

Bourne Abbey and Parish Church

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 Bourne Abbey Church Group

Sunday 24 November 2024

Christ the King - Next before Advent (Stir up Sunday)

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).

Tonight: 1830 - Service of Re-authorisation and Authorisation of ALM's in the Beltisloe Deanery / Local Mission Partnership.

Tuesday 26 November: 1900 - Said Eucharist.

Thursday 28 November: 1000 – Said Eucharist (BCP).

Sunday 1 December: 1100 – Sung Eucharist; 1830 – Sung Evensong.

Tea and coffee are served after the Thursday and Sunday services; do stay.

Please pray for:

The diocese, parish and deanery: for Bishops Stephen, David and Nicholas, 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: Freda Danby and David Tabor.

Those whose year's mind falls this week: Ernest Belton, Maisie Roberts, William Dandridge, Doreen Lewis, Monica Pain, Alfred Dawson, David Nethergate, Kenneth Cubey, Lily Orbell, Margaret Pickering, Sadie Pick, David Lingard, and Jessie Nunn.

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

Service of Re-authorisation and Authorisation of ALM's this evening at 6.30pm. Please come and support all those who feel called to serve their parishes and the Deanery / Local Mission Partnership in this role.

Gardening. The next weeding session will take place on Tuesday 26 November 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.

Messy Church. Wanted for next session on 30 November: inners from kitchen rolls; old Christmas cards; 18" baby doll to borrow. Please place in the basket at the rear of the church.

Festive Nibble & Natter coffee morning, Saturday 7 December, 10am-12noon, Church Hall. Stalls to include: Gifts; Books, Lucky Dip bags; Jewellery; Christmas Basket Raffle; another raffle; & refreshments. Proceeds to Church Funds. All welcome..

Living Crib. Churches Together in Bourne are planning to stage a 'Living Crib', for which actors are needed, on Saturday 7 December, the day of the switching on of the Christmas lights. If this appeals to your inner Thespian, please speak to Marilyn Roberts or Susan Macey for full details.

Volunteers needed! To hold collection boxes during the Abbey Band's first two external Saturday engagements in December: Tesco on 7 December, 1030-1200; and in the Burghley Centre on 21 December, 1030-1200. Please speak to Trevor Goodwin or Jennifer Maclean.

Foodbank The 'Bank the Food' app has been updated and now shows the correct location of the foodbank and the 10 most urgently-needed items:
tinned meat; UHT milk; squash; tinned or packet potatoes; snack items;
pasta/cooking sauces; washing powder/gel; washing up liquid; deodorant;
and razors and shaving foam.

Please leave donations in the plastic box at the back of the church. Many thanks

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Collect

God the Father,
help us to hear the call of Christ the King
and to follow in his service,
whose kingdom has no end;
for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, one glory.

Old Testament Reading

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne, his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousand served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgement, and the books were opened.

As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

New Testament Reading

Revelation 1:4b-8

Grace to you and peace from God who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. 'I am the Alpha and the Omega,' says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord.

Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heaven.

Alleluia.

Gospel Reading

John 18:33b-37

Pilate asked Jesus, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' Jesus answered, 'Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?' Pilate replied, 'I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?' Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.' Pilate asked him, 'So you are a king?' Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.'

Post Communion Prayer

Stir up, O Lord,

the wills of your faithful people;

that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works,

may by you be plenteously rewarded;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.