SERVICES NEXT WEEK

TUESDAY 1ST DECEMBER

10:30 AM MORNING PRAYER – DORCHESTER ABBEY

WEDNESDAY 2ND DECEMBER

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

9:30AM HOLY COMMUNION – BERINSFIELD

SUNDAY 6TH DECEMBER

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

8.00 AM HOLY COMMUNION (BCP)- CLIFTON HAMPDEN

9.30 AM HOLY COMMUNION- LONG WITTENHAM

9.30 AM CHRISTINGLE FAMILY SERVICE- STADHAMPTON

10.30 AM HOLY COMMUNION- MARSH BALDON

10.30 AM SUNG EUCHARIST– DORCHESTER ABBEY

11.00AM PARISH EUCHARIST- WARBOROUGH

3.00 PM FOREST CHURCH- DORCHESTER ABBEY

3.00 PM CHRISTINGLE AND CAROL SERVICE - BERINSFIELD

5.00 PM HOLY COMMUNION- DRAYTON ST LEONARD

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
Morning Reflections - The Advent of Life on Thursday mornings at Berinsfield Church Hall. 10am to 11:30am, 3rd, 10th, and 17th December.

Hymns

O come, O come Emmanuel 45
People, look East 47
Love Divine 721
Lo, he comes 41

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SUNDAY 29TH NOVEMBER
ADVENT SUNDAY

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 God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever**. Amen**

Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen**

BIBLE READINGS

Isaiah 64.1–9

64 O that you would tear open the heavens and come
down, so that the mountains would quake at your
presence—[2] as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire
causes water to boil—to make your name known to your
adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your
presence! [3] When you did awesome deeds that we did not
expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your
presence. [4] From ages past no one has heard, no ear has
perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who
works for those who wait for him. [5] You meet those who
gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways.
But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid
yourself we transgressed. [6] We have all become like one
who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy
cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the
wind, take us away. [7] There is no one who calls on your
name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden
your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of

our iniquity.[8] Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. [9] Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity for ever. Now consider, we are all your people.

1 Corinthians 1.3–9

3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 4 I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, [5]for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— [6]just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— [7]so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. [8]He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. [9]God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Mark 13.24–37

24 'But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, [25] and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.[26]Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in clouds" with great power and glory. [27]Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. 28 'From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. [29]So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. [30]Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. [31]Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. 32 'But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. [33]Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. [34]It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. [35]Therefore, keep awake— for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, [36]or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. [37]And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.'

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

FOR YOUR PRAYERS:

Holy God, just as we are we come to you, and ask for your kingdom to come in us and in this place; increase our faith and our love for you, so that we may become the lights in darkness that we are called to be.

Holy God, the signs in our world of hate, distrust and greed are shown to us clearly every day. May we see with your eyes the signs of hope and victory; the opportunities for loving service, for encouragement, reassurance and thanksgiving.

Holy God, bless the parenting and befriending in all our relationships, and increase our love for one another. Give us the humility to accept guidance and warnings, lovingly given, and the courage to uphold one another in the faith. We pray for those who have yet to come to faith and thank you for Alpha. May the advertising campaign in all our villages be fruitful and help draw people to yourself.

Holy God, we bring to you in love those who are weary with ongoing pain and weakness, those who are frail with age and all who are vulnerable. Pour your living strength into their lives and protect them from all that is harmful.

Holy God, we pray for all who have come to the end of their earthly life, especially Joe Seed, and for those whose lives feel empty without them. Give comfort to the bereaved, and everlasting peace to all who rest in your love.

Holy God, your faithful care has brought us safely to this moment. We thank you for your constant love, forgiveness, strength and protection. **Amen**