

SERVICES NEXT WEEK

TUESDAY 3RD MARCH

ABBEY – 10.30 AM MORNING PRAYER

WEDNESDAY 4TH MARCH

BERINSFIELD – 9.00 AM MORNING PRAYER FOLLOWED BY HOLY COMMUNION AT 9.30 AM

SUNDAY 8TH MARCH

3RD OF LENT

ABBEY – 8.00 AM HOLY COMMUNION (BCP)

LONG WITTENHAM – 9:30 AM HOLY COMMUNION

DRAYTON ST LEONARD – 9:30 AM HOLY COMMUNION

STADHAMPTON – 9:30 AM HOLY COMMUNION

ABBEY – 10:30 AM FAMILY SERVICE WITH BAPTISM

CLIFTON HAMPDEN – 10:30 AM MORNING SERVICE

WARBOROUGH – 11.00 AM MORNING WORSHIP

BERINSFIELD – 11.00 AM HOLY COMMUNION WITH HEALING

TOOT BALDON – 4:00 PM EVENSONG

ABBEY – 5:00 PM EVENSONG

WARBOROUGH – 6.00 PM HOLY COMMUNION (BCP)

NEXT WEEK'S BIBLE READINGS

Exodus 17.1–7 Romans 5.1–11 John 4.5–42

WARBOROUGH NEWS

We continue to pray for those who are mourning the loss of loved ones.

Date Reminders:

Warborough Meet and Greet event takes place on Saturday 7th March.

Coffee morning takes place on the third Thursday of each month, 10am-12noon at St Laurence Hall. All welcome.



ST LAURENCE CHURCH, WARBOROUGH

SUNDAY 1ST MARCH: 2ND 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, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in his Way come to share in his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

BIBLE READINGS

Genesis 12.1–4a

The Lord said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ²I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.' ⁴So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

Romans 4.1–5, 13–17

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? ²For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³For what does the scripture say? 'Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.' ⁴Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. ⁵But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. ¹³For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and

the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. ¹⁶For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ¹⁷as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

John 3.1–17

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' ³Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.'⁴Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' ⁵Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit.'⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above."⁸The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.'⁹Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' ¹⁰Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?' ¹¹'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man.¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. ¹⁷'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through 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:

We pray and give thanks for the Dorchester Team Ministry. We give thanks especially for the ministry of Revd Jo Allen, for all that she has given in love to our shared life. We pray for her and her family on their future path.

We pray for people in those parts of the world affected by conflict, oppression and other challenges. We pray that the Holy Spirit will come to those lands to bring peace, reconciliation and hope. As we treasure the first signs of the coming of Spring, we pray that humanity has the vision and commitment to protect and restore God's beautiful creation.

We pray for all those suffering from ill health, troubled in body and mind, and for those who care for them. May those who are in pain receive comfort and treatment to relieve their suffering.

We pray for our own community. We pray for families and for children and teachers. We give thanks for all the kindness of neighbours, near and far, and for all that builds up and encourages our common life.

We pray and give thanks for the lives of those who have died recently, also remembering with love and gratitude all those whose anniversary comes at this time – may they rest in God's peace. We pray for those who are bereaved and grieving, asking God to bring them comfort and peace.

And finally, we pray for ourselves and each other, that the journey through Lent may be a time of prayerful reflection and renewal.

Amen

**World Day of Prayer
Friday 6th March 3.30 pm
At Berinsfield Church**

Join an ecumenical gathering of meditations and prayers prepared by women from Nigeria.
Followed by refreshments.