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## WORSHIP AT THE ABBEY

'Thursdays at Ten'

Holy Communion BCP (Said)

5 <sup>th</sup> February	Candlemas	8.00 am	Holy Communion BCP (Said)
		10.00 am	Sung Eucharist CW
12th February	6th after Epiphany	10.00am	Sung Eucharist CW
19th February	Last Sunday after Epiphany	10.00am	Sung Eucharist CW
		6.30pm	Choral Evensong
22nd February	Ash Wednesday	6.30pm	Eucharist
26th February	First Sunday in Lent	10.00am	Sung Eucharist CW
5th March	Second in Lent	8.00am	Holy Communion BCP (Said)
		10.00am	Sung Eucharist CW

The Abbey is open for visitors and private prayer  
from 10.00am until 5.30pm each day

*Father Chris welcomes the names of those who are ill or awaiting an operation, so that prayers may be offered for them through the Sunday service sheet. We also continue to welcome the names of loved ones departed to be inscribed in the Abbey's Book of Remembrance*

From Christine Bentley:

'I was prompted to write after reading the feature in the January Parish Magazine telling us how to find 'a choral evensong near you'.

You need look no further than our Abbey Church on the third Sunday of the month at 6.30pm.

Spend an hour listening to the wonderful augmented choir. After all, there is nothing worth watching on television unless you are keen on 'Countryfile', which could be recorded.

Why not give it a try? I am sure you will feel able to face the next week.'



## THE VICAR'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

Around the time that you receive your February edition of the Parish Magazine falls the festival of Candlemas on 2<sup>nd</sup>



February. Candlemas marks the official end of the Christmas Season with another reminder of the Epiphany part of Christmas. The Epiphany is most strongly identified with the Three Kings, who visited Jesus whilst he was still with his parents in Bethlehem. The Kings fulfil their role as our 'knowledge builders' by using their gifts to explain who Jesus is and what he is to become.

Candlemas brings the festive season to a close with an encounter between Mary, Joseph, the infant Jesus – and Simeon and Anna. This encounter takes place in the Temple at Jerusalem, where Simeon and Anna worked in God's service. Both of them were waiting for, as the bible puts it, the consolation of Israel. They were both very old and their roles were as holy people devoted to God; and in Anna's case, she was also a prophet.

Again, we use this encounter between Jesus, his parents and these two holy people who had lived in the temple for decades, to understand more of God's plan for Jesus. Both Simeon and Anna had waited for many years in hopeful expectation that they would live to see the Lord's anointed one, the messiah. They both rejoice when they see him, and Simeon is recorded as saying, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my Spirit rejoices in God my Saviour." He and Anna are now able to finish their lives consoled in the fact that God has sent his messiah to his beloved people.

This is one of the church's great moments of revealing, for now we know that God is with us, and that we may hope for the redemption of the world and the hope of heaven. It is a wonderful way to complete the story which began with the biblical prophecies in Advent that something was about to happen. We waited in expectation, and at Christmas, it did happen.

We give thanks for the saviour that we have received and welcomed into our hearts, and now we look forward in preparation for Lent and the momentous occasion of Good Friday and Easter.

## FROM THE ABBEY'S BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE FOR FEBRUARY

**4th** : John Lewis : Douglas Reeson : Kathleen Castel :  
**5th** : Phyllis Pawlett : Betty Woodman : **6th** : Conor Murphy :  
**7th** : Bryan Mcnamara : **8th** : Patrick Elliott : Michael Reynolds :  
**9th** : Gladys Read : **11th** : Leonard Stratton : Michael Howlett :  
Lawrence Hurd : **12th** : Charles Baker : Norman Pain :  
**14th** : Stuart Woodman : Debbie Falkner : **15th** : Victor Wherry :  
**17th** : Derek Batey : Kenneth Lister : Nathan Edwards : Kenneth Exton :  
**19th** : Gladys Wright : Eva Hubbard : Audrey Coddington :  
**20th** : Valerie Lingard : Bruce McAllen : Pauline Raven :  
**21st** : Rodney Lightfoot : Thomas Read : John Thorold :  
**22nd** : James Kidd : **24th** : Fanny Butler : **25th** : Wladyslaw Chorazek  
**26th** : John Westley : **27th** : Elsie Walker : **28th** : Janet Revell : Violet Rolt :



### Easter Lilies

Lilies will be arranged at Easter at the High Altar and in front of the Pulpit in Memory of Loved Ones. Please forward names plus £5.00 for each name to Ann Northen 24, Fir Avenue, Bourne PE10 9RY. Tel.No. 01778 423353. by Sunday 26th March.

