

Bourne Abbey and Parish Church

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 Bourne Abbey Church Group

Sunday 14 April 2024

Third after Easter

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.

Gluten-free wafers are available – please ask a greeter / the churchwarden.

Services this week:

Thursday 18 April: 10.00 am – Holy Communion (BCP).

Sunday 21 April: 11.00 am Sung Eucharist.

6.30 pm – Choral Evensong

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

Dates for Your Diary

Annual Parochial Church Meeting. Thursday 18 April at 7.00pm in church. Nomination forms for churchwardens and PCC members are at the rear of the church.

The Abbey at Home, Friday 19 April. The Reverend Sylvia Rice-Oxley invites you to The Abbey at Home, Christian Fellowship with prayer 10am - 11.30am. Refreshments. See noticeboard for full details.

Parish Magazine. Material for the May magazine should reach Celia Howes by Sunday 21 April please. It can be: emailed to celia.howes45@gmail.com; given to her at church; or delivered to 16 St Paul's Gardens, Bourne.

Choral Evensong

The Abbey Consort will sing Choral Evensong on Sunday 21 April at 6.30pm. All welcome.

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, Anthony Reeson, Sarah Theaker, and Michael Childe-Freeman.

Those whose year's mind falls this week Patricia Moisey, Phyllis Sutton, Margaret Scales, Derrick Fortescue, John Legge, Ann Tabor, Adrian Burgin, Bernard Jackson, Ellen Schwarz, and Benjamin Thorold.

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.

Foodbank. The 8 most-needed items for the Bourne foodbank 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.

Thanks to all who arranged flowers in Abbey for Easter - Marilyn, Ann, Christine, Merryn and Eleanor.

Apologies to the family of the late Ronald Frederick Hart whose name was omitted from the Memorium List.

Wanted! Flower arrangers; if interested contact Ann Northen 01778 423353.

Prayers and Readings for the Third Sunday after Easter

Collect

Almighty Father,
who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples
with the sight of the risen Lord:
give us such knowledge of his presence with us,
that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life
and serve you continually in righteousness and truth;
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.

Reading

Acts 3.12-19

¹²Peter addressed the people, 'You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? ¹³The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. ¹⁴But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

¹⁷'And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.'

³⁶While the eleven and their companions were talking about what they had heard, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' ³⁷They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts?' ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate in their presence.

⁴⁴Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you - that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things.'

Post Communion Prayer

Living God,
your Son made himself known to his disciples
in the breaking of bread:
open the eyes of our faith,
that we may see him in all his redeeming work;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.