



ST LAURENCE CHURCH, WARBOROUGH

SUNDAY 3RD MAY

5TH 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, who through your only–begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.. **Amen**

Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life: give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

BIBLE READINGS

Acts 7.55–end

⁵⁵Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!' ⁵⁷But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. ⁵⁸Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' ⁶⁰Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died.

John 14.1–14

14Jesus said to his disciples, 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ²In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?' ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going. ⁵Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' ⁶Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.' ⁸ Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' ⁹Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this

time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. ¹²Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.'

1 Peter 2.2–10

²Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— ³if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. ⁴Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For it stands in scripture: 'See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.'⁷To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner', ⁸and 'A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.' They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. ⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. ¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way,
to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS:

Living God, our life is in your hands, and we offer you all that we are. Build us up by the power of your Spirit into a spiritual temple where you are glorified day after day, in all our praise and worship, and in our love for one another.

Living God, our planet is unnervingly small and vulnerable to evil. Sharpen our consciences to sense your direction and protect us from all that draws us away from you. Guide our leaders in the way of truth and realign us all to the values which are built on you.

Living God, may the Way which Jesus shows us be the Way we live out our daily lives. In this festival week when there will be many visitors to Dorchester, may the Abbey be a place of light, hope and peace to all who pass through its doors.

Living God, you can use and transform all our experiences. We lay before you those who are travelling through a time of pain or anguish, tragedy or conflict. We stand alongside them in their suffering and offer it to your transforming, healing love.

Living God, we remember those who have died. Lead them into the light of eternity, and keep us all in the Way that leads us to share in everlasting light with you.

Amen

The Bible Course

On Wednesdays at 7.30pm

Starting on Wednesday 13th May- Introducing the Bible. Contact The Reverend Claire Wren to sign up

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SERVICES NEXT WEEK

TUESDAY 5TH MAY

10:30 AM MORNING PRAYER – DORCHESTER ABBEY

WEDNESDAY 6TH MAY

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

9:30 AM HOLY COMMUNION – BERINSFIELD

SUNDAY 10TH MAY

8.00 AM HOLY COMMUNION (BCP) – DORCHESTER ABBEY

9:30 AM HOLY COMMUNION – DRAYTON ST LEONARD

9:30 AM HOLY COMMUNION – LONG WITTENHAM

9:30 AM PARISH EUCHARIST – STADHAMPTON

10:30 AM FESTIVAL SERVICE – DORCHESTER ABBEY

10:30 AM MORNING SERVICE – CLIFTON HAMPDEN

11:00 AM MORNING WORSHIP – WARBOROUGH

11:00 AM HOLY COMMUNION WITH HEALING – BERINSFIELD

4:00 PM EVENSONG - TOOT BALDON

6:00 PM HOLY COMMUNION (BCP) – WARBOROUGH

WARBOROUGH NEWS:

We continue to pray for the recently bereaved.

We pray for Verenique and Oliver as they prepare for their marriage service at St Laurence this month

