

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

God the Father, help us to hear the call of Christ the King and to follow in his service, whose kingdom has no end; for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, one glory. **Amen**

BIBLE READINGS

Ezekiel 34.11–16, 20–24

11 For thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my
sheep, and will seek them out. 12As shepherds seek out
their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so
I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the
places to which they have been scattered on a day of
clouds and thick darkness. 13I will bring them out from the
peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring
them into their own land; and I will feed them on the
mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the
inhabited parts of the land. 14I will feed them with good
pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their
pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and
they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel.
15I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make
them lie down, says the Lord GOD. 16I will seek the lost, and
I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured,
and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I
will destroy. I will feed them with justice. 20 Therefore,
thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between
the fat sheep and the lean sheep. 21Because you pushed
with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals

with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, [22]I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. 23 I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. [24]And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

Ephesians 1.15–end

15 I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason [16]I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. [17]I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, [18]so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, [19]and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. [20]God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, [21]far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. [22]And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, [23]which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Matthew 25.31–end

31 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. [32]All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, [33]and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. [34]Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; [35]for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, [36]I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." [37]Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? [38]And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? [39]And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" [40]And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." [41]Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; [42]for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, [43]I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." [44]Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?" [45]Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." [46]And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

FOR YOUR PRAYERS:

Loving God, in all our ministry as the Church, both laity and clergy, on Sundays and on weekdays, may we give glory to your and further your kingdom. Direct us to those who are searching and give us the wisdom to know how best to draw them to your love. We pray for the Alpha Course beginning in January. Give us boldness in our invitation and prepare the hearts of those who will attend.

Bless those who work to relieve suffering. May we actively seek to do good, to stand up against injustice and work for peace; Lord, rid the world of the terrible evils that result from greed, inequalities and humanity's thirst for power and control. Give us the courage to act as true citizens of heaven.

Faithful God, may the ways we manage our homes, decisions, time and money be in keeping with our calling as inheritors of the kingdom. May your love undergird all our loving.

Have mercy on all who are in want of food or drink or clothing, the sick and those in prison. Through human hands bring them the relief that comes from you love and power.

We pray for those who have been called from this world to be with Christ, especially Joe Seed and Anthony King. By his kingship of the living and the dead, grant them rest.

Eternal God, you have shown us such love and humility; we offer you our thanks and praise. **Amen**