

**Services being held on  
Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2023**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany**

**Abbey:** 8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

**Abbey:** 12.30 pm Baptism Service

**Little Wittenham:** 8.30 am Holy Communion

**Warborough:** 8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

**Stadhampton:** 10.30 am Team Service

*For the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity*

**Licensing of the New Rector  
for the Dorchester Team**

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2023, at 7.30 p.m.**

We are delighted to welcome the Revd. Jane Willis as the new Team Rector for the Dorchester Team. Jane will be based at Dorchester Abbey and with her husband Gerry will be moving into the Dorchester Rectory in January. Jane will be licensed on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2023, at 7.30 p.m. at the Abbey by the Bishop of Dorchester. Everyone is welcome to this service and to stay behind afterwards to say hello to Jane and Gerry.

**NOTICES:**

**Babies and Toddler Time:  
In the Abbey on Wednesday mornings  
9.30 am– 10.45 am**

Parents, grandparents and carers are all welcome. Refreshments, toys and craft activities, music and bible stories.



Further details from the Revd. Catherine Schneider  
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**Coffee and Craft Weekly Group:  
Berinsfield Church**

**Thursday 2 pm – 3 pm**

Please do come along and bring your own crafts and enjoy a cuppa and a chat.



**All are very welcome.**

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**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany**

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

**Collect:**

Almighty God,  
in Christ you make all things new:  
transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of  
your grace, and in the renewal of our lives  
make known your heavenly glory;  
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**

**Additional Collect:**

Eternal Lord, our beginning and our end:  
bring us with the whole creation  
to your glory, hidden through past ages  
and made known  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**The Readings:**

**Old Testament: Isaiah 49: 1-7**

**The Servant's Mission**

Listen to me, O coastlands,  
pay attention, you peoples from far away!  
The LORD called me before I was born,  
while I was in my mother's womb he named me.  
He made my mouth like a sharp sword,  
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;  
he made me a polished arrow,  
in his quiver he hid me away.  
And he said to me, 'You are my servant,  
Israel, in whom I will be glorified.'  
But I said, 'I have laboured in vain,  
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;  
yet surely my cause is with the LORD,  
and my reward with my God.'

And now the LORD says,  
who formed me in the womb to be his servant,  
to bring Jacob back to him,  
and that Israel might be gathered to him,  
for I am honoured in the sight of the LORD,  
and my God has become my strength—  
he says, 'It is too light a thing that you should be  
my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to  
restore the survivors of Israel;  
I will give you as a light to the nations,  
that my salvation may reach to the end of the  
earth.'

Thus says the LORD,  
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,  
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,  
the slave of rulers, 'Kings shall see and stand up,

princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.'

## **New Testament: 1 Corinthians 1: 1-9**

### **THE FIRST LETTER OF PAUL TO THE Corinthians**

#### **Salutation**

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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

#### **Gospel Reading: John 1: 29-42**

##### **The Lamb of God**

The next day he saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, 'Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me." I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.' And John testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit." And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.'

##### **The First Disciples of Jesus**

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said

to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter).

#### **Post Communion Prayer:**

God of glory, you nourish us with your Word who is the bread of life:  
fill us with your Holy Spirit that through us the light of your glory may shine in all the world.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen**

#### **For your prayers:**

We pray that the war in Ukraine will cease! We pray in love for those who die of violence and war and ask our Lord of compassion to console grieving families and show His presence to those who are in anguish or who have had to take the path of exodus. We pray for those who desire peace and those in Ukraine, Russia, Belarus and elsewhere, who are taking initiatives to stop the war

We pray for all those who are victims of domestic violence, and all the agencies that support them especially the Oxfordshire Domestic Abuse Service

We pray for all those who are homeless, sofa surfing, or in temporary accommodation in our parishes

We pray for our own community and in our thoughts especially this week are all those living on Leach Road, Berinsfield and those living on Linnet Close, Clifton Hampden.

#### **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>

#### **Readings for Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January:**

##### **The Third Sunday of Epiphany**

**Old Testament:** Isaiah 9: 1-4

**New Testament:** 1 Corinthians 1: 10-18

**Gospel:** Matthew 4: 12-23

#### **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](http://www.archoxfordshire.org.uk)