

## Bourne Abbey and Parish Church

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**Sunday 19 November 2023**

**Second Sunday before Advent**

**A warm welcome to all! Please take this pew sheet home and include those listed on the reverse in your prayers.**

### **Are you visiting the Abbey today?**

If you are a communicant member of your own church, you are invited to take communion here. If you would prefer to receive a blessing instead, please come forward holding the service booklet to indicate your preference.

### **Services this week:**

Tonight: 6.30 p.m. Choral Evensong

Thursday 23 November: 10.00am-Holy Communion

Sunday 26 November: 11.00am – Sung Eucharist

**Tea and coffee** continue to be served after the service; do stay and enjoy Christian fellowship.

### **Dates for Your Diary**

**Parish Magazine.** December deadline is **today**. Copy can be: given to Celia Howes at church; emailed to [celia.howes45@gmail.com](mailto:celia.howes45@gmail.com); or delivered to 16 St Paul's Gardens, Bourne.

**Team Clean.** Friday 24 November from 1000 in the Abbey. All welcome. Refreshments afterwards.

**Warm Hubs 2023.** The Baptist Church and the Salvation Army will be operating warm hubs in their premises on, respectively, Wednesdays and Fridays between 1000 and 1600 from 22/24 November. Interested in helping? Please speak to Marilyn Roberts.

**Living Crib.** Churches Together in Bourne will again be running a living crib on Saturday 2 December. Volunteers needed to assist/act; hourly slots from noon until 4.00pm. Please see Susan Macey if you wish to help/for more information.

**Poppy Installation.** Many thanks to all those who gave so generously of their time to help set up the display, act as stewards over the three days, and take down the exhibition. The amount raised was c. £400, to be split between the Poppy Appeal and church funds.

**Christingle. Sunday 10 December, 3pm, Abbey Church** - service to raise funds for The Children's Society.

On **Saturday 9 December** the Christingle oranges will be made by volunteers in the Abbey between 10-12noon. There will be activities for accompanied children. At the back of the church are candle moneyboxes for children to make and save small change to bring to the service. All welcome to one or both events.

### **Please pray for:**

**The parish and deanery:** for Fr. Peter Lister, the Rev. Sylvia Rice-Oxley, Rev. Canon David Staples, our Ministry Team, Bishop Hall in his role in Madagascar, and Fr. Chris in his retirement from full-time ministry.

### **Peace and goodwill within and between nations:**

especially for peace and justice in Ukraine, the Yemen, Afghanistan, North and South Sudan, the Holy Land and for those countries where democracy is being eroded. We also pray for those in refugee camps for the displaced, wherever they may be.

### **Those suffering hunger, disease and oppression:**

especially those people whose homes have been lost through war, and natural disaster in Morocco and Libya. Also those suffering from the shortage of food, water and medicines particularly in Syria, Central Africa, North and South Sudan, Yemen, Afghanistan and Somalia. We pray for those in our own country who are homeless, hungry and in need of support.

### **Those in present need.**

### **Those whose illness or recovery is longer-term.**

### **The souls of the recently departed:**

Michael Wicks, John Sharpe, and Shirley Ralph.

### **Those whose year's mind falls this week:**

George Newman, Ralph Musgrove, Michael Atkins, Eileen Bostock, Amelia Rolt, Derek Bontoft, Ernest Belton, Maisie Roberts, William Dandridge, Doreen Lewis, and Monica Pain.

We welcome the names of those who are ill or awaiting an operation, so that prayers may be offered for them, and/or a visit arranged.

**Our bishops** have invited us to consider using the following prayer:

"God of justice and peace, we hold before you the Israeli and Palestinian people in all their need, pain, and fear. Bring an end to humiliation, injustice, corruption and violence. Prosper all who work for peace with justice, that all the people of the Holy Land may know security and prosperity. We ask this through your Son, the Prince of peace, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen."

**Foodbank** Still urgently needed: tinned vegetables, fruit, soups, custard & rice puddings, jam, UHT milk, marmalade, instant desserts, tea, chocolate & children's lunch snacks, and toiletries. Many thanks.