

## Bourne Abbey and Parish Church

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 Bourne Abbey Church Group

**Sunday 17 March 2024**

**Lent 5**

**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 Evensong, Bourne Abbey

Thursday 21 March: 10.00am - Holy Communion (BCP)

Sunday 24 March: 11.00am – Palm Sunday, Sung Eucharist

6.30pm – Deanery Lenten Evensong, Morton

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

### **Dates for Your Diary**

**Deanery Lenten Evensong.** Here tonight at 6.30pm. Please support. If you would like a lift, or can offer transport, please see the list at the servery.

**Last Lent Lunch,** Monday at 12.30 pm in St Gilbert's RC church. All welcome.

**Last Lent Course,** Thursday at 7.00pm -9pm, Edenham Retreat House. Led by Fr. Stephen. See notice for more details and to offer/ seek lifts.

**Parish Magazine.** Deadline for material for the April magazine is today. It can be: emailed to [celia.howes45@gmail.com](mailto:celia.howes45@gmail.com); given to her at church; or delivered to 16 St Paul's Gardens, Bourne.

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

**Team Clean,** Friday 22 March. Arrive between 1000 and 1030 and BYOD (bring your own duster). All help most welcome.

**Lincoln Waites Concert**, Friday 22 March at 7.00pm in church. Come and listen to medieval and Tudor music from the waites, originally mayors' musicians. Bring young (and not so young) relatives/friends to see the instruments up close. Tickets (£10) from Rebecca Oakley. See poster on noticeboard for full details.

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

**Please pray for:**

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

**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:** Ruth Bannister, John Spearink and Carol Atkins.

**Those whose year's mind falls this week:** Herbert McMaster , Doris Lewis, Ritson Savage, Ada Glenn, Alan Rowland, Rev Deacon Joseph Rogan, Pearl Roberts, Frank Allen, John Steel, Ralph Baker, and David Jehu.

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 note that the Foodbank has sufficient stocks of pasta and cereal, so these are not needed at present. Please leave donations in the plastic box at the back of the church. Many thanks.

**PTO for the prayers, readings and Psalm for today**

## Prayers, Readings and Psalm for Today

### Collect

Most merciful God,  
who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ  
delivered and saved the world:  
grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross  
we may triumph in the power of his victory;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

OR

Gracious Father,  
you gave up your Son  
out of love for the world:  
lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion,  
that we may know eternal peace  
through the shedding of our Saviour's blood,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Reading

*Jeremiah 31:31-34*

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt – a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, 'Know the LORD, for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

## Verses from Psalm 119

Response

Lead me, O Lord, in the path of your com - mand - ments.

9. How shall young people | cleanse their way  
to keep themselves according | to your word?

10. With my whole heart | have I sought you;  
O let me not go astray from | your commandments.

### Response

11. Your words have I hidden with | in my heart,  
that I should not | sin against you.

12. Blessed are | you, O Lord;  
O teach | me your statutes.

### Response

13. With my lips have | I been telling  
of all the judgements | of your mouth.

14. I have taken greater delight in the way | of your testimonies  
than in all man | ner of riches.

### Response

15. I will meditate on | your commandments  
and contem | plate your ways.

16. My delight shall be | in your statutes  
and I will not for | get your word.

### Response

## Gospel Reading

*John 12:20-33*

**Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

Christ humbled himself and became obedient unto death,  
even death on a cross.

Therefore God has highly exalted him  
and given him the name that is above every name.

**Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat fall into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour. 'Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say - "Father, save me from this hour"? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father glorify your name.' Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, 'An angel has spoken to him.' Jesus answered, 'This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.' He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ,  
you have taught us  
that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters  
we do also for you:  
give us the will to be the servant of others  
as you were the servant of all,  
and gave up your life and died for us,  
but are alive and reign, now and for ever.