

Bourne Abbey and Parish Church

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 Bourne Abbey Church Group

Sunday 24 March 2024

Palm Sunday

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 – Last Deanery Lenten Evensong, Morton.

For Holy Week, please see page 3.

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

Dates for Your Diary

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

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

Nibble & Natter coffee morning, Saturday 6 April, 10am-12noon - Church Hall. Book stall, raffle & refreshments. Proceeds to Church Funds.

Gardening Group. The next weeding session will take place on Tuesday 26 March from 1400-1500 with our friends from the U3A. It will concentrate on the box moth caterpillars which are attacking the hedge around the Garden of Remembrance. Please bring spray bottles and washing up liquid. Refreshments are provided afterwards. All welcome.

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.

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: Carol Atkins.

Those whose year's mind falls this week: Michael Payne, Irene Pulham, Roy Kelby, Peggy Morrison, Sheila Shipley, Christopher Charles Moxley, Janet Sauter, Vera Marvin, Susan Heather, Molly Dawson, & Mary Hercock.

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. The app ‘Bankthefood’, which is free to download, gives the 8 most-needed items for the Bourne foodbank. At present these are: custard (tinned or carton); shaving gel & razors; squash & fruit juice; tinned fruit; tinned rice pudding; UHT milk; washing powder/liquid; and washing up liquid. Please leave donations in the plastic box at the back of the church. Many thanks.

Services for Holy Week

Palm Sunday 24th March	11.00 a.m.	Sung Eucharist
Monday 25 th	6.30 p.m.	Holy Communion
Tuesday 26 th	6.30 p.m.	Holy Communion
Wednesday 27 th	6.30 p.m.	Holy Communion
Maundy Thursday 28th	10.00 a.m. 8.00 p.m.	Holy Communion (BCP) Sung Eucharist for Maundy Thursday
Good Friday 29th	12.00 p.m. 1.00 p.m. 2.00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross Meditation Good Friday Liturgy (Choral)
Holy Saturday 30th	8.30 p.m.	Easter Vigil & First Mass of Easter
N.B. 30th/31st Clocks go forward one hour for BST		
Easter Day 31st	11.00 a.m.	Sung Eucharist



Prayers and Readings for Today

Hosanna to the Son of David, the King of Israel.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you
and also with you.

Introduction

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, during Lent we have been preparing by works of love and self-sacrifice for the celebration of our Lord's death and resurrection. Today we come together to begin this solemn celebration in union with the Church throughout the world. Christ enters his own city to complete his work as our Saviour, to suffer, to die, and to rise again. Let us go with him in faith and love, so that, united with him in his sufferings, we may share his risen life.

The people hold up palms or branches while this prayer is said by the president

God our Saviour,
whose Son Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem as Messiah to suffer and to die;
let these palms be for us signs of his victory
and grant that we who bear them in his name
may ever hail him as our King,
and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

The Palm Gospel

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

When Jesus and his disciples were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, "Why are you doing this?" just say this, "The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" They

went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, 'What are you doing, untying the colt?' They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, 'Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!' Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Let us go forth, praising Jesus our Messiah.

Hymn No. 509, omitting verses 7 & 8

Collect

Let us pray for a closer union with Christ in his suffering and in his glory.

Silence is kept.

Almighty and everlasting God,
who in your tender love towards the human race
sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
to take upon him our flesh
and to suffer death upon the cross:
grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility,
and also be made partakers of his resurrection;
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.

Amen.

Reading

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

The servant of the LORD said:

The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens –
wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught.

The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backwards.

I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.

The Lord GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.

It is the Lord GOD who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

This is the word of the Lord.

*The Gospel reading for today is the reading of Passion narrative according to Mark.
This is a very long reading. If standing is difficult or uncomfortable, please feel free to be seated for
the reading.*

*At the end of the reading of the Passion the priest will say:
This is the Passion of the Lord.*

*The congregation makes no response.
According to tradition, there will be a period of silence at the end of the Passion narrative, followed by
the Creed. There will be no sermon this morning.*

Post Communion Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ,
you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant,
and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation:
give us the mind to follow you
and to proclaim you as Lord and King,
to the glory of God the Father.