Bourne Abbey and Parish Church
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Bourne Abbey Church Group
Sunday 9 February 2025
Fourth Sunday before Lent

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 11 February: 1900 - Said Eucharist.
Thursday 13 February: 1000 – Said Eucharist (BCP).
Sunday 16 February: 1100 – Sung Eucharist; 1830 – Choral 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: Daniel Ingham, Vera Hargadon and Brenda Lambert.

Those whose year's mind falls this week: Dorothy Wright, May Vaughan, Mary Partridge, Constance King, Robert Cripps, George Vickers, Florence Treadwell, Rosita Leicester, Gerald Swain, Sandie Rhodes, and Pearl Holden.

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

Parish Magazine deadline. Material for the March magazine should be with Celia Howes by Sunday 16 February please. It can be given to her at church or emailed to celia.howes45@gmail.com.

Choral Evensong. The Abbey Consort will sing Choral Evensong next Sunday at 6.30pm. All welcome.

The Abbey at Home, Friday 21 February**,** 1000-1130. The Reverend Sylvia Rice-Oxley invites you to The Abbey at Home, Christian Fellowship with prayer. Refreshments. See noticeboard for full details.

Quiz Evening, Saturday 22 February 2025, 1900 for 1930. Teams of four - £5 per head. Entry forms with further details are available on top of the long oak chest in the NW tower.

Sunday 23 February. After the 1100 service we will be marking the occasion of Jim Jones' retirement after many years as a server and contributor to church life.

New Church Electoral Roll

A new church electoral roll for Bourne Abbey is due to be prepared in 2025. Belonging to the roll allows us to take part in decisions which affect the church and parish, to take part in the Annual Parish Church Meeting, and to stand for the Parochial Church Council.

Every person wishing to be included on the new electoral roll, including those on the existing roll, should complete an application form.

Forms are available from today and everyone is encouraged to fill one in and join the Abbey community. Forms should be returned to Sarah Speers, Church Electoral Roll Officer by Thursday 10 April 2025.

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.

Easter Lilies. As usual, lilies will be arranged at Eastertide in memory of loved ones. Please see the notice on the board by the servery for full details; please also note that the cost per lily is £5.00.

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Collect

O God,
you know us to be set
in the midst of so many and great dangers,
that by reason of the frailty of our nature
we cannot always stand upright:
grant to us such strength and protection
as may support us in all dangers
and carry us through all temptations;
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 6:1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: 'Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.' The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: 'Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!' Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: 'Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.' Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I; send me!'

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you – unless you have come to believe in vain. For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to someone untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them – though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

Gospel Acclamation
Alleluia, alleluia.
Welcome with meekness the implanted word
that has the power to save your souls.
Alleluia.

Gospel Reading Luke 5:1-11
While Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, 'Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.' Simon answered, 'Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.' When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signalled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, 'Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!' For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.' When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed Jesus.

Post Communion Prayer
Go before us, Lord, in all we do
with your most gracious favour,
and guide us with your continual help,
that in all our works
begun, continued and ended in you,
we may glorify your holy name,
and finally by your mercy receive everlasting life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.