Payment will be accepted by cash, cheque (made out to Bourne Abbey P.C.C. Flower Fund) or BACS code 401232-63016307 (Names still need to be sent to Ann Northen)

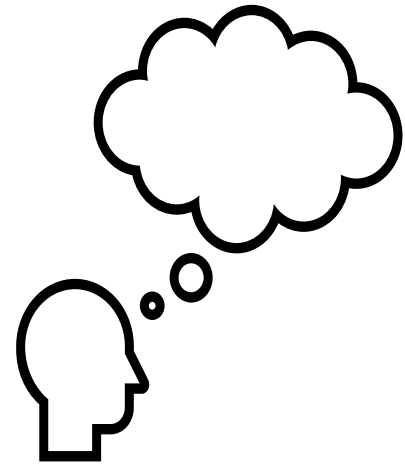
### Flowers in Church

Thanks to the ladies who arranged flowers for Christmas.

We shall continue to do an arrangement in front of the Pulpit each week and additional arrangements at Festivals. If you would like to join the Flower Rota please contact Ann Northen 01778 423353 for further details.

## Churchwarden's Chat – February 2023

Following on from Fr. Chris' two letters to those on the electoral roll, the PCC Fundraising Committee distributed a leaflet giving information about the parish's financial position, and how people can help. There was an opportunity to ask questions of the Committee after the Sunday service on 29th January; the queries were mostly about the graphs rather than the message of the need to increase planned giving. The intention is to offer another Q&A opportunity after the service on 5th February.



In addition to seeking greater support for regular, planned giving, various entertainments are being organised. The first, on Saturday 18th March, will appeal to fans of Gilbert & Sullivan – see the notice elsewhere in this edition. The second will be a Quiz Night on Saturday 29th April; details to follow.

Jennifer Maclean



Men of old  
Did the guiding star behold,

Their eventual encounter  
with the infant Jesus was  
marked by their gifts.

Gifts by which we benefit  
mark our encounter with the  
Lord Jesus.

Evermore be led to thee in  
receiving and sharing.

As from W. Chatterton Dix  
1837- 98

## OUR 'MAD' LIFE

*Bishop Hall Speers has left his diocese in Mahajanga and returned home in time to shiver with us in the recent very cold weather. A great contrast to a Sunday just before Christmas, the longest, hottest service in his Madagascan experience!*

Our tuctuc ride took us to St. Andrew's Church, Ampombibitika. There I was to speak about evangelisation and mission to the lay leaders of the parish before they elected their new SA.FI.FI. (Evangelisation) committee. Elections are much enjoyed and follow a rigid pattern with each vote being waved in the air and the writing on it read out by one person and checked by another.

After lunch was a session with the adult baptism candidates (15) and confirmation candidates (38). Simultaneously there was great excitement on the roadside outside the church as the ox for the Sunday lunch was being killed. Mr Claris (headmaster of the local school) was in charge.



By the time I came out of church he and many of his pupils were busy chopping it into small pieces and some putting tiny pieces of fat and meat alternately on skewers for the evening meal. By that stage over 200 people had already arrived for the service the next day. All had to be fed and bedded down in the church. What an

incredible air of excitement and expectation! Mindful of a heavy Sunday ahead I made my apologies and returned to the Hotel Plaza.

And so to Sunday. Breakfast was provided at the church for all who had arrived early. One taste of the meat I was served told me I had made a big mistake tasting it so I declined anymore and filled up with rice.

The service eventually began at 8.30 am. The Rural Dean had taken the opportunity of my visit to include the licensing of new Readers/Catechists and the installation of the new SA.FI.FI. committee. The millions of flies that had gathered over the ox carcass were now dispersed everywhere, not least in the

sanctuary. How does one maintain one's dignity while swatting the flies on one's face, and those hovering over the bread and wine and everything else? Nevertheless it was a very splendid service with a great sense of worship extending even to those who couldn't get into the church. It was 2 pm by the time I took off my robes. My longest and hottest service to date – and I hope a record that I will not break!

My big New Year resolution is to retire this year. So this means a lot of change and a desire to see a lot of projects either completed or well established. A huge amount has been achieved thanks to your generous support financially and prayerfully. Thank you.

### Margaret's Page

I have recently had quite a stressful few days so I am writing this page in the hope that it will be of use to any readers who find themselves in a similar position. I had three electricity cuts in one week – Wednesday morning, Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning, each lasting for about an hour. This would not have worried me normally although they were obviously inconvenient, but no-one else in my street appeared to be affected. Even my next-door neighbour was not affected. I began to think that there was something wrong with my house supply so I stupidly rang E-ON on the only contact number I could find. I received a recorded answer reeled off at top speed telling me about 10 numbers I could call if necessary, all completely useless.

