

Bourne Abbey and Parish Church

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 Bourne Abbey Church Group

Sunday 2 June 2024

First Sunday after Trinity – Proper 4

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:

Morning and Evening Prayer will be said at 0900 and 1700 – as shown in 'This Week at the Abbey'.

Thursday 6 June: 10.00 am – MU Corporate Holy Communion (BCP).

Sunday 9 June: 11.00 am Sung Eucharist.

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

Dates for Your Diary

Julian Group, Monday 3 June at 10am, Abbey vestry for 30 minutes of silent prayer and reflection.

PCC Meeting, Wednesday 5 June, 1900 in church. Agenda on noticeboard.

Brass Cleaning, Saturday 15 June, 1000-1100, chandelier and lectern not included. Marilyn will be pleased to welcome anyone who wishes to help.

Glebe Singers' Concert, Saturday 15 June, 7.30pm, Church Hall. Tickets £10 available after the service – see noticeboard for full information.

Foodbank. The 9 most-needed items are: pulses; rice; squash; tea bags (80 packs preferred); custard (tinned or carton); tinned or packet potatoes; tinned rice pudding; tinned veg; UHT milk. Please leave donations in the plastic box at the back of the church. Many thanks.

Patronal Festival Open Day, Saturday 29 June, 1000-1600. Please consider prayerfully how you could help - we still need offers of time and refreshments. Please speak to Marilyn.

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, Simon Wiggins Robert (Bob) Currell, Pearly Watson and Margaret Harwood.

Those whose year's mind falls this week: Geoffrey Moorhouse, Phyllis Cope, Elizabeth Fels, James York, and Doreen Newell.

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.

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Abbey Band. A band has been formed and would welcome brass / woodwind players. If you are interested, or know of anyone who might be, please contact Trevor Goodwin on 01778 420373 for a chat.

Prayers and Readings for the First Sunday after Trinity – Proper 4

Collect of the Day

O God,
the strength of all those who put their trust in you,
mercifully accept our prayers
and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature
we can do no good thing without you,
grant us the help of your grace,
that in the keeping of your commandments
we may please you both in will and deed;
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.

First Reading

Deuteronomy 5.12-15

The LORD says this: ¹²Observe the sabbath day and keep it holy, as the LORD your God commanded you. ¹³Six days you shall labour and do all your work. ¹⁴But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work - you, or your son or your daughter, or your male or female slave, or your ox or your donkey, or any of your livestock, or the resident alien in your towns, so that your male and female slave may rest as well as you. ¹⁵Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm; therefore the LORD your God commanded you to keep the sabbath day.

Gospel

Alleluia, alleluia.

Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia.

Mark 2.23-3.6

²³One sabbath Jesus was going through the cornfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. ²⁴The Pharisees said to him, 'Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?' ²⁵And he said to them, 'Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? ²⁶He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions.' ²⁷Then he said to them, 'The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; ²⁸so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath.'

¹Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. ²They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him. ³And he said to the man who had the withered hand, 'Come forward.' ⁴Then he said to them, 'Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?' But they were silent. ⁵He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, 'Stretch out your hand.' He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. ⁶The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal Father,
we thank you for nourishing us
with these heavenly gifts:
may our communion strengthen us in faith,
build us up in hope,
and make us grow in love;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.