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## **BOURNE FOODBANK**

Bourne Foodbank is run by Churches Together in Bourne, as a service to Bourne and the surrounding villages. The trustees and volunteers come from many different churches and give of their time freely to ensure that the Foodbank can assist as many people in crisis as is required.

**Bourne Foodbank is currently in need of the following items: UHT Milk; Tinned fruit; Tinned ham; Tinned pies; Tinned custard; Jam and marmalade; Fruit juice or squash; Tinned vegetables; Shampoo; washing up liquid laundry washing liquid or powder; soap or liquid handwash**

We are so grateful for all the donations - we can't thank you enough. Thank you

## **COMMUNITY PANTRY**

The Butterfield Community Pantry is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday 1pm - 3pm at the Butterfield Day centre, North Road, Bourne.

We have lots of food and everyone is welcome.

We are passionate about preventing food waste and this is a delicious way of helping the planet, saving money and feeding the community.

We are operating a pay as you feel policy - Please contribute however you can by donating your time, skills, money or needed items. All donations are ploughed back in to the pantry and our other services.

The Pantry entrance is on Harrington Street

Please remember your MASK and your shopping bags !

## **Thought for the Month**

*What wisdom can you find that is greater than kindness. Rousseau*

# **Prince Philip's Funeral**

## **- background to the second reading**

### **by Revd Richard Rice-Oxley, Eastertide 2021**

At the heart of Prince Philip's funeral service were these words from St John's Gospel, read by the Archbishop of Canterbury: Jesus said.... I am the Resurrection and the Life. Those who believe in me, even though they die will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Such a statement by anyone other than Jesus would be absurd. But the Christian faith is that it is true, because of Christ's resurrection at Easter.

The Bible asserts that God raised Christ bodily from the dead on Easter Sunday morning. It maintains both that his tomb was empty, and that he appeared on a number of occasions to his followers, convincing them that he was alive.

From the early days of the Church, Sunday was celebrated as Resurrection Day. This strongly suggests that from the outset Christians believed that Christ was raised bodily from the tomb at a particular time.

Some might see Christ's appearances as hallucinations on the part of those who saw Jesus, but he wasn't a ghost. Thomas touched him, he ate their food, he met with them on the sea shore.

The disciples were utterly transformed. The usual result of the death of a leader, particularly in such humiliating circumstances, is that their followers disperse and the movement collapses. The opposite is true with the Church. Peter, the most abysmal failure after Judas, becomes an outstanding leader. The Church is born with dynamism and persuasive

power. No sword is raised, but instead miracles of healing are experienced and the Church grows rapidly. Despite persecution the Christian faith spreads throughout the Roman Empire.

So what can all this mean for us today?

The resurrection was not something Jesus did for himself. It shows a dynamic and active God who is just as able to create new life as he was able to create the universe in the beginning.

The resurrection validates Christ's own understanding of his death, as a sacrifice for the sin of the whole world. This is clearly stated in his words to his disciples at the Last Supper.

The resurrection shows that it was the Son of God who died on the cross, so God knows what it is to suffer.

The resurrection shows how something dreadful, the crucifixion, can be the means of good. So our failures, losses and disappointments can be transformed by God into something positive and hopeful.

The resurrection shows that there is life after death. As we heard in the reading at Prince Philip's funeral, Christ is the resurrection and the life for all who believe, giving hope for this life and the next!

At times through my life I have doubted the resurrection, and this resulted in times of darkness. My belief in the resurrection is the cornerstone of my life and faith and enables me to continue to believe in a good God despite the darkness in our world, and to seek to serve and worship Him.

## **The Julian Prayer Group – May 2021**

We are at long last able to meet again. The church is fully risk assessed so we are as safe as can be from the virus. Our meetings are on The first Monday of each month. We meet in the Abbey at 10 00am for a half hour time of silent contemplative prayer. Each session uses readings and music to to help people into prayer. Do come along and to see for yourself - everyone is very welcome.