Luckily I have a very good neighbour, Doreen, who remembered that we had recently received a letter from Western Power Distribution about contacting them in case of need in a power cut. I rang 0800 032 8302 and was answered by a real live person, with a clear understandable voice, who listened to my problem and answered it. Apparently, engineers had been working in our area and had caused problems with fuses in my local substation. The times and dates were identical to those I had experienced, but I was still confused. Why was it just my house? I was told that the circuits are done in such a way that my supply can be completely different from those of my neighbours. Finally we arranged that in future if I have a problem I can check my mobile phone where I will find a message, even though I normally only use it for emergencies away from home. Because of my age I am on the power company's emergency list but this does not help when my houseline does not work without electricity.



I sat back and relaxed, knowing that I had nothing to worry about. That night I was woken at ten past one in the morning by the ringing of my house phone. At first I ignored it thinking it must be a wrong number, but when it rang again I answered. It was a message warning me that electricians were working in my area and there might be a power cut before 11 a.m. This time Doreen had a call too, but neither of us had a power cut!

## NEWS FROM THE SOCIAL COMMITTEE

### *Who are we?*

Emerging from hibernation the members of the Social Committee met on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January. Following the sad and unexpected death of Judy Smith the former Chairman, the Committee elected myself, Merryn Woodland as Chairman, Ann Northen as Secretary and Sue Casey as Treasurer. Other members are Alison Johns, Eleanor Boss and Di Grace.

### *What do we do?*

We discussed the aim of the group which is to provide social opportunities which expand and enhance the life and worship of our Church family. That we also make a financial contribution to the Church is a bonus. Last year social events contributed £3,000.00 to Church income.

### *What do we hope to do?*

Our main focus this year is to continue with the monthly “Nibble & Natter” mornings and working with the Fund raising Committee to add extra events when we are able. A Quiz Night is definitely on the cards!

### *Can you help?*

However, looking at the make-up of our Committee, (and I say this with tongue in cheek) we are certainly lacking in diversity when it comes to gender and age! We are looking to expand the Committee and volunteers would be very welcome. Offers of occasional help and new ideas would also be welcome. Please contact me

We are looking forward to a year full of opportunities.

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## WITH VALENTINE'S DAY IN MIND, HOW DO YOU DEFINE LOVE?

*A group of 4-to-8-year-olds was asked: 'What does love mean?' The answers they gave were surprising for their depth of insight....*

- “When my grandmother got arthritis, she couldn't bend over and paint her toenails anymore. So my grandfather does it for her all the time, even when his hands got arthritis too. That's love.” Rebecca – age 8
  - “When someone loves you, the way they say your name is different. You just know that your name is safe in their mouth.” Billy – age 4
  - “Love is when a girl puts on perfume and a boy puts on shaving cologne and they go out and smell each other.” Karl – age 5
  - “Love is when you go out to eat and give somebody most of your chips, without making them give you any of theirs.” Chrissy – age 6
  - “Love is what makes you smile when you're tired.” Terri – age 4
  - “Love is when you kiss all the time. Then when you get tired of kissing, you still want to be together and you talk more. My Mum and Dad are like that. They look gross when they kiss.” Emily – age 8
  - “If you want to learn to love better, you should start with a friend who you hate.” Nikka – age 6 (We need a few million more Nikka's on this planet)
- “My mummy loves me more than anybody. You don't see anyone else kissing me to sleep at night.” – Clare, aged 6



## FOODBANK

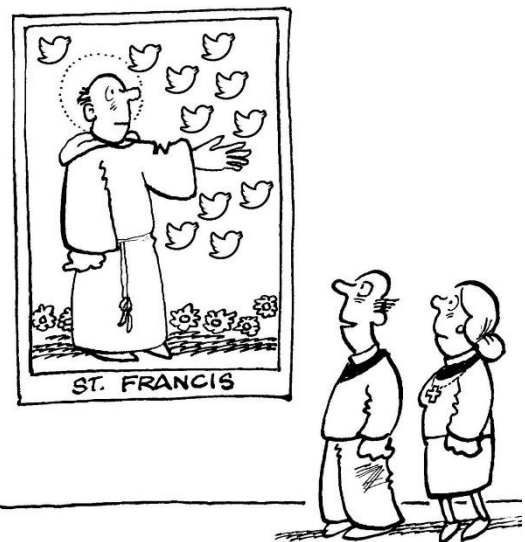
The need continues, and the Foodbank would appreciate gifts of: -  
tinned vegetables and fruit, soups, custard and rice puddings; jams,  
marmalade, instant desserts; UHT milk: tea: chocolate and children's  
lunch snacks; toiletries.

