

## SERVICES NEXT WEEK

**SUNDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY**

**2<sup>ND</sup> OF EPIPHANY**

**ABBEY** – 8.00 AM HOLY COMMUNION (BCP)

**STADHAMPTON** – 9:30 AM FAMILY EUCHARIST

**DRAYTON ST LEONARD** – 9:30 AM MORNING SERVICE

**LONG WITTEHAM** – 9:30 AM HOLY COMMUNION

**TOOT BALDON** – 9:30 AM HOLY COMMUNION

**ABBEY** – 10:30 AM SUNG EUCHARIST

**CLIFTON HAMPDEN** – 10:30 AM HOLY COMMUNION

**WARBOROUGH** – 11.00 AM PARISH EUCHARIST

**BERINSFIELD** – 11.00 AM HOLY COMMUNION

**ABBEY** – 6:30 PM THE WELL

A service of Morning Prayer is held at Dorchester Abbey every Tuesday at 10:30am.

A Service of Morning Prayer is at St Mary's and St Berin Berinsfield every Wednesday at 9.00am followed by a Service of Holy Communion at 9.30am.

Everyone welcome.

### NEXT WEEK'S BIBLE READINGS

Isaiah 49.1–7

1 Corinthians 1.1–9

John 1.29–42

### HYMNS 5PM EVENSONG

Psalm 29

Hail to the Lord's Anointed 99

O worship the Lord in the B of H 103

Creator of the starry height 33

### NOTICES

#### Village Coffee Morning in the Abbey

Tuesdays 11.00 am – 12 pm

**Community Coffee Morning** meets every Tuesday at Berinsfield Church Hall 10.30am-12pm. Dementia friendly.

**Abbey Tots** – Wednesdays in the Abbey 9.30am – 10.30am

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**+ DORCHESTER TEAM +**

**SUNDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY**

**BAPTISM OF CHRIST**

*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 COLLECTS

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; 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**

Heavenly Father, at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son: may we recognize him as our Lord and know ourselves to be your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

**Amen**

### BIBLE READINGS

#### Isaiah 42.1–9

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. <sup>2</sup>He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; <sup>3</sup>a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. <sup>4</sup>He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. <sup>5</sup>Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: <sup>6</sup>I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, <sup>7</sup>to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. <sup>8</sup>I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. <sup>9</sup>See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

#### Acts 10.34–43

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality,' <sup>35</sup>but in

every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.<sup>36</sup> You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all.<sup>37</sup> That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup> how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.<sup>39</sup> We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree;<sup>40</sup> but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear,<sup>41</sup> not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.<sup>42</sup> He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead.<sup>43</sup> All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

### **Matthew 3.13–end**

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him.<sup>14</sup> John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?' <sup>15</sup> But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.' Then he consented.<sup>16</sup> And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him.<sup>17</sup> And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'

### **THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Lord of all time and eternity, you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son: by the power of your Spirit complete the heavenly work of our rebirth through the waters of the new creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### **Confirmations 2026**

We are delighted to have booked Bishop Gavin for a Confirmation Service on the morning of Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July. If you are interested in being confirmed this year, please save the date! This year the Alpha Course will also serve as an excellent confirmation preparation course so we would encourage you to book in. If we have young people interested in being confirmed this year we would run separate preparation (probably Youth Alpha). Please speak with Claire, Jane or any of our clergy if you are interested.

Many thanks  
Jane

### **FOR YOUR PRAYERS:**

*'The Lord shall give strength to his people,*

*The Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.'* Psalm 29:10

We pray for the churches around the world, particular those who do not have the freedom of expression that we enjoy in this country.

We pray for all those who hear your call to a particular service in your church. Give your church discernment in recognising with openness that calling and wisdom in nurturing the gifts they bring.

We pray for all those who are in trouble, need or sickness, for those who are lonely and struggle at this time of year to get out of the house, especially during this cold weather.

We pray for those who are carers, for doctors and nurses and the NHS whose services are stretched at this time of the year. Help us to be aware of those neighbours who are vulnerable.

We pray for wisdom and discernment in the leaders of the nations that they may exercise restraint and right judgement in the face of the current tensions and the deteriorating relationship between many countries around the world.

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the gift of life and for the joy we share today. We praise you for your love, which calls each of us by name. We pray for Felicity Isabelle Davidson-Reeves, baptised this Sunday. Surround her with your Holy Spirit, that she may grow in faith, hope, and love, and come to know Jesus Christ as their friend and Saviour.

Loving Lord, we pray for those who grieve, especially the family and friends of Marilyn Draper and George Hooley who recently passed.

**Amen**

The Funeral Service for the late

**Mrs Marilyn Alice Draper**

will be held on

Monday 12th January at 12:00pm  
at Dorchester Abbey

The Funeral Service for the late

**George Thomas Hooley**

will be held on

Friday 16th January at 2:00pm  
at Dorchester Abbey