

## **Bourne Abbey and Parish Church**

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 Bourne Abbey Church Group

***Sunday 19 May 2024***

**Pentecost**

**A warm welcome to all! Please take this pew sheet home and include those listed named 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:**

Tonight: 6.30p. – Choral Evensong

Thursday 23 May: 10.00 am – Holy Communion (BCP).

Sunday 26 May: 11.00 am Sung Eucharist.

**Tea and coffee** are served after the service; do stay and enjoy Christian fellowship.

### **Dates for Your Diary**

**Parish Magazine.** Material for the June magazine should be with Celia Howes today please. It can be: emailed to [celia.howes45@gmail.com](mailto:celia.howes45@gmail.com) or given to her at church.

**Choral Evensong.** Tonight at 6.30pm with The Abbey Consort.

**Team Clean.** Friday 24 May. Arrive between 1000 and 1030 and BYOD (bring your own duster). All help most welcome. Refreshments afterwards.

**Nibble & Natter** coffee morning, Saturday 1 June, 10am-12noon, Church Hall. Book stall, raffle & refreshments. Proceeds to Church Funds.

**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:** Christine Dunthorne.

**Those whose year's mind falls this week:** Lloyd Hughes, Kevin Hicks, Jack Calvert, Arthur Anslow, Jennifer Moor-Radford, and Barbara Stancer.

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, Readings and Commission for Pentecost

### Collect

God, who as at this time  
taught the hearts of your faithful people  
by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit:  
grant us by the same Spirit  
to have a right judgement in all things  
and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort;  
through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### First Reading

Acts 2.1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in their native language. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs – in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.' But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: "In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your

young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

## **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 15.26-27; 16.4b-15

Jesus spoke to his disciples: ‘When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

I have said these things to you so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you about them. I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, “Where are you going?” But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgement: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgement, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.’

## **Post Communion Prayer**

Faithful God,  
who fulfilled the promises of Easter  
by sending us your Holy Spirit  
and opening to every race and nation  
the way of life eternal:  
open our lips by your Spirit,  
that every tongue may tell of your glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **Commission at the end of the service**

For fifty days we have celebrated the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ over the powers of sin and death. We have proclaimed God's mighty acts and we have prayed that the power that was at work when God raised Jesus from the dead might be at work in us.

As part of God's Church here in Bourne, I call upon you to live out what you proclaim.

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, will you dare to walk into God's future, trusting him to be your guide?

**By the Spirit's power, we will.**

Will you dare to embrace each other and grow together in love?

**We will.**

Will you dare to share your riches in common and minister to each other in need?

**We will.**

Will you dare to pray for each other until your hearts beat with the longings of God?

**We will.**

Will you dare to carry the light of Christ into the world's dark places?

**We will.**

*The Easter candle is extinguished.*