

SERVICES NEXT WEEK

TUESDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER

10:30 AM MORNING PRAYER – DORCHESTER ABBEY

WEDNESDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER

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

9:30 AM HOLY COMMUNION – BERINSFIELD

SUNDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER

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

9.30 AM HOLY COMMUNION – LONG WITTENHAM

9.30 AM HOLY COMMUNION - DRAYTON ST LEONARD

9.30 AM PARISH EUCHARIST – STADHAMPTON

10.30 AM FAMILY PET SERVICE – DORCHESTER ABBEY

10.30 AM MORNING WORSHIP— CLIFTON HAMPDEN

11.00 AM HOLY COMMUNION WITH HEALING – BERINSFIELD

11.00 AM MORNING WORSHIP - WARBOROUGH

4.00 PM EVENSONG – TOOT BALDON

6.00 PM HOLY COMMUNION (BCP) – WARBOROUGH

Warborough News:

We pray for Harriet and Joseph, married here last weekend and offer our congratulations.

Please join us for drinks in St Laurence Hall following the 11am Parish Eucharist service today.

We pray for the family and friends of Michael Houlihan, whose funeral took place on Tuesday.

We pray for the students and staff of St Laurence Primary School as they start their new term.

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ST LAURENCE CHURCH, WARBOROUGH

SUNDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER: 14TH 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

Holy and eternal God, you are the Maker of heaven and earth, you are the Word through whom all things were made, and you are the Spirit, the giver of life: draw us into the mystery of your love, that with all creation we may proclaim your praise, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

O God and Father of all that was, is and ever shall be,
help us to be thankful for all that is made at the hands of your Son and through the wisdom of your Spirit, that we may care in heart and in deed for the life of our world, to the praise and glory of your holy name. **Amen**

BIBLE READINGS

Isaiah 55.12–end

¹² For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.¹³ Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off

Colossians 1.15–20

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶ for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things

have been created through him and for him.

¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

John 1.1–14

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. ⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God our Creator, by your gift the tree of life was set
at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of your Church: may we who have been nourished at your table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross
and enjoy the delights of eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

FOR YOUR PRAYERS:

We pray for our troubled world. For all those whose lives continue to be affected by war in Ukraine and in the Middle East. We pray for those who have lost loved ones, homes and livelihoods; for those living with fear and uncertainty, and for all who work for peace and reconciliation. Guide those with power and influence towards wisdom and justice and bring an end to violence and hatred. **Amen**

We pray for our farmers and all who work upon the land. For those facing difficult weather conditions and uncertainty about their harvest. We give thanks for the food they provide and for the dedication with which they care for the land. Give them strength in times of adversity and provide the support and encouragement they need. Help us never to take for granted the food we have on our tables. **Amen**

We pray for all who are struggling with the cost of living. For families worried about paying their bills,
for those unable to afford school uniform and equipment or are concerned that they will not be able to allow their children to attend school trips or clubs because of the costs, and for those who are lonely or ashamed to ask for help. Give wisdom to those who make decisions about our economy,
and generosity to us all, that nobody may be left without the essentials of life. **Amen**

We pray for our children and young people as they return to school. For those beginning a new school, a new class or a new chapter in their lives. May they know friendship, encouragement and joy as they learn and grow.

We pray too for teachers, teaching assistants, support staff, governors and all who work in our schools. Give them patience, wisdom and energy for the year ahead, and help them to recognise and nurture the gifts of every child. May our schools be places of safety, kindness, learning and hope. **Amen**