

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

Sunday 6 April 2025
Lent 5 – Passiontide begins

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 8 April – 1900 - Said Eucharist.

Thursday 10 April – 1000 – Said Eucharist (BCP).

Sunday 13 April – 1100 – Sung Eucharist with The Abbey Band; 1830 – The Way of the Cross – readings and music for Passiontide.

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

Dates for Your Diary

Lenten shrouds are veils of black or purple cloth used to cover crucifixes, icons and some statues during Passiontide (with some exceptions of those showing the suffering Christ). They are placed on the Saturday before the Passion Sunday. The cross is unveiled on Good Friday; the other Lenten shrouds are removed during the Easter Vigil. The use of Lenten shrouds occurs in churches of the Catholic, Lutheran, and Anglican denominations. (Wikipedia)

Lent Courses. Final sessions this week:

For the parish - Thursday at 1045, after the 1000 Eucharist; and

For the Deanery - Thursday 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 being held at St Gilbert's on Monday at 1230.

Easter Lilies. Deadline for ordering is today! Full details are on the notice on the board by the server; please also note that the cost per lily is £5.00.

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

Julian Group, Monday 7 April at 10am, Abbey vestry for 30 minutes of silent prayer and reflection.

Come and Sing Fauré's Requiem! Saturday 12 April workshop for singers from 1400; performance at 1900 in church. Full details, including costs, on the noticeboard.

Good Friday Walk of Witness. Churches Together's Walk takes place on Good Friday, 18 April, beginning at St Gilbert's RC Church at 1000.

Messy Church. Good Friday, 1000-1200 in the Church Hall.
Theme: Jesus cares for us; Jesus' last meal with his friends.

New Church Electoral Roll. A new church electoral roll 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.

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:

Richard Smith, Jason Derrick and Patricia Bush.

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.

Collect

Most merciful God,
who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ
delivered and saved the world:
grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross
we may triumph in the power of his victory;
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 43:16-21

Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honour me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

Second Reading

Philippians 3:4b-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Gospel acclamation

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

Christ humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.

Therefore God has highly exalted him and given him the name that is above every name.

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Gospel Reading – John 12:1-8

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, 'Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?' (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.'

Post Communion Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ,

you have taught us

that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters

we do also for you:

give us the will to be the servant of others

as you were the servant of all,

and gave up your life and died for us,

but are alive and reign, now and for ever.