

THE ABBEY & PARISH CHURCH OF SS PETER & PAUL, BOURNE

Sunday 30 March 2025
Lent 4 – Mothering Sunday

A warm welcome to all! PLEASE TAKE THIS PEW SHEET HOME WITH YOU.

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 to the priest.

Gluten-free wafers are available – please ask a greeter.

Services this week:

Morning and Evening Prayer held at 0900 & 1730 – Monday to Saturday.

Tuesday 1 April – 1900 - Said Eucharist.

Thursday 3 April – 1000 – Said Eucharist (BCP).

Sunday 6 April – 1100 – Sung Eucharist; 1830 – Sung Evensong.

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

Mothering Sunday is a day honouring mother churches, the church where one is baptised and becomes "a child of the church", celebrated since the Middle Ages in the United Kingdom, Ireland, and some Commonwealth countries on the fourth Sunday in Lent. On this day Christians have historically visited their mother church—the church in which they received the sacrament of baptism. Mothering Sunday coincides with Laetare Sunday, also called Mid-Lent Sunday or Refreshment Sunday, a day of respite from fasting halfway through the penitential season of Lent. Reflecting the day's association with the reprieve from fasting, various types of cakes and buns have long been made, especially Simnel cake, as gifts to parents. This is a traditional confection associated with both Mothering Sunday and Easter. (Wikipedia)

Dates for Your Diary

Lent Courses. Fr Stephen is running two separate Lent courses this year. One is for the parish and will be held in church on Thursdays at 1045, after the 1000 Eucharist. The second is for the Deanery and will be held at Edenham Regional House beginning with Eucharist at 1900. All welcome. Churches Together is also running a course at St Gilbert's RC Church, 1100-1200.

Lent lunches are also being held at St Gilbert's on Mondays at 1230.

MU Meeting, Wednesday 2 April, 1415 in the Church Hall – ‘Easter in Spain’.

Nibble & Natter coffee morning, Saturday 5 April, 10am-12noon, Church Hall. Book stall, raffle & refreshments. Proceeds to Church Funds.

Messy Church Preparation Session, Saturday 5 April, 1230-1600, Church Hall.

Easter Lilies. Full details are on the notice on the board by the server; please also note that the cost per lily is £5.00. Order by 6 April 2025.

New Church Electoral Roll

A new church electoral roll for Bourne Abbey must be prepared in 2025. 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 at the back of the church, and must be returned to Sarah Speers, Church Electoral Roll Officer by Friday 25 April 2025.

Foodbank. The ‘Bank the Food’ app shows the most urgently-needed items. Please leave donations in the plastic boxes at the back of the church.

Taizé Pilgrimage, August. Please see the notices at the back of the church and encourage those in the target age range (18-30) to consider taking part.

Please pray for:

The diocese, parish and deanery: for Bishops Stephen, David & 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 & exploitation.

Those who are sick in body, mind or spirit.

The souls of the recently departed:

Kathleen Lofts, Brian Hammond, Richard Smith, and Jason Derrick.

Those whose year’s mind falls this week.

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.