

Bourne Abbey and Parish Church

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 Bourne Abbey Church Group

Sunday 18 February 2024

Lent 1

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:

Tonight: 6.30pm – Deanery Lenten Choral Evensong
Thursday 22 February: 10.00am - Holy Communion (BCP)
Sunday 25 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

Deanery Lenten Evensong. Bourne is hosting the first of the series tonight at 6.30pm. Please support and help to welcome guests from around the deanery. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

Lent Lunches are being served at 12.30 in St Gilbert's RC church on Mondays from 19 February.

Gardening. Next weeding session this Tuesday 1400-1500 with our friends from the U3A. Refreshments are provided afterwards. Please bring your own containers and tools, e.g. hoe, fork, secateurs, weed remover. Some jobs do not require kneeling or bending. All welcome.

Team Clean. The next team clean of the Abbey will take place on Wednesday 21 February (brought forward from Friday 23rd). Arrive between 1000 and 1030 and BYOD & HHV (bring your own duster & hand-held vacuum).

Lent Course, Thursdays. Fr. Stephen is running the course at Edenham Retreat House between 7pm & 9pm. See notices for more details and to offer/ seek lifts.

Posies for Mothering Sunday. The preparation of posies will take place in church on Saturday 9th March between 10am & 11am. Everything provided. All help welcome.

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

Annual revision of Church Electoral Roll. Current list on the noticeboard. New members encouraged; forms from Sarah Speers or the churchwarden. Deadline is 21 March.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting. Thursday 18 April at 7.00pm.

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 as his ministry in Madagascar draws to a close.

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.

The souls of the recently departed: David Inkel.

Those whose year's mind falls this week:

Gladys Wright, Eva Hubbard, Audrey Coddington, Valerie Lingard, Bruce McAllen, Pauline Raven, Rodney Lightfoot, Thomas Read, John Thorold, James Kidd, and Fanny Butler.

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. Urgently needed: tinned vegetables, fruit, soups, custard & rice puddings, jam, marmalade, instant desserts, UHT milk, tea, chocolate & children's lunch snacks, and toiletries. Please leave donations in the plastic box at the back of the church. Many thanks.