



ST LAURENCE CHURCH, Warborough

SUNDAY 2ND AUGUST

9TH AFTER TRINITY

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 sent your Holy Spirit
to be the life and light of your Church:
open our hearts to the riches of your grace,
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit
in love and joy and peace;
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**

Gracious Father,
revive your Church in our day,
and make her holy, strong and faithful,
for your glory's sake
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

BIBLE READINGS

Genesis 32.22–31

22 The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. 23 He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. 24 Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. 25 When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. 26 Then he said, 'Let me go, for the day is breaking.' But Jacob said, 'I will not let you go, unless you bless me.' 27 So he said to him, 'What is your name?' And he said, 'Jacob.' 28 Then the man said, 'You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed.' 29 Then Jacob asked him, 'Please tell me your name.' But he said, 'Why is it that you ask my name?' And there he blessed him. 30 So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, 'For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved.' 31 The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

Romans 9.1–5

1 I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit— 2 I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. 3 For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. 4 They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; 5 to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen.

Matthew 14.13–21

13 Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. 14 When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. 15 When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, ‘This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.’ 16 Jesus said to them, ‘They need not go away; you give them something to eat.’ 17 They replied, ‘We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.’ 18 And he said, ‘Bring them here to me.’ 19 Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. 20 And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. 21 And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Holy Father,
who gathered us here around the table of your Son
to share this meal with the whole household of God:
in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace, gather people of every race
and language to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS:

As we think of the world this morning we remember all those affected by the wildfires in this country and across Europe and indeed the devastation caused by the earthquake in Japan. Father, we pray for those who have lost their homes and business and for those who have lost loved ones in the catastrophic damage caused by these events and ask you to bless the work of those trying to tame the fires, and those trying to bring relief and medical help. Praying too, for peace in the many areas of war and conflict and ask you to envision the nation's leaders with peace rather than prejudice.

Praying too for our own country and our new PM and Government, to give them wisdom for the way forward.

As we pray for the Church, we remember Bishop Martin Gordon in Goma where he leads a diocese that operates over 100 schools and serves as a vital humanitarian and mental health resource in a region deeply affected by decades of conflict.

We remember charities supported here; Water Aid, The Nasio Trust, The Church Army, Helen and Douglas House and Dementia UK that you would equally envision them for their work and bring your great blessing to bear on them all.

Praying for the Mityana Charity in Uganda, with the many initiatives they are involved in.

For those who have particular needs at this time, for the lonely at home or in hospital, for those coping badly with the heatwaves, the depressed, the oppressed, for the bereaved, for those with questions over life and death,

For Jack, that you would give wisdom, skill and expertise to the consultants and all those involved in his treatment. Heavenly Father, we ask you to draw close to all those for whom we have prayed this morning, asking you Lord, to bring your healing in body mind and spirit.

Amen

SERVICES NEXT WEEK

TUESDAY 4TH AUGUST

10:30 AM MORNING PRAYER – DORCHESTER ABBEY

WEDNESDAY 5TH AUGUST

9:00 AM MORNING PRAYER – BERINSFIELD –*followed by* 9:30 AM HOLY COMMUNION – BERINSFIELD

SUNDAY 9TH AUGUST

8:00 AM HOLY COMMUNION (BCP) – DORCHESTER ABBEY

8:00 AM HOLY COMMUNION (BCP) – WARBOROUGH

9:30 AM HOLY COMMUNION (BCP) – DRAYTON ST LEONARD

9:30 AM PARISH EUCHARIST – STADHAMPTON

9.30 AM HOLY COMMUNION- LONG WITTENHAM

10:30 AM FAMILY SERVICE WITH BAPTISM – DORCHESTER ABBEY

10:30 AM MORNING SERVICE – CLIFTON HAMPDEN

11.00 AM HOLY COMMUNION WITH HEALING- BERINSFIELD

4:00 PM EVENSONG – NUNEHAM COURTNEY

6:00 PM FEAST ON THE GREEN – WARBOROUGH

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 – Paused until the 9th September

The Funeral Service of the late **Mr Martin Lloyd** will be held on
Wednesday 12th August - 1.30pm
at Dorchester Abbey

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