

**Services for Sunday 20th November
Christ the King/Sunday next before Advent**

Abbey: 8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

Abbey: 10.30 am Sung Eucharist

Saturday 19th November

Abbey: 2.30 pm Baptism Service

Berinsfield: 11.00 am Holy Communion followed by lunch

Toot Baldon: 9.30 am All Age Holy Communion

Drayton St Leonard: 9.30 am Morning Service

Clifton Hampden: 10.30 am Holy Communion

Long Wittenham: 9.30 am Holy Communion

Culham: 11.00 am Messy Church

Warborough: 11.00 am Parish Eucharist

Stadhampton: 9.30 am Family Eucharist

NOTICES:

Babies and Toddler Time: In the Abbey



Wednesday mornings 9.30 – 10.45 am
Parents, grandparents and carers are all welcome.

Refreshments, toys and craft activities, music and bible stories.

Further details are available from the Rev. Catherine Schneider E.

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Volunteering Opportunities:

Volunteer Reading Opportunities:

At ARCh (Assisted reading for children) there is an urgent need for volunteer reading helpers for children in Abbey Woods Primary in Berinsfield and wonder whether you would be able to share our appeal please? An enhanced DBS check will be required. Further details are available on the following website - www.archoxfordshire.org.uk

Church of England online services:

If you would like to see last week's service online, please use the following link:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer>

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**Sunday 13th November
Remembrance Sunday / The Second Sunday
before Advent**

Welcome to our service today, especially any who are visiting us or are new parishioners. Please make yourself known to the clergy or those on duty.

The Collect:

Almighty Father,
whose will is to restore all things
in your beloved Son, the King of all:
govern the hearts and minds of those in authority,
and bring the families of the nations,
divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin,
to be subject to his just and gentle rule;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Additional Collect:

God, our refuge and strength,
bring near the day when wars shall cease
and poverty and pain shall end,
that earth may know the peace of heaven
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Readings:

Old Testament: Malachi 4: 1-2a

The Great Day of the Lord

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall.

New Testament: 2 Thessalonians 3: 6-13

Warning against Idleness

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labour we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own

living. Brothers and sisters do not be weary in doing what is right.

Gospel Reading: Luke 21: 5-19

The Destruction of the Temple Foretold

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, 'As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.'

Signs and Persecutions

They asked him, 'Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?' And he said, 'Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and, "The time is near!" Do not go after them.

'When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

'But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So, make up your minds not to prepare your defence in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.

Post Communion Prayer:

God of peace,
whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom
and restored the broken to wholeness of life:
look with compassion on the anguish of the world,
and by your healing power
make whole both people and nations;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Readings for Sunday 20th November

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Jeremiah 23: 1-6
Colossians 1: 11-20
Luke 23: 33-43

For your prayers:

In our prayers today we ask that God's peaceable wisdom will inspire men and women throughout the world to live together in harmony, respect and delight.

Today we especially pray for all victims of war, whether in the armed forces or among much of the

greater number of civilian casualties. We pray for those traumatised by violence, maimed by indiscriminate attack and grieved by loss of family, friends, possessions, livelihood and self-esteem. We pray for a time when war will be no more.

We pray for God's church, that Christians everywhere may be counted among the peacemakers and peace bringers. We pray that we may lay aside selfish pride and be open to listen to other ways, other thoughts and other hopes and dreams. We pray for the courage to refuse easy answers to hard questions, but at the same time to seek the simplicity that lies at the heart of love.

We pray for all who are sick or in any kind of need. Those in hospital or at home. Those who, as we pray now are awaiting operations, diagnoses or words that may bring fear. We pray for nurses and doctors, medical researchers, ambulance crews and paramedics that they may find support and know they are valued.

We pray for those who mourn the loss of loved ones, whether through recent bereavement and by hurt that will not go away. We ask that they will know God's tender touch through the care of others and learn to smile again.

We pray for our own community, especially this week, for those living on Green Furlong in Berinsfield and on Hammer Lane in Warborough.

Filling Station News: An event which took place earlier in the week for your information.

Wednesday, 9th November, 7.30pm
Marsh Baldon Village Hall (OX44 9LL)

For this upcoming season of the Filling Station (autumn 2022 - summer 2023), we have felt prompted by the Lord to focus on seeing ourselves as the Lord sees us, rather than through the rather negative lens that we sometimes use to view ourselves. Our speaker for this Wednesday, Sue Brockes-Smith, will share how God transformed her life from one of constant rejection to a security in knowing she is loved and belongs. Her title is '**Rejected to Beloved**'. Sue has lived in Oxfordshire for all but one year of her life and has two married daughters and three grandchildren. She is a partner in her family's farm and has recently co-founded a charity to support survivors of modern slavery and human trafficking. She is passionate about justice and her day job is Operational Lead for the charity, the Anti-Slavery Initiative Oxford.

We do hope you can join us for our last regular Filling Station of 2022; our December meet-up will be more about enjoying fellowship.

Meanwhile, here is the link to the recording made in October with James Nickols speaking:
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1oLizJBeIWWHXCq_wVAoCPs1243fzBkrm/_view?usp=share_link

Please note that we are moving our **start time forward to 7.45pm** (following refreshments from 7.30pm), and exceptionally this month **the talk will start at 8.00pm**.