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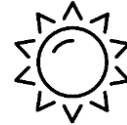
Bourne Abbey Church Group

WORSHIP AT THE ABBEY DURING APRIL

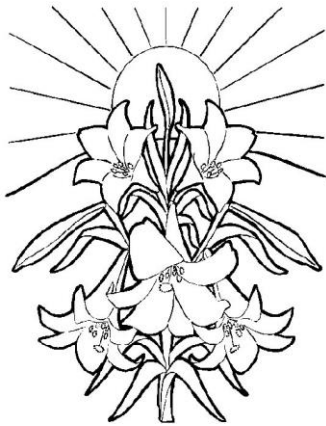
Tuesday 1 st		Said Eucharist CW	7.00pm
Thursday 3 rd		Holy Communion BCP	10.00am
Sunday 6 th	5 th Sunday of Lent	Sung Eucharist CW	11.00am
		Sung Evensong	6.30pm
Tuesday 8 th		Said Eucharist CW	7.00pm
Thursday 10 th		Holy Communion BCP	10.00am
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Sunday 13 th	PALM SUNDAY with the Abbey band	Sung Eucharist CW	11.00am
		'The Way of the Cross'	6.30pm
14 th	Monday in Holy Week	Said Eucharist CW	6.30pm
15 th	Tuesday in Holy Week	Said Eucharist CW	6.30pm
16 th	Wednesday in Holy Week	Said Eucharist CW	6.30pm
17 th	MAUNDY THURSDAY	Holy Communion BCP	10.00am
		Maundy Thursday Liturgy	8.00pm
18 ^h	GOOD FRIDAY	Messy Church (in Hall)	10.00am
		Stations of the Cross	12.00pm
		Meditations	1.00pm
		Good Friday Liturgy	2.00pm
19 th	HOLY SATURDAY	Easter Vigil	8.00pm
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Sunday 20 th	EASTER DAY	Said Eucharist	9.00am
		All Age Eucharist	11.00am
		Sung Evensong	6.30pm
Tuesday 22 nd		Said Eucharist CW	7.00pm

Thursday 24 th		Holy Communion BCP	10.00am
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Sunday 27 th	Second Sunday of Easter	Said Eucharist CW	9.00am
		All Age Eucharist	11.00pm
Tuesday 29 th		Said Eucharist	7.00pm
Thursday 1 st May		Holy Communion BCP	11.00am

The Abbey is open daily during the hours of daylight.



We welcome the names of those who are ill or awaiting an operation so that prayers may be offered for them. We also welcome the names of loved ones departed to be inscribed in the Abbey's Book of Remembrance.
Contact Churchwarden Jennifer Maclean.



Easter Lilies

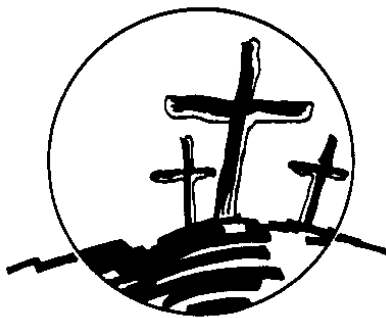
Lilies will be arranged at Eastertide in memory of loved ones. Please forward names, with £5 per lily, by 6th April to:
Ann Northen, 24 Fir Ave., Bourne PE10 9RY 01778 423353
Payment options: Cash: Cheque payable to Bourne Parochial Church Council Flower Fund: BACS Bourne Parochial Church Council, sort code 40-12-32, Acc. No 63016307

THE CHURCHES TOGETHER

'WALK OF WITNESS'

will take place on Good Friday

beginning at St Gilbert's Church at 10am.



THE VICAR'S LETTER

Dear Friends in Christ,

Mind the gap' is a phrase that is often heard by those who travel by rail. They are words of caution, warning passengers to be careful of the space between the train and the platform. While this phrase is rooted in the practicalities of public transportation, it also bears a profound metaphorical resonance in the context of our spiritual and communal lives. As Christians, we are called by Christ to be mindful of the gaps that exist within our communities and to bridge those divisions through unity, peace and love.



Jesus Christ's teaching emphasized the importance of unity. In his prayer for believers, he implored, *'that they may all be one. 'As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.'* (John 17:21). This profound call for unity is a directive to overcome the divisions that separate us, whether they be cultural, social or ideological.

The gaps we encounter in our daily lives – whether they stem from misunderstandings, prejudices or differing opinions – can only be bridged through a concerted effort to understand and embrace one another. Unity does not mean conformity; rather, it is the harmonious coexistence of diverse individuals who are bound together by a common purpose and love.

