

**Services being held on
Sunday 29th January 2023**

4th Sunday of Epiphany

Abbey: 8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

Abbey: 10.30 am Reflective Service

Toot Baldon: 10.30 am Cluster Service for
Candlemas

Warborough: 11.00 am Eastern Cluster Service

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

Monday 13th 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 13th 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 E. dorchestersteamcurate@gmail.com

**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 22nd January 2023
3rd 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,
whose Son revealed in signs and miracles
the wonder of your saving presence:
renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your mighty power;
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:

God of all mercy,
your Son proclaimed good news to the poor,
release to the captives,
and freedom to the oppressed:
anoint us with your Holy Spirit
and set all your people free
to praise you in Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Readings:

Old Testament: Isaiah 9: 1- 4

The Righteous Reign of the Coming King

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.

You have multiplied the nation,
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.

For the yoke of their burden,
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

New Testament: 1 Corinthians 1: 10-18

Divisions in the Church

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you should be in agreement and that there should be no divisions among you, but that you should be united in the same mind and the same purpose.

For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, 'I belong to Paul', or 'I belong to Apollos', or 'I belong to Cephas', or 'I belong to Christ.' Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

Christ the Power and Wisdom of God

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 4: 12-23

Jesus Begins His Ministry in Galilee

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the lake, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

'Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan,
Galilee of the Gentiles—
the people who sat in darkness
have seen a great light,
and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death
light has dawned.'

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.'

Jesus Calls the First Disciples

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.' Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

Jesus Ministers to Crowds of People

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

Post Communion Prayer:

Almighty Father,
whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world: may your people,
illuminated by your word and sacraments,

shine with the radiance of his glory,
that he may be known, worshipped,
and obeyed to the ends of the earth;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

For your prayers:

We pray for the people of Myanmar, one year after the coup. For all those who have fled their villages, and the victims of violence. For those who are exposed to hunger and the consequences of the pandemic, or who do not have access to the necessary care. We pray for all those who make every effort to seek a path of peace and justice in Myanmar.

We pray for all those who are on a waiting list awaiting an operation or a treatment. We pray for all the medical staff in our local health centres and hospitals.

In this week of prayer for Christian Unity, we pray for Father John Osman and the congregation at St Birinus Catholic Church, Dorchester.

We pray for our own community and in our thoughts especially this week are all those living on Little Milton Road, Stadhampton and those living on Little Wittenham Road, Long Wittenham.

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 29th January:

The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

Old Testament: 1 Kings 17: 8-16

New Testament: 1 Corinthians 1: 18-31

Gospel: John 2: 1-11

Collect: The Presentation of Christ - celebrated on 2nd February 2023

Almighty and ever living God,
clothed in majesty,
whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh:
grant that we may be presented to you
with pure and clean hearts,
by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

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