

SERVICES NEXT WEEK

SUNDAY 1ST MARCH
2ND OF LENT

ABBEY – 8.00 AM HOLY COMMUNION (BCP)

ABBEY – 10:30 AM TEAM SERVICE LEAVING SERVICE FOR
REVD JO ALLEN

ABBEY – 3.00 PM FOREST CHURCH

WARBOROUGH – 6.00 PM HOLY COMMUNION (BCP)

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

Ephesians 2: 4-10

John 15: 1-17

HYMNS

Glory be to Jesus 142

Forty days and Forty nights 121

Seek ye first 775

Lead us, heavenly father lead us 702

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

DORCHESTER ABBEY:

Annual Revision of our Church Electoral Roll

The Electoral Roll of a parish church is the list of all those who are entitled to vote at our Annual Parochial Church Meeting. Each year the roll is revised, and we would encourage anyone who is a regular member of our congregations who is not on the Roll to sign up. Those who wish to be added can find applications can be found on the Bishop's Table in the Abbey or emailed by request sam@dorchester-abbey.org.uk. The closing date for this year's revision is Tuesday 31st March 2026.

APCM – Save the date!

Advanced warning that our Annual Meeting of Parishioners (at which we elect churchwardens) and Annual Parochial Church Meeting (at which we elect Deanery Synod representatives and member of the Parochial Church Council and hear and receive reports and accounts) will be on Sunday 26th April 2026 at 12noon (following our 10.30 service).



SUNDAY 22ND FEBRUARY
1ST OF LENT

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, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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, your Son battled with the powers of darkness, and grew closer to you in the desert: help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer that we may witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

BIBLE READINGS

Genesis 2.15–17; 3.1–7

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. ¹⁶And the Lord God commanded the man, 'You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; ¹⁷but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.' ³Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, 'Did God say, "You shall not eat from any tree in the garden"?' ²The woman said to the serpent, 'We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; ³but God said, "You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die."' ⁴But the serpent said to the woman, 'You will not die; ⁵for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.' ⁶So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. ⁷Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Romans 5.12–19

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned—¹³sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. ¹⁴Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

¹⁵But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. ¹⁶And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgement following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification.

¹⁷If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

¹⁸Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. ¹⁹For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

Matthew 4.1–11

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. ³The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' ⁴But he answered, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."'

⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."'

⁷Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."'⁸Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; ⁹and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.'¹⁰Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! for it is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."'¹¹Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS:

As we enter the season of Lent, we pray to the Father: Lord, as we make our Lenten sacrifices may we remember our dependence on you for all the blessings we enjoy.

We pray for the family of the Church. We pray for those who lead us in our worship and for all those who enable others to know your light in their lives. We pray that when we receive the bread and wine at our communion that we may experience a sense of belonging to you and to each other. Bind us together, Lord, as a family, so that we can travel along life's journey helping and supporting one another, overcoming together all the trials and temptations which confront us daily.

May we stand in solidarity with all people around the world who are experiencing hardship, for those suffering from malnutrition, illness and disease, for those living in fear of war and conflict. As we pray for things to change, we remember that you have promised that righteousness and justice will come. When our hearts are moved as we think about those living in fear and conflict, we remember that you are the Prince of Peace. We thank you for your promises and pray that we may be united in your love and work to build your kingdom here on earth.

Lord, we lift to you those we know who are in any kind of trouble and for whom we pray. We ask that you bless them. Help us to reach out to them, understanding their needs as you see them and caring for them with your compassion. May we care as you do: without counting the cost.

We pray for each other, that we may each respond to the challenges that the time of Lent presents to us. Help us to look at ourselves, and to recognise our failings, our inadequacies, and the need for your presence in our journey of life. **Amen**

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