The call to live in peace is another cornerstone of Christ's message. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus proclaimed, *'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.'* (Matthew 5:9). Peace is not merely the absence of conflict but the presence of justice, understanding and reconciliation.

To mind the gap in our relationships, we must seek to be peacemakers. This involves actively resolving conflicts, forgiving those who have wronged us and fostering an environment in which kindness and compassion prevail. It is through these acts of peace that we can transform our communities into reflections of God's kingdom on earth.

At the heart of Christ's teaching is the commandment to love. Jesus declared that the greatest commandments are to *'... love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind'* and to *'love your neighbour as yourself'* (Matthew 22:37-39). Love is the foundation upon which unity and peace are built.

To live out this commandment, we must extend our love beyond the boundaries of our comfort zones. It means reaching out to those who are marginalized, offering support to those in need and showing empathy and respect to all individuals. Love is the force that compels us to bridge the gaps in our society and to see the inherent worth in every person.

In our journey as Christians, we are continually called to mind the gaps that exist within and around us. These gaps can manifest in various forms – broken relationships, social injustices or personal struggles. But, through Christ's example and teachings, we are equipped with the tools to bridge these divides.

By striving for unity we bring together diverse voices and experiences, creating a tapestry of collective strength. Through the pursuit of peace we cultivate environments where forgiveness and understanding flourish. By embodying love in all we say and do, we fulfil the greatest commandment, lighting the way for others to follow.

In essence, *'Mind the Gap'* is to live out Christ's call to unity, peace and love. It is a reminder that, while gaps may exist, they are not insurmountable. With faith and determination, we can bridge these divides and create a more harmonious and loving world. Let us heed this call and embark on this noble journey with hearts full of compassion and resolve.

With every blessing to you all,

Fr Stephen



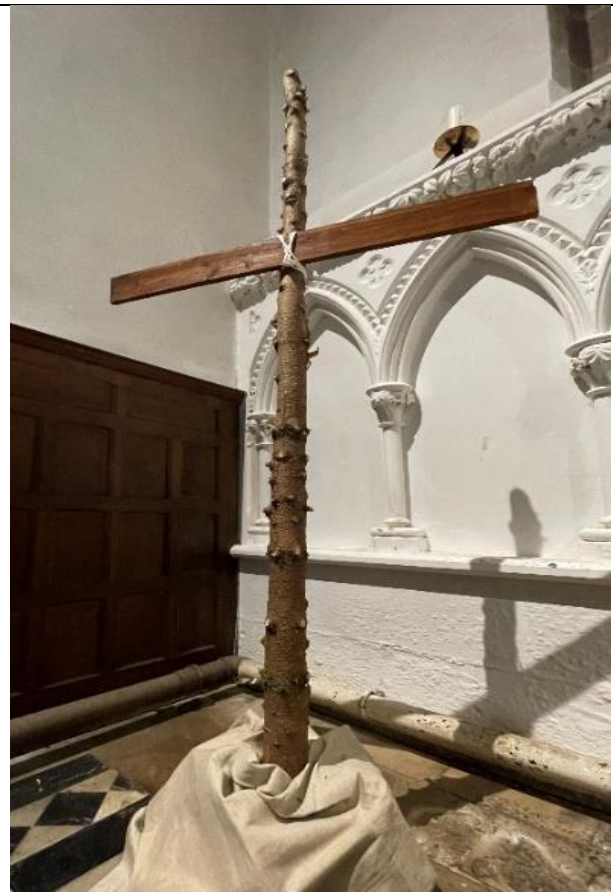
TRANSFORMATION!

In my chat for the February magazine I wrote:

“The Christmas tree will be taken down after Candlemas and reappear in a different form in the not-too-distant future. Watch this space!”

In less than two months the tree has morphed from a decorative symbol of celebration for the birth of Christ to a reminder of His sacrifice.

The cross will remain in place until Pentecost (8 June), a stark reminder of the meaning of Lent and Easter. How will we allow this Lent to transform us?



