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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

Don't walk before me—I may not follow.

Don't walk behind me—I may not tread.

But walk beside me and be my friend

The Julian Meeting – July 2021

We will meet as usual on the first Monday of the month. That is July 7th at 10.00am in the Abbey church for half an hour of silent contemplative prayer. A sheet of readings for our our time is available for those who like to have a focus as they start their prayer time.

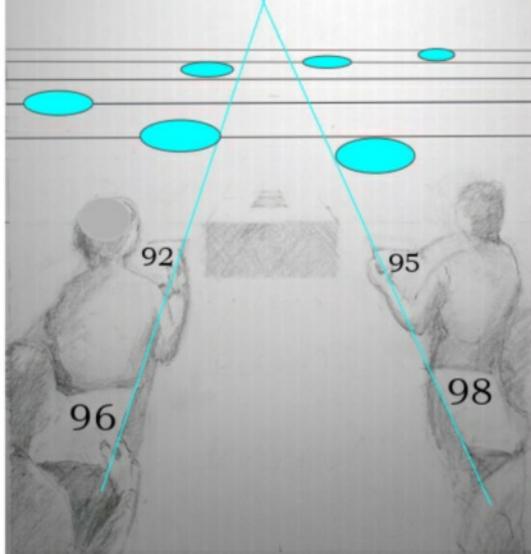
Let the trees bathe your breath
Let the meadows embrace you
Let the mountains ad the bees remind you
Let the sky flood in and allow the clouds to guide you.
Let your undoing be as total, As your becoming is beautiful-
And when the living world has climbed inside
Enough for you to feel four legs, scales and wings.
May you finally know your self alive as all things-
Indivisible and responsible, Reborn into wholeness
Natural, sacred and wild
From Your Planetary Self by Clare Dubois

Lord we each and everyone, See you shining as a sun
Radiant bright You are our light, Keep us sheltered in thy sight.
In every culture, language , clime
We feel your presence in our time.
We look to you and in our way, Call out our need and daily pray.
With peace our present beck and call
Lord keep us centred, one and all
And as we try with all our might
Keep us striving toward the light.
May your peace, Spread through all lands
We're standing together hand in hand.

*Live in each season as it passes: breathe the air, drink the drink,
taste the fruit. Henry David Thore*

Susan Macey group contact

Music's measure



*easing
forward*

“Angel voices ever singing”
Francis Pott, 1866
Includes the lines,
“Craftsman's art
and music's measure
For thy pleasure
All combine.”

PLANS anticipating lockdown's easing

have been joyfully marked in music's measure by our safely spaced musicians, from seamless organ handovers, from scholar to director, to the tunefully sung harmony of the choir, while masked and muted “semibreves” holding their breath in willing anticipation, sing in their hearts and minds,

Can you spot the significance of the numbers on the choir's music score? They mark the place of ancient songs recorded in our Bible and are often included in the music of worship. Anglicans like to sing them to clever pointed lines, while Scots have their metrical versions and modern writers have arranged new compositions. Clearly, music has a place.

I wonder what we have learned in the quiet months of lockdown.

Has quieter contemplation afforded space to consider the spiritual basis of our joyful praise?

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Mothers' Union

2021 marks the end of the MU Triennial and the end of my six years in office as Diocesan President.

Usually we have a celebration service, three years ago in Grimsby Minster, with a capacity congregation and displays of parish banners. This year will be different but still a celebration to be held in Bourne Abbey.

It is our hope that members from across the Diocese, who feel able, will join us on 17th July for a Covid secure service. Masks will be worn, as well as hand sanitizing and track and trace.

The service will be led by our Chaplain Revd Sylvia Rice-Oxley who will take over as Diocesan President for Lincoln Diocese in Jan 2022.

Bishop Nicholas will be speaking to the members at this service, when we will reaffirm our commitment to the Purpose, Aims and Objects of the Mothers' Union and welcome in some of our new members.

The numbers will be much smaller than usual but it will be wonderful to see members in the flesh after more than a year of many zoom meetings and online prayers and services.

MU Members will be welcomed into church anytime after 12.30, the service beginning at 2.30pm, with light refreshments served afterwards and hopefully, weather permitting, an opportunity to chat in the sunshine.