These may be left in the plastic container at the back of the church, or in  
one of the collecting boxes in any of Bourne's supermarkets.

## THE FEBRUARY ALPHABET QUIZ

Set by Richard Roberts

26 questions each starting with a different letter of the alphabet - **not** in alphabetical order. And a female name is waiting to be found too.



*He's been updated. He's now the patron saint of tweeting!*

- 1) Surname of the author of "The Jungle Book"
- 2) Capital of Alaska
- 3) Scottish name for turnips
- 4) Surname of the composer of "Clair de Lune"
- 5) They sang "Agadoo" to No 1 in 1984
- 6) Host country of the 2024 summer Olympics
- 7) Roman name for the Isle of Wight
- 8) ----- Kingdom Brunel
- 9) Nationality of the recently deceased former pope
- 10) The ----- Card is used for payment on public transport in London
- 11) By what name was Edson Arantes do Nascimento better known?
- 12) Theme song from the animated film "The Snowman"
- 13) The longer of the two bones in a human forearm
- 14) Adjective meaning "resembling wood, having the nature or quality of wood"
- 15) He wrote the lyrics to "West Side Story"
- 16) Captain Tom ----- NHS £30 million fundraiser
- 17) Name of Clive and Amanda Owen's Yorkshire farm
- 18) Mythical island featured in Arthurian legend
- 19) "Manhattan Transfer" No 1. 1977
- 20) The only UK building our monarch is not allowed into by law
- 21) Which organ of the body can be affected by "infectious keratitis"
- 22) After Athens it is the second oldest European capital city
- 23) In which country are the "Victoria Falls"?
- 24) A drug used to treat fevers such as malaria
- 25) No 1 single for "The Bluebells" in 1993?
- 26) High-end luxury jewellery and speciality retailer, Manhattan, USA

January answers:- 1) (Richard)Whiteley 2) Lois Lane 3) Ottawa 4) Chick Peas  
 5) Tonic 6 )(E.L.)James 7) Ermintrude 8) Agra 9) Natterjack 10) Yorath 11) Plants  
 12) Bananas 13) Mediterranean 14 )Keratin 15) Dagger 16) Green 17) Qumran  
 18) Ural 19) Zlatan 20) Fleetwood Mac 21 )Xenon 22) Iodine 23) Spandau Ballet  
 24) Vinyl 25) Halibut 26) Richmond Female name:-Jean

## WHAT'S ON IN FEBRUARY 2023

**Saturday 4th from 10 – 12noon in the Hall. NIBBLE & NATTER**  
Stalls to include books, raffle and refreshments. Proceeds to Abbey Church

**Monday 8th in the Abbey JULIAN GROUP**  
Quiet prayer and meditation

**Wednesday 2 – 4pm in the Hall**  
**KNIT AND SEW FRIENDSHIP GROUP All most welcome**

**Mothers' Union will meet on 1<sup>st</sup> March at 2.15** to celebrate our Lent Communion in the Abbey Church led by Fr Chris. Every one welcome.

Many of you will know that our member Mary Partridge sadly passed away in January. Thankfully we were able to give the bed socks she knitted throughout Lockdown to Digby Court with cards for Christmas. I do hope some members will be able to attend her funeral and give thanks for her life. Her Funeral will be in the Abbey Church on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February at 1.30pm. I do hope some members will be able to attend and give thanks for her life.



**'THE STORY OF GILBERT & SULLIVAN'**  
**presented by Stamford G&S Players**  
**Bourne Abbey Church, Saturday 18th March 2023 at**  
**7.00pm**

A light-hearted yet nostalgic musical journey through the G&S canon. This popular award-winning local group will be singing some of the most well-loved and memorable G&S songs, interspersed with narrative, atmospheric lighting, and photos from past and present to give you the full theatrical experience!

Tickets available at the door. Cash and card now accepted.

Adults £10; Under 16's, accompanied by an adult, free.

Refreshments extra.

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**A striking cover photo by Jonathan Smith. Not the easiest angle from which to read the time!**

## VALENTINE

'For God so loVed the world that he gAve his onLy  
begottEn soN thaT whosoever believes I him should N ot perish  
but havE everlasting life' (John 3.16)