FROM THE ABBEY'S BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE FOR APRIL



- 1st Sarah Waters : 2nd Stuart Randall
- 3rd Brian Dodd : Gwen Garner : 4th John Richard Rice-Oxley, priest
- 5th Sylvia Glover : Pauline Savage : Andrew Barnatt : Keith Watson : Robert Woodman
- 6th Gillian West : 7th Eileen Atkinson 8th Frederick Seymour : Robert Baker :
- Charles Glenn : John Smith : George Hobson 9th James Challis : Rowena Atkinson :
- 10th Leslie Fairbairn : Gillian Acland 11th Gerald Knight : Janet Faux :
- 12th McKensie Holmes : Dean Spencer : 13th Gwendoline Dandridge
- 14th Patricia Moisey : 16th Phyllis Sutton
- 17th Margaret Scales : Derrick Fortescue
- 18th John Legge : Ann Tabor : Adrian Burgin
- 19th Bernard Jackson : Ellen Schwarz : 20th Benjamin Thorold
- 21st Rosslyn Edwards : Sonya Chorazek : Winifred 'Mary' Burdett Lister
- 22nd David Pask : Harold Stephen Townsend
- 25th Samuel Danby : Barbara Stancer
- 26th Bridie Hurst : Douglas Clarke, priest : Marie Leaton : 27th Jack Leaton
- 28th Bernard Stubley : Christine Dunthorne : Francis Hewitt



All Men over 50, if you haven't had a PSA test, contact your GP and get one done – it could save your life!

I want to give something back for the excellent treatment I had from the NHS when I had prostate cancer so I am taking part in the **“March For Men”, 10K walk in aid of Prostate Cancer UK, on Saturday 14th June 2025 in Battersea Park.**

If you'd like to sponsor me, I can take a cash donation and put you on the Official Donation Form or you can go to my “just giving” account for the walk at:

justgiving.com/page/matthew-causton-1732286250618

UK Taxpayer? Gift Aid your donation and the Charity will receive 25% extra!



Many Thanks,
Matthew “Len” Causton



When you are 10

A mobile phone may soon be the new horizon to your teenage years and it may come with a range of immersive options but take care before you jump into the sea of social media. There are sharks in the water.

As an old grandad I'm (like) thinking about my teenage years when the neighbours shared the same phone. It was in a kiosk at the end of the road. We didn't use it much because you had to put your pocket money into the coin slot to make it work, unless you were making an emergency call. That made you feel safe.

So what's so dangerous about a phone these days? It can certainly be a way to keep safe when you can call your home from anywhere. Well, it's also a bit of a mixture if you add on the apps and the internet. You can have lots of chats with new people who may pop up on your screen. I remember being told not to speak to strangers, especially strange looking people. But strangers on the phone can chat in disguise and even send a picture of somebody else.

Safeguarding is now a good way of keeping tabs on things and should make us all feel safe. Way back in the first century CE, Saint Paul wrote in his letter to the church in Ephesus about keeping safe. He saw it from a complete horizon of the physical world and also the spiritual. (see Ephesians 6:10-17) Recently chatting with friends working round the world on social media, I learned about young people keeping safe. Maybe St. Paul's word is still relevant today.

Take care,

Malcolm

“So put on God's armour now! Then, when the evil day comes, you will be able to resist the enemy's attacks; and after fighting to the end, you will still hold your ground.” (Philippians 6.13 NEB)



COME AND LISTEN!

At 7pm that evening , come and hear the Requiem sung to the glory of God by those who have come to sing together.(details page 18)



Margaret's Page and a Half



Thirty years ago my friend and I discovered a delightful cottage in Scotland called Glenmark. It was seven miles from the nearest village and had no electricity: we relied completely on candles and calor gas. We saw eagles in the distance and watched stoats playing in the garden. We loved it so much that we returned for four consecutive years.

Our final visit was in autumn, at the start of the shooting season, and it was then that we met and fell in love with a lovely highland pony, named Fergus. Each morning his gilly, David, took him up to the hills above to collect the bodies of stags which had been shot during the day. Luckily we never encountered him in the evening, carrying bodies, but we saw him each morning on his way up. He had to pass our cottage, and he always stopped to say hello and wait for a titbit. He was the friendliest pony I ever knew and I was in floods of tears on the morning when we had to say goodbye to him.

A few weeks ago I was wondering what to paint at the art group I attend on Tuesday mornings and I happened to catch sight of a photo of Fergus and David. I am not a great artist but I was quite pleased with the result so I decided to have my painting made into a birthday card for my friend. I had been told that Gordon, the photographer who has a shop hidden away behind St Barnabas charity shop, might be able to do this for me.



I was delighted with the result, and the card was ready for me within three days of ordering it, at a cost of £3.50. It is a long time since I went into 'Gordon's' and I was amazed to see what a variety of frames, photo albums, etc. there were in the shop and how many processes he is able to do to personalise people's photos. I asked for a list of things he is able to do so that I could pass the information on to our readers. Here are some of them:-

In house printing from phones, tablets, usb sticks : Studio sittings and wedding photos Visa and passport photos : Photocopying and laminating : Personalised photo gifts and greetings cards : Photo albums and photo books : Frames (3"x2" up to poster size) : Photo restoration and copying : Slide and negative copying : Film processing (one week service)

I don't usually use this page for advertising, but I couldn't resist sharing my new-found knowledge with you and telling you how lucky we are to have such an expert in Bourne. I hope some of our readers will find the information useful.



30 Books of the Bible

There are 30 books of the Bible hidden in this paragraph. Can you find them? It was found by a gentleman in an airplane seat pocket on a flight from Los Angeles to Honolulu, keeping him occupied for hours. He enjoyed it so much he passed it on to his friends. One friend from Illinois worked on this while fishing from his john boat. Another friend studied it while playing his banjo. Elaine Taylor, a columnist friend, was so intrigued by it she mentioned it in her weekly newspaper column. Another friend judges the job of solving this puzzle she brews a cup of tea to help her nerves. There will be some names that are really easy to spot. That's a fact. Some people, however, will soon find themselves in a jam, especially since the book names are not necessarily capitalized. Truthfully, from answers we get, we are forced to admit it usually takes a minister or scholar to see some of them at the worst. Research has shown that something in our genes is responsible for the difficulty we have in seeing the books in this paragraph. During a recent fund-raising event, which featured this puzzle, the Alpha Delta Phi lemonade stall set a new sales record. The local paper, The Chronicle, surveyed over 200 patrons who reported that this puzzle was one of the most difficult they had ever seen. As Daniel Humana humbly puts it, "The books are all in plain view hidden from sight." Those able to find all of them will hear great lamentations from those who have to be shown. One revelation that may help is that books like Timothy and Samuel may occur without their numbers. Also keep in mind that punctuation and spaces in the middle are normal. A chipper attitude will help you compete really well against those who claim to know the answers. Remember, there is no need for a mad exodus – there really are 30 books of the Bible lurking somewhere in this paragraph, waiting to be found.

Beware of these contagious diseases in church

Frontophobia: A morbid fear of the front seats in church. The sufferer is struck by an attack just inside the church door and so collapses in the nearest back seat.

Ear Frequency Destruction: Caused by sitting too near the loudspeaker. This is not so likely to strike in the Abbey where the amplification is well balanced but could affect the unwary in other places.

Sermonic Throat: A dreaded choking caused by the start of the sermon. The sufferer unwraps a sweet very slowly and noisily, which seems to effect a complete cure.

Double Auricular Clearance: A condition due to the simultaneous opening of both ear ducts, which allows sound to enter one ear and leave the other without any absorption thereof. Condition is acute during Bible reading and sermon.

Accelerated Vocal Response: A condition which causes the sufferer to try to sing faster than the organ.

Retarded Vocal Response: A condition which causes the sufferer to try to sing slower than the organ.

Theexits: A condition where the sufferer rushes for the exit before the vicar gets there.

Church Meeting Paralysis: This can strike suddenly, when a post in the church needs filling. A good dose of enthusiasm works wonders with this sad affliction.

A CELEBRATION OF LONG SERVICE

February 23 was a special day. The congregation enjoyed prosecco and delicious cake after the morning service but it wasn't only that. The occasion was to mark the retirement of Jim Jones after 26 years as a server at the altar in the Abbey. A server is a lay person who ensures that everything needed is ready and then, during the liturgy, that those items are given to the priest at the right moment. Their service has even been described as reflecting that of the angels in heaven. Certainly their reverence and solemnity help the congregation to focus on worship and prayer.

This has been one of Jim's valued roles at the Abbey and his retirement from it merited thanks and speeches, but he has also used his skills in tackling many of the small repair jobs that come up in the house of God, just as they do in every house. In all these, he has been helped and supported by his wife Brenda who has always been there to give her active assistance. (The first time I remember meeting Jim and Brenda, they were painting the long stretch of iron railings on the churchyard path, a daunting task.)



Father Stephen thanked Jim for his long years as a server and the congregation joined him in a toast. Brenda was presented with a bouquet but, instead of a presentation to Jim, the couple had asked that any donations be put towards something special to be used in the Abbey. A new turned-oak stand for the pascal candle was being made by a member of the congregation. Only a model was available back in February, but the stand is now finished and will be used for the first time at Easter. It seems very appropriate that Jim's time as a server will be remembered through the use of this candlestand which will enhance the worship of the Abbey as his quiet devotion has done for so many years.

