



Bourne Abbey and Parish Church
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📍 **Bourne Abbey Church Group**
Sunday 5 January 2025
Epiphany

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).

This evening: 1830 - Sung Evensong

Tuesday 7 January: 1900 - Said Eucharist.

Thursday 9 January: 1000 – Said Eucharist (BCP).

Sunday 12 January: 1100 – Sung Eucharist;

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: John Bentley, Karen Paterson, George Pickett, Myra Mason, Jill Kee, Paul Bennett, Christine Orbell, Neville Groves, Dorothy Wright, May Vaughan, and Mary Partridge.

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

Sung Evensong will be held this evening at 1830. All welcome.

Julian Group. The Julian Group will not meet on Monday 6 January. However, a meditation for Epiphany, which you are welcome to take and use, has been placed in the Prayer Area.

Mothers' Union. The next meeting of the Mothers' Union is the AGM on 8 January with the adoption of new officers and committee members. Please let us know at this meeting if you are attending the Annual lunch on 5 February in the Church Hall, including any guests.

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.



Messy Church. Wanted:

Old Christmas cards;
Inner rolls from kitchen towels and wrapping paper
(but not toilet rolls please).

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Collect

O God,
who by the leading of a star
manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth:
mercifully grant that we,
who know you now by faith,
may at last behold your glory face to face;
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

Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

Second Reading

Ephesians 3:1-12

I, Paul, am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles – for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the light of the world, says the Lord.

Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.

Alleluia.

Gospel Reading – Matthew 2:1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel."' Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God,

the bright splendour whom the nations seek:

may we who with the wise men have been drawn by your light

discern the glory of your presence in your Son,

the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord.