

SERVICES NEXT WEEK

SUNDAY 25TH JANUARY

3RD OF EPIPHANY

ABBEY — 8.00 AM HOLY COMMUNION (BCP)

WARBOROUGH — 8.00 AM HOLY COMMUNION (BCP)

LITTLE WITTENHAM — 8:30 AM HOLY COMMUNION

DRAYTON ST LEONARD — 9:30 AM HOLY COMMUNION

ABBEY — 10:30 AM MORNING SERVICE

MARSH BALDON — 11:00 AM HOLY COMMUNION

BERINSFIELD — 3.00 PM BLR WITH INFORMAL WORSHIP

STADHAMPTON — 4:30 PM CLUSTER EVENSONG

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

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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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SUNDAY 18TH JANUARY

2ND OF EPIPHANY

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

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

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

BIBLE READINGS

Isaiah 49.1–7

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. ²He 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. ³And he said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.' ⁴But 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.' ⁵And 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—⁶he 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.' ⁷Thus 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.'

1 Corinthians 1.1–9

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, ²To 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: ³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— ⁶just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— ⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord

John 1.29–42

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!' ³⁰This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me." ³¹I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.' ³²And John testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³I 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." ³⁴And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.' ³⁵The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' ³⁷The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸When 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?' ³⁹He 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. ⁴⁰One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. ⁴¹He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed). ⁴²He 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).

THE 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:

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

'I will give you as a light to the nations

That my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.' Isaiah 49:6b

We pray for love and understanding to be uppermost in our relationships with our fellow Christians, that we may recognise Christ in each other whatever our traditions or denominational affiliations.

We pray for trust and peaceful reconciliation between those of different faiths.

We continue to pray for those areas of our world that are still affected by conflict. We pray for hearts to be changed so that the constant cycle of retaliation and violence may cease.

We pray that our words may always be spoken considerately and wisely, in whatever context and whatever differences of opinion we may hold.

We pray especially this week for the appointment process for a new vicar in the Easter cluster of parishes. For applicants, and for all those responsible for ensuring the right person is being called to join our Team.

Loving Lord, we pray for those who grieve, especially the friends and family of Doreen Atkinson who recently passed. May they know your comforting presence.

Amen

Confirmations 2026

We are delighted to have booked Bishop Gavin for a Confirmation Service on the morning of Sunday 5th 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