Elizabeth J Page

More Lockout than Lockdown

Thank you all those who have been enquiring recently about my whereabouts. I am still in the UK. Soon after I arrived in the UK Madagascar had a series of lockdowns in various areas and the strict lockdown in the capital has just been lifted. The international airport has also been closed with just one Air France flight per week which arrives in Madagascar without any passengers and evacuates foreign nationals and diplomats. Ports are also closed to anyone entering the country, so for the time being nobody is allowed in.

One of the joys of being in England is getting to know our grandchildren. Our local 6 year old granddaughter is quite frequently with us after school. As soon as she arrives it is time to play: she is the school teacher while Sarah and I are the students. She clearly has a good teacher as the affirmative comments pour out as she inspects our work before any criticism is made. When she has had enough she calls, “Pause”, and we are back in charge. To begin with being here felt as if our world had called “Pause”. It took a while to come to terms with the fact that this is history taking a dramatic turn and life is full of ongoing surprising changes which are neither “the new normal” nor provisional.

I am in constant contact with the archdeacon in Mahajanga and less frequently with many others. People ask me if I am using Zoom. Nobody in the diocese has an internet connection so that is not possible. However I am belatedly learning to communicate via Facebook. Not being IT literate I don't understand why that works when the internet doesn't! My sessions on WhatsApp, etc frequently come to an abrupt stop when the power and or the connection fails.

The good news is that, at last, the President has agreed to the importation of the coronavirus vaccine. All the people who are corresponding with me are nervous about having the vaccine as they have heard that it comes from India or is unwanted in the USA. Sadly our new bishop of Toliara, Bishop Samitiana, has been very ill with covid-19 but I hear that he is improving. He asked me to help prepare, via WhatsApp, the Rev Gaston Tsiavandeza, one of his deacons for ordination to the priesthood, in particular to discuss with him Baptism and Holy Communion. Gaston is in the midst of the famine area and in his parish there have been over 1,000 baptisms this year, mostly adults. This deacon has actually participated in more baptisms in his short ministry that I have in my life long ministry! We have had some very interesting conversations about what is essential in life, about the powerful symbolism of water in a place where the drought has lasted 4 years, about the symbolism of eating at Holy Communion where people have died of starvation. It challenges us to reconsider how essential our spiritual nourishment is: the food and drink that sustains us on our pilgrimage to eternal life.

In Mahajanga diocese the building of St Andrew's church continues and currently I am in correspondence with the chairman of our Youth Organisation about the diocesan Youth Rally to be held in August. They have optimistically booked me to speak at that. Also they have optimistically asked for a grant towards travel and food for the delegates. It is to be held in the northern end of the diocese. Like everything else it would be so much easier to organise if I was in Mahajanga. Similarly the MU is preparing for their annual diocesan meeting which they hope to have in Maevatanana,

reputedly the hottest town in Madagascar, south east of Mahajanga.

It all seems very strange sitting at my desk, overfed and comfortable, dealing directly with people in the midst of such distress. I certainly am very conscious of all our blessings.

Thank you for your prayers and support throughout this prolonged time of uncertainty.

Yours

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June 8th, 2021

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
BUT HOPEFULLY WILL REOPEN IN SEPTEMBER**

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.



Spot the differences!

Real photograph photographs often give a fascinating glimpse into the past. These two postcards were bought recently from a well-known auction website. They are both post-1921 (the Lady Chapel is in place).

The top one was posted on July 27th, 1939 and predates the lower picture (the gas lighting has been replaced by the electrical fittings which survived until around 1980). Over the years the churchwardens have moved from the front pews to the back ones and are now in the middle.

However the feature I find most interesting are the radiators standing next to the Norman pillars - I'm sure members of the congregation missed their warmth!

Jonathan Smith



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

July 6th Matthew Casey

July 9th Philip Knowles

July 12th Rosemary Cudmore

July 14th Mollie Manderfield

July 16th Richard Roberts

July 20th Chloe Smith

July 25th Paul Mason

GOLDEN WEDDING

July 17th Phil & Norma Knowles

IN MEMORIUM

July 6th Evelyn Allen

July 19th Pat Seymour

July 27th John Smith

July 27th Tony Rodgers

CANDLES

JULY 2021

In memory of John McGregor, former choirboy.

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