

Bourne Abbey and Parish Church

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Sunday 28 January 2024

Fourth Sunday of Epiphany/Candlemas

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 as an indication.

Services this week:

Thursday 1 February: 10.00am - Holy Communion (BCP)

Sunday 4 February: 11.00am – Sung Eucharist

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

Dates for Your Diary

Garden Group, Tuesday 30 January at 1400. The joint Abbey / U3A Garden Group will meet to discuss their plan for 2024. Please attend if you would like to contribute to the discussion. No outdoor work this month. Refreshments as usual!

PCC Meeting, Thursday 1 February at 1900, Choir Vestry.

Team Clean, Friday 2 February from 1000. Bring your own duster (and hand-held vacuum cleaner if possible).

Nibble & Natter coffee morning, Saturday 3 February, 10am-12noon - Church Hall. Book stall, raffle & refreshments. Proceeds to Church Funds.

Licensing Service - Tuesday 27 February 2024. Bishop Nicholas will license Fr. Stephen as Vicar of Bourne at a service in the Abbey at 7.00pm. Refreshments will be provided afterwards. So that we can cater accurately, please sign the list at the back of the church, preferably today. If you would like a lift to the service, please sign that list as well, and we will see if we can arrange transport.

Open the Book. Would anyone interested in taking part in Open the Book please speak to Susan Macey.

Easter Lilies. Please see notice on the noticeboard. Last date to order is Sunday 10 March 2024.

Please pray for:

The parish and deanery: for Fr. Peter Lister, the Rev. Sylvia Rice-Oxley, Rev. Canon David Staples, our Ministry Team, Fr. Stephen Buckman & Bishop Hall in his role in Madagascar.

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. 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.

Those being baptised today.

The souls of the recently departed:

Elizabeth Payne and Fiona Creasey.

Those whose year's mind falls this week:

Kathleen Lambert.

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.