

SERVICES NEXT WEEK

SUNDAY 27TH APRIL
2ND OF EASTER

ABBEY – 8.00 AM HOLY COMMUNION (BCP)
WARBOROUGH – 8.00 AM HOLY COMMUNION (BCP)
LITTLE WITTENHAM – 9:30 AM HOLY COMMUNION
STADHAMPTON – 9:30 AM HOLY COMMUNION (BCP)
DRAYTON ST LEONARD – 9:30 AM MORNING SERVICE
ABBEY – 10:30 AM MORNING SERVICE
TOOT BALDON – 11:00 AM HOLY COMMUNION
BERINSFIELD – 3.00 PM INFORMAL WORSHIP
BERINSFIELD – 3.30 PM BERINSFIELD LIVING ROOM
NEWINGTON – 4:30 PM EVENSONG
LONG WITTENHAM – 6:30 PM WORSHIP

A Service of Holy Communion is at St Mary's and St Berin Berinsfield every Wednesday at 9.30am. Everyone welcome.

HYMNS

Jesus Christ is risen today 205
Bring all ye dear brought nations (sheet. tune 532)
Alleluia Sing to Jesus
Thine be the glory 218

NEXT WEEK'S BIBLE READINGS

Acts 5.27–32
Revelation 1.4–8
John 20.19–31

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. Open to everyone and will remain Dementia friendly.

Babies and Toddlers in the Abbey – Break for Easter Holidays – back on 30th April

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SUNDAY 20TH APRIL
EASTER SUNDAY

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 COLLECTS

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity.

Amen

God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell: fill your Church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen

BIBLE READINGS

Acts 10.34–43

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

Isaiah 65.17–end

Let For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. ¹⁸But be glad and rejoice for ever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. ¹⁹I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. ²⁰No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. ²¹They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. ²²They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. ²³They shall not labour in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord—and their descendants as well. ²⁴Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. ²⁵The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent—its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

1 Corinthians 15.19–26

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. ²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. ²¹For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; ²²for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. ²³But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of Life, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS:

Christ is Risen, and the power of His resurrection fills the world today with new life, hope and expectation.

Faithful God, we think of your church today celebrating the Resurrection all over the world. Language race and nationalities may be different but our worship and our joy on the Day of Resurrection make us one in the Gospel. We pray that The Holy Spirit may guide and strengthen us in mission and service praying that day by day we may grow in love for you and for our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Mighty God, we pray for the leaders of the nations of the world that they may give priority to those with greatest need in the distribution of the world's basic resources. We especially pray on this special day, for peace in the world and for countries where there is war and conflict. We remember today those involved in the fight against terrorism around the world and for all service personnel in active duty around the world.

Father God, at this joyful Eastertide we pray for our families, friends and all our loved ones especially for those joining us during the Easter Holidays. We thank you for the joy of family, both related and made, and we pray that bonds created are strengthened through your love and wisdom.

Creator God, we pray for those who are in need and ask you to look with pity on those who suffer. We pray for the broken hearted, for the sick, for the lonely that your very presence would comfort them in their time of need. We pray that those who have recently died may one day share in the promise of new life won for us all by the resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ and his triumph over death and the grave.

Faithful God, as we go out into the world, we pray that we may reflect your love in our families, our church and our community; so that the world can witness that we are followers of Christ and draw others into his loving care.

Merciful father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

UPCOMING FUNERALS AND MEMORIALS IN THE ABBEY

Funeral

Beryl Fisher

Thursday 24th April 2pm

Eternal God, at this time we remember especially those we have loved and lost, giving thanks for the enduring memories of love. We pray especially for those who have recently been bereaved. We pray that in the end we will be united with them in your heavenly Kingdom. We pray in Jesus' name. **Amen.**