

## **Bourne Abbey and Parish Church**

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 **Bourne Abbey Church Group**

***Sunday 31 March 2024***

**Easter 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:**

Thursday 4 April: 10.00am – MU Corporate Communion (BCP) (see below).

Sunday 7 April: 11.00am Sung Eucharist.

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

### **Dates for Your Diary**

**Julian Group**, Monday, 1 April at 10am, Abbey vestry for 30 minutes of silent prayer and reflection.

**Mothers' Union**, Wednesday 3 April at 2.15pm meeting at the 'Don't Lose Hope' shed behind Shippon Barn; from 3pm at the Church Hall for refreshments and reflection. All welcome.

Thursday 4 April is Corporate Communion with an enrolment, led by Rev. Sylvia Rice-Oxley.

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

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

### **Please pray for:**

**The parish and deanery:** for Fr. Stephen Buckman, Fr. Peter Lister, Rev. Sylvia Rice-Oxley, Rev. Canon David Staples, Bishop Hall and our Ministry Team.

**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; those suffering from the shortage of food, water and medicines, particularly in Syria, Central Africa, North & South Sudan, Yemen, Afghanistan & 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 and Anthony Reeson.

**Those whose year's mind falls this week:** Hilda Fisher, Sarah Waters, Stuart Randall, Brian Dodd, Gwen Garner, John Richard Rice-Oxley, priest, Sylvia Glover, Pauline Savage, Andrew Barnatt, Keith Watson, Robert Woodman, and Gillian West.

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.

## Prayers and Readings for Easter Day

### Collect

Lord of all life and power,  
who through the mighty resurrection of your Son  
overcame the old order of sin and death  
to make all things new in him:  
grant that we, being dead to sin  
and alive to you in Jesus Christ,  
may reign with him in glory;  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit  
be praise and honour, glory and might,  
now and in all eternity.

### Reading

*Acts 10:34-43*

A reading from the Acts of Apostles.

Peter began to speak to those assembled in the house of Cornelius: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

This is the word of the Lord.

## Gospel Reading

*John 20:1-18*

Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one;

I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore.

Alleluia.

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." ' Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

This is the gospel of the Lord.

## **Post Communion Prayer**

God of Life,  
who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son  
to the death of the cross,  
and by his glorious resurrection  
have delivered us from the power of our enemy:  
grant us so to die daily to sin,  
that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.