

Bourne Abbey and Parish Church

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 Bourne Abbey Church Group

Sunday 25 August 2024

Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity – Proper 16

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, please come forward with 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 as shown in 'This Week at the Abbey' (usually at 0900 and 1730, but please check the noticeboard or website).

Thursday 29 August: 10.00 am – Holy Communion (BCP).

Sunday 1 September: 11.00 am - Sung Eucharist.

Tea and coffee are served after the service; join us for Christian fellowship.

Please pray for:

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

Peace and goodwill within and between nations.

Those suffering hunger, disease, oppression, injustice and exploitation.

The sick:

The souls of the recently departed: Anita Human, Carolyn Towers, and John Goodacre.

Those whose year's mind falls this week: Veronica Tyler, John Dear, Leonard Sinfield, Linda Elger, James Hicks, Ronald Shipley, Graham Benn, and Eleanor Steel.

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.

Dates for Your Diary

Gardening. The next weeding session will take place on Tuesday 27 August from 1400-1500 with our friends from the U3A. Please bring your own containers and tools, e.g. hoe, fork, secateurs, weed remover. Some jobs do not require kneeling or bending. All welcome. Refreshments afterwards.

Nibble & Natter coffee morning, Saturday 7 September, 10am-12noon, Church Hall. Book stall, raffle & refreshments. Proceeds to Church Funds.

Stanley Godfrey – Latest News. Stanley informed us last week that he has passed his examinations to become an Associate of the Royal College of Organists. These comprised a series of technical written exercises, essays, keyboard tests, and repertoire performances. He won 3 prizes: the Sawyer Prize and Durrant Prize for the candidate gaining the second highest marks in the Practical Examination; the Doris Wookey Prize for the candidate gaining the second highest marks in the Written Papers, and the Samuel Baker Prize for the candidate gaining the highest aggregate marks for the whole examination.

Stanley will be giving an organ recital on Sunday 1 September at 5.15pm in Ely Cathedral. The programme includes part of an organ mass by Couperin, paired against an organ mass by Langlais. The recital will be preceded by Evensong at 4.00pm, with Stanley conducting.

If you wish to support Stanley on 1 September, please sign the notice at the back of the church indicating whether you are able to offer a lift, and the number of passengers you can take. Similarly, please sign if you wish to attend and would like a lift.

Foodbank. Urgently needed: tinned vegetables, fruit, soups, custard & rice puddings, jam, marmalade, instant desserts, UHT milk, tea, chocolate & children's lunch snacks, and toiletries. Please leave donations in the plastic box at the back of the church. Many thanks.

N.B. The information on the 'Bank the Food' app is still out of date, particularly the address; it is no longer in the former URC church but in the Butterfield Centre.

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Trinity 13 – Proper 16

Collect

Almighty God,
who called your Church to bear witness
that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself:
help us to proclaim the good news of your love,
that all who hear it may be drawn to you;
through him who was lifted up on the cross,
and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Reading

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, 'Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.' Then the people answered, 'Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God.'

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

We do not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Alleluia.

John 6:56-69

Jesus said to the crowd: 'Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.' He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. When many of his disciples heard it, they said, 'This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?' But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, 'Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, 'For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.' Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, 'Do you also wish to go away?' Simon Peter answered him, 'Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.'

Post Communion Prayer

God our creator,

you feed your children with the true manna,
the living bread from heaven:

let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage
until we come to that place where hunger and thirst are no more;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.