First reading: After Psalm 19

The sky does it simply, naturally

Day by day by day

The sun does it joyfully

Like someone in love

Like a runner on the starting line

The sky, the sun,

They just can't help themselves

No loud voices, no grand speeches

But everyone sees, and is happy with them

Make us like that, Lord

So that our faith is not in our words but in our lives

Not in what we say, but in who we are

Passing on your love like an infectious laugh:

Not worried, not threatening, just shining

Like the sun, like a starry night,

Like a lamp on a stand,

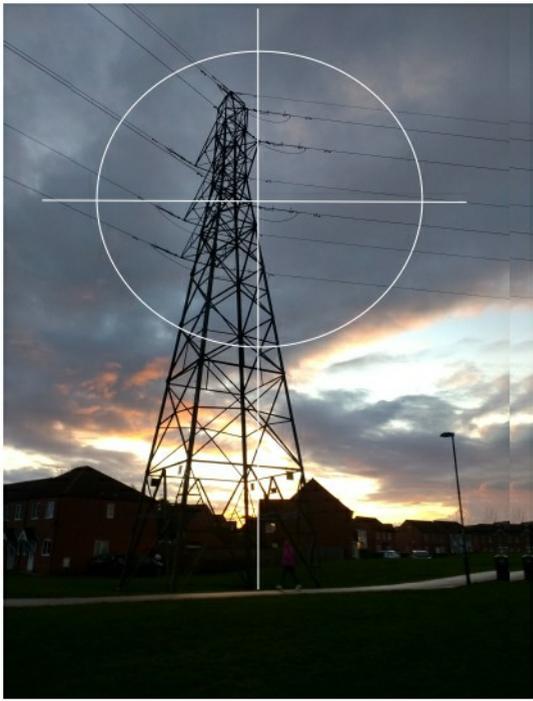
Light for life-

Your light for our lives.

Kathy Galloway

Second reading; Be thou a smooth way before me, be thou a guiding star above me, be thou a keen eye behind me, This day, this night, for ever. (Carmichael 1976)2w3

**Contact : Susan Macey**



# POWER

Reliable power has supported us in our recent lockdown and also kept us connected. Who should we thank?

Pioneer Michael Faraday helped unlock this potential from nature's store and could also make the connection between science and faith. A strong sense of the unity of God and nature pervaded Faraday's life and work.

We are surrounded by devices which work by electromagnetism. Faraday and his fellow scientists found what was for ages hidden in the order of creation for which he would have given thanks. He would also have appreciated the divine plan for mankind, hidden for generations, but now disclosed for response in all people.

We also connect where seeming tensions between God and nature converge in the fortelling and reliable accounts of Christ's resurrection. These arose out of the direct experience of eyewitnesses to this unique event which is inextricably connected to the whole progress of creation. (Colossians 1:15-20)

The resurrection event was not immediately understood at the time. Looking at the picture above, where the cross shape meets the pathway, I am reminded of a touching story recorded in Luke 24:13-35, where two walking away in harsh disappointment at the death of Jesus, actually encountered his explanation for the seeming high tension between divine authority and a suffering Messiah. Subsequent followers have found the connection between the power of the resurrection and the joy of learning reconciliation with our Creator and with each other.

# **THE VESTRY AND ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING**

**will be held in the Abbey Church,  
on Thursday, May 27th, at 7.30pm.**

**Nomination forms for Churchwardens and PCC members are available at the back of the church.**

**For more information please speak to  
PCC secretary Jenny Maclean.**

In preparation for the APCM, the Church Electoral Roll will be reviewed between Monday, May 3 and Tuesday, May 11.

If you are not already on the Electoral Roll, but wish to be, please complete an Electoral Roll Application Form, which are available from the noticeboard at the back of the church, and give it to the Electoral Roll officer Marilyn Roberts or PCC secretary Jenny Maclean, before Tuesday, May 11. If you have any questions regarding the roll, please speak to Marilyn.

## **The Abbey Church Hall**

With a well-equipped kitchen, the Hall is available for hire at very reasonable rates for all regular groups such as Weightwatchers, karate, yoga and dancing, table-top and jumble sales, tea dances, coffee mornings, talks, slide shows and art exhibitions, lunches, anniversaries, receptions etc.

Children's parties are very popular at £30 for 4 hours.

**THE HALL IS CURRENTLY CLOSED**

## **Thinking of making or up-dating your will?**

If so, please consider bequeathing a gift to Bourne Abbey. A legacy would help to secure the future of the church and its work with future generations. Don't forget that legacies to charities are free of Inheritance Tax. Thank you.

## **MAY BIRTHDAYS**

May 4<sup>th</sup> Yvonne Elmer

May 15<sup>th</sup> Jim Jones

May 16<sup>th</sup> Ben Casey

May 21<sup>st</sup> Lynette Fuller

May 23<sup>rd</sup> Derek Hugh Page

## **IN MEMORIUM**

May 9<sup>th</sup> Violet Patterson

May 12<sup>th</sup> Franks Sanders

May 20<sup>th</sup> Dudley Guppy

May 21<sup>st</sup> Rebecca Adnitt

## **CANDLES**

### **MAY 2021**

**John and Angela Taylor- Dumfries**

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