



**Bourne Abbey and Parish Church**  
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**Bourne Abbey Church Group**  
**Sunday 29 December 2024**  
**Christmas 1**

**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 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).

Tuesday 31 December: 1900 - Said Eucharist.

Thursday 2 January: 1000 – Said Eucharist (BCP).

Sunday 5 January: 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.**

**Those whose year’s mind falls this week:** James Lambert, Gerald Colyer, Walter Doyle, Tina Arch, Doreen Fowler, Hazel Morgan, Patricia Leverton, Jean Miller, and John Edwards.

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**

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

**Nibble & Natter** coffee morning, Saturday 4 January, 10am-12noon, Church Hall. Bonanza book stall, raffle & refreshments. Proceeds to Church Funds.

**Sung Evensong** will be held next Sunday at 1830. All welcome.

**Foodbank** The 'Bank the Food' app shows the most urgently-needed items: UHT milk; fruit juice/squash; desserts; jam; coffee; tinned meat; custard; snack items – pot noodles, rice etc.; washing powder/gel; washing up liquid; toilet rolls; toothbrushes; and razors and shaving foam.

Please leave donations in the plastic boxes at the back of the church.

Many thanks.

## 29 December 2024 – Christmas 1

### Collect

Almighty God,  
who wonderfully created us in your own image  
and yet more wonderfully restored us  
through your Son Jesus Christ:  
grant that, as he came to share in our humanity,  
so we may share the life of his divinity;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

### Old Testament Reading

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26

Samuel was ministering before the LORD, a boy wearing a linen ephod. His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, 'May the LORD repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the LORD'; and then they would return to their home.

Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favour with the LORD and with the people.

### New Testament Reading

Colossians 3:12-17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

## **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia.

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us,  
and we have seen his glory.

**Alleluia.**

## **Gospel Reading**

Luke 2:41-52

Every year the parents of Jesus went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travellers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, 'Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.' He said to them, 'Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?' But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour.

## **Post Communion Prayer**

Heavenly Father,  
whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth the life of an earthly home:  
help your Church to live as one family,  
united in love and obedience,  
and bring us all at last to our home in heaven;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**