These photos, taken by Len Causton, show Father Stephen about to raise a glass to Jim and Brenda, and below, in front of the nave altar, the Vicar, Jim and Brenda, and with them (L to R) servers Marilyn Roberts, Chris Watson, Beccy Oakley and James Buckman.



On Saturday 10th May
at 7.30pm
the GLEBE SINGERS
return to
the Abbey Hall
with a completely
new programme!
More details to follow



Your invitation to:



Join us on *Good Friday* from 10 - 12 in the Church Hall.
Our theme; *Jesus' last meal with his friends*
All families and accompanied children welcome

THE APRIL QUIZ

- 1 On which TV show was Emma Bunton a judge from 2010 to 2011?
- 2 In which country was Rudolf Nureyev born?
- 3 What is the title of the final part of *The Lord of the Rings* trilogy?
- 4 *Human Racing* was the 1984 debut album by which singer/songwriter?
- 5 In which county is the town of Corby?
- 6 Who starred in *Doctor Who* first, Sylvester McCoy or Peter Davison?
- 7 Name the employers of a) Mrs Danvers and b) Mrs Medlock?
- 8 In which decade did London host the Summer Olympics for the first time?
- 9 What information can you obtain from a chronograph?
- 10 Which shape is an anagram of 'integral'?
- 11 Whom did Charles Kennedy succeed as leader of the Liberal Democrats?
- 12 What is a balalaika?
- 13 Who plays Ted Hastings in the TV series *Line of Duty*?
- 14 In which year of the 1990s did Robbie Williams leave Take That?
- 15 What is the name of the tiny holes on the surface of the skin?
- 16 The Kumbh Mela is a pilgrimage in which religion?
- 17 "Suits you, sir!" was a phrase from which comedy sketch show?
- 18 In which decade did the Charleston first become popular?
- 19 In Grek mythology, who was the husband of Helen of Troy?
- 20 In which decade did Volkswagen launch the Golf GTI car?

March Answers

- 1 Thomas Hardy 2 *Rocky* 3 Warm and friendly 4 *Ride Upon the Storm*
5 India 6 2011 and 2012 7 Bat 8 Buckinghamshire 9 Jasmine and
Melissa 10 *A Fish Called Wanda* 11 Playing a wind or brass instrument
12 Grasses 13 *Ode to a Nightingale* 14 South America 15 A flag or pennant
16 *Creep* 17 Penelope Cruz 18 12 19 1660s (1660) 20 Argentina



If walking/cycling is good for your health,
our postmen will be immortal.

THE GOOD THIEF

A cross is a strange place for making friends –
there isn't a great deal of time –
and strange , this desire to make amends
at the end of a life of crime.

But he liked this carpenter by his side,
who thought of himself as a king,
so he who had stolen, murdered and lied
determined to do one kind thing.

'Remember me, Lord, when your Kingdom is here',
He thought him deluded but nice.

Strange how the pain went, and even the fear,
with that promise of Paradise.

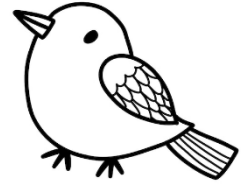
The thief smiled. 'I'll see you later', he said.

He'd never before felt so fine.

'If you could remember to bring the bread,
I'm sure I can manage the wine'.

Peter de Rosa

WHAT'S ON IN APRIL



- Wednesday 2nd 2.15pm in the Church Hall
Mothers' Union Meeting.
'Easter in Spain' with Len and Janetta Causton.
- Saturday 5th 10am to 12 noon in the Church Hall
NIBBLE 'N NATTER Stalls to include Raffle, Books and Refreshments. All welcome. Proceeds to Abbey Church funds.
- Monday 7th 10am - 10.30am in the Abbey
JULIAN GROUP Prayer and meditation
- Saturday 12th In the Abbey
2pm Come and Sing! Workshop £10 per participant
Register on the day or or contact: events @bourne abbey.uk
7pm Performance of Fauré's Requiem in the Abbey.
£5 for audience
- Wednesday 16th 2 - 4pm in the Church Hall
KNIT AND SEW FRINDSHIP GROUP All welcome.
- Good Friday The Churches Together in Bourne 'Walk of Witness' leaves St Gilbert's Church at 10am.
- Friday 18th 10 - noon, in the Hall
Good Friday Messy Church See page 16
- HOLY WEEK The list of all services for Holy Week and Easter are to be found on page 2
- Friday 25th 10am in the Abbey
TEAM CLEAN All welcome Bring your own dusters!
- Saturday 3rd May 10 - 12 noon in the Hall
NIBBLE N' NATTER

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