



ST LAURENCE CHURCH, WARBOROUGH

SUNDAY – 12TH APRIL

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

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 COLLECT PRAYERS

Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification:

grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of 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**

Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred: open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God the Father. **Amen**

BIBLE READINGS

Acts 2.14a, 22–32

14 Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd in Jerusalem: 22 'You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— 23 this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. 24 But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. 25 For David says concerning him, "I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; 26 therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover, my flesh will live in hope. 27 For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. 28 You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence." 29 'Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. 30 Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. 31 Foreseeing this, David spoke of the

resurrection of the Messiah, saying, “He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.” 32 This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.”

John 20.19–end

19 When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’ 20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. 21 Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.’ 22 When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.’

24 But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. 25 So the other disciples told him, ‘We have seen the Lord.’ But he said to them, ‘Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.’ 26 A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’ 27 Then he said to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.’ 28 Thomas answered him, ‘My Lord and my God!’ 29 Jesus said to him, ‘Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.’ 30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. 31 But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

1 Peter 1.3–9

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, 5 who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. 6 In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, 7 so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. 8 Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, 9 for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord God our Father, through our Saviour Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life
and in baptism have made us one with him: deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in your love, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS:

Alleluia! He is Risen! Risen Lord Jesus you conquered death and opened for us the way to eternal life. Hear the prayers we bring before you with joy and hope.

Gracious God, We pray for your Church throughout the world, that all Christians may live in the joy and hope of the risen Lord, sharing the good news of Easter in word and deed.

We lift before you our local communities, praying for unity, compassion, and wisdom as we seek to care for one another, and follow Jesus' command to his disciples at The Last Supper to "Love one another".

We give thanks for restful holidays and pray for families and children as they return to school. May they find renewed energy and encouragement, and may teachers and staff impart their gifts of teaching with patience and insight.

We remember all who are suffering in body, mind or spirit. Bring comfort, healing and peace to those in need of our prayers.

We pray for those being baptised, that they may be strengthened in faith, surrounded by love, and grow in the knowledge of Christ. In the Team we especially pray for: Tristan Patric Okumi, to be baptised at Dorchester Abbey on Sunday 12th April and Reiker Phalcon Naylor and Remi Sage Naylor to be baptised at St Marys & St Berin on Sunday 12th April. **Amen**

Thank you!

It was all hands on deck for Holy Week and Easter across the Dorchester Team – a very big and heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed so much as we walked the journey through the cross to the resurrection.

Every blessing

Jane and all our Ministry Team

SERVICES NEXT WEEK

TUESDAY 14TH APRIL

10:30 MORNING PRAYER – DORCHESTER ABBEY

WEDNESDAY 15TH APRIL

9:00 MORNING PRAYER – BERINSFIELD – *followed by*

9:30 HOLY COMMUNION – BERINSFIELD

SUNDAY 19TH APRIL

8.00 AM HOLY COMMUNION (BCP) – DORCHESTER ABBEY

9:30 AM FAMILY EUCHARIST – STADHAMPTON

9:30 AM MORNING SERVICE FOLLOWED BY APCM DRAYTON ST LEONARD

9:30 AM HOLY COMMUNION – TOOT BALDON

9:30 AM HOLY COMMUNION – LONG WITTENHAM

10:30 AM SUNG EUCHARIST – DORCHESTER ABBEY

10:30 AM HOLY COMMUNION – CLIFTON HAMPDEN

11:00 AM HOLY COMMUNION FOLLOWED BY APCM BERINSFIELD

11:00 AM PARISH EUCHARIST – WARBOROUGH

6:30 PM TEAM – THE WELL – DORCHESTER ABBEY

WARBOROUGH NEWS:



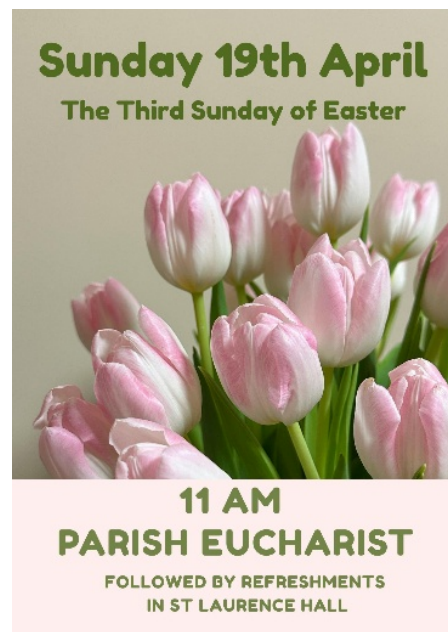
Coffee Morning




**HELD ON THE THIRD
THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH
10AM - 12NOON**

ST LAURENCE HALL

The Monthly 300 Club draw will be at 11am
Everyone very welcome!



Sunday 19th April
The Third Sunday of Easter



**11 AM
PARISH EUCHARIST**

FOLLOWED BY REFRESHMENTS
IN ST LAURENCE HALL

Our prayers remain with the recently bereaved. We pray for the children and staff of St Laurence School as they return from the Easter break. It has been a delight to have such a high attendance at our Easter services. Thank you to all involved.