

Bourne Abbey and Parish Church

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 **Bourne Abbey Church Group**

Sunday 12 May 2024

Seventh Sunday of Easter / Sunday after Ascension

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 16 May: 10.00 am – Holy Communion (BCP).

Sunday 19 May: Pentecost - 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

The Abbey at Home, Friday 17 May, 1000-1130. The Reverend Sylvia Rice-Oxley invites you to The Abbey at Home, Christian Fellowship with prayer. Refreshments. See noticeboard for full details.

Parish Magazine. Material for the June magazine should be with Celia Howes by Sunday 19 May please. It can be given to her at church or emailed to celia.howes45@gmail.com

Choral Evensong. The Abbey Consort will sing Choral Evensong next Sunday at 6.30pm. All welcome.

Foodbank. The 8 most-needed items 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.

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

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: Gwen Leverton and Christine Dunthorne.

Those whose year's mind falls this week: Daisy Cunnington, Timothy James, Philip Atkinson, Margaret Doyle, Louise Burgess, Kenneth Keefe, Robert Hitchens, Malcolm Shipley, Norman Ward, and Kathleen Ferguson.

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.

Prayers and Readings for the Seventh Sunday of Easter / Sunday after Ascension

Collect

O God the King of glory,
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us
and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Reading

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred and twenty people). He said, 'Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus – for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry. So one of the men who have accompanied us throughout the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us – one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.' So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, 'Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.' And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

Gospel Reading

Alleluia, alleluia.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people
and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Alleluia.

John 17:6-19

Jesus looked up to heaven and prayed: 'Father, I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.'

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God, giver of love and power,
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:
confirm us in this mission,
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.