



ST LAURENCE CHURCH, WARBOROUGH

SUNDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

4<sup>TH</sup> 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 God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him,  
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,  
that we may seek those things which are above,  
where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

### BIBLE READINGS

#### Acts 2.42–end

<sup>42</sup>They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. <sup>43</sup>Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. <sup>44</sup>All who believed were together and had all things in common; <sup>45</sup>they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need.

<sup>46</sup>Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup>praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved

#### John 10.1–10

1 'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. 2 The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. 3 The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. 4 When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. 5 They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.' 6 Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

7 So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. 8 All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. 9 I am the

gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. 10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

### **1 Peter 2.19–end**

<sup>19</sup>For it is to your credit if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. <sup>20</sup>If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, where is the credit in that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. <sup>21</sup>For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. <sup>22</sup>'He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.'  
<sup>23</sup>When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. <sup>24</sup>He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. <sup>25</sup>For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your soul

### **THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord

### **FOR YOUR PRAYERS:**

Good Shepherd, you call your people by name and lead them to abundant life. We pray for your Church, that we may listen for your voice above all others, and follow where you lead with trust and courage. Guide bishops, priests, and all who minister in your name, that they may care faithfully for those entrusted to them. Strengthen us to be welcoming communities, where all may find safety, nourishment, and hope in you.

Lord of all creation, you came that all might have life in its fullness. We pray for the nations of the world, for places torn by conflict, injustice, and fear. Bring wisdom to leaders and compassion to all in authority, that they may seek peace and the common good. Help us to be good stewards of the earth you have given us, protecting its beauty and resources for future generations.

Shepherd of the flock, you gather your people into one fold. We pray for our local communities, and all who live and work in the villages of the Dorchester Team. Bless the rhythms of rural life, and sustain those whose labour provides food and care for others. Deepen our sense of belonging and mutual support, that we may reflect your love in neighbourly kindness.

Compassionate Shepherd, you seek out the lost and carry the weak. We remember before you those who are struggling: the sick, the lonely, the anxious, and the bereaved. Bring comfort to those who feel unheard or forgotten, and healing to those in pain.

Give strength to carers and all who offer support, that they may be signs of your presence and peace.

Faithful Lord, you are the gate through which we find life. Help us to enter more deeply into your love, and to follow you all our days.

**Amen**

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## The Bible Course

On Wednesdays at 7.30pm

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**SERVICES NEXT WEEK**

**TUESDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**

**10:30 AM MORNING PRAYER – DORCHESTER ABBEY**

**WEDNESDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**

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

**9:30 AM HOLY COMMUNION – BERINSFIELD**

**SUNDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> MAY**

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

**8:00 AM HOLY COMMUNION (BCP) – CLIFTON HAMPDEN**

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

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

**10:30 AM FESTIVAL ALL AGE PRAISE PARTY – DORCHESTER ABBEY**

**10:30 AM HOLY COMMUNION - MARSH BALDON**

**11:00 AM PARISH EUCHARIST – WARBOROUGH**

**2:30 PM MESSY CHURCH WITH BAPTISM – BERINSFIELD**

**6:00 PM HOLY COMMUNION – DRAYTON ST LEONARD**

**WARBOROUGH NEWS:**

We continue to pray for the recently bereaved. We pray for Rosemary Heelas friends and family, following the thanksgiving and burial at St Laurence last week.

We pray for Verenique and Oliver as they make preparations for their wedding here at St Laurence Church next month.

