

Bourne Abbey and Parish Church

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Sunday 17 December 2023

Third Sunday of 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:

Thursday 21 December: 10.00am-Holy Communion

Sunday 24 December: 11.00am – Sung Eucharist

5.30pm-Crib and Carols Service

11.30pm – Midnight Mass

Monday 25 December: 11.00am – Sung Eucharist

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

Dates for Your Diary

Magazine Deadline. Material for the January 2024 magazine should be with Celia Howes by Sunday 24 December, but earlier if possible for obvious reasons! Please pass to her at church or 16 St Paul's Gardens, or email to celia.howes45@gmail.com.

A Service of Advent Music and Readings, tonight at 6.30pm. All welcome.

Nibble & Natter coffee morning, Saturday 6 January, 10am-12noon, Church Hall. Book stall, raffle & refreshments. Proceeds to church funds. Make a New Year's resolution to attend!

Warm Hubs 2023. The Baptists and the Salvation Army have started to operate warm hubs in their premises on, respectively, Wednesdays and Fridays between 1000 and 1600. Want to help? Please speak to Marilyn Roberts.

Salvation Army Christmas Present Appeal. Please see noticeboard.

Edenham Retreat House. A list of forthcoming events is on the noticeboard at the back of the church.

The Abbey Needs YOU! Have you offered your talents yet? All skills are useful at some point so please join in—don't hide your light under a bushel! Any questions? Please speak to Marilyn Roberts.

Tinderbox – Many thanks to Tinderbox for providing such an entertaining evening last weekend, and to the audience for attending. The entertainment raised over £300 for church funds.

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, 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:

Shirley Ralph, John Freear, Beryl Lees, Joan Selby, Jennifer Cooper and Elizabeth Payne.

Those whose year's mind falls this week:

Marion Green, Eddie Leverton, Ivy Trowell, Kelwyn Brace, Ann Broome, John Ulyatt, Eric Watson, Philip Taylor, Maurice Raven, Edith Goulding, Gillian Pawlett, and Natalie Moisey.

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.