



SHERBORNE ABBEY with CASTLETON,
SAINT PAUL'S, LILLINGTON and
LONGBURTON

*To know God and to make Him known
in wonder, love and praise*

Founded by St Aldhelm AD 705

Sunday 27 November 2022 – Advent Sunday

THE ABBEY

8.00 am BCP Holy Communion

Celebrant:

The Reverend Martin Lee

9.30 am Parish Eucharist

Celebrant & Preacher:

The Reverend Martin Lee

Deacon:

The Reverend Christopher Huitson

Collect: Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Readings: Romans Ch 13: v 11 – 14; Matthew Ch 24: v36 - 44

Hymns: 11, 6, 16, 9

(There is a baptism at 1.00 pm. Prior to the Advent Carol Service, at 4.00 pm, there is a reception in Digby Memorial Church Hall for the Friends of Sherborne Abbey.)

5.00 pm Advent Carol Service

Officiant:

The Reverend Martin Lee

All are welcome to this service.

CASTLETON CHURCH

11.15 am Mattins

Officiant:

The Reverend Hugh Bonsey

LILLINGTON CHURCH

10.00 am Morning Service

Officiant:

The Reverend Hugh Bonsey

LONGBURTON CHURCH

10.00 am Said Communion

Celebrant:

The Reverend Lesley McCreadie

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10.30 am Morning Worship

Leader:

Sue Hawkett

Speaker:

Sandra Miller

The Abbey - Weekday Services

Every Monday – Saturday at 8.30 am – Morning Prayer - The Sepulchre Chapel

Every Monday at 9.00 am – CW Holy Communion - The Lady Chapel

Every Tuesday at 12 noon – CW Holy Communion - The Sepulchre Chapel

Every Wednesday at 10.30 am – Holy Communion with Homily – The Lady Chapel
(alternates CW and BCP)

Every Thursday at 12 noon – BCP Holy Communion - The Lady Chapel

The Abbey - Weekday Services continued

Every Friday at 9.00 am – Ecumenical Holy Communion - The Sepulchre Chapel

1st Friday of the month at 9.00 am – Requiem Holy Communion - The Sepulchre Chapel - (next service on Friday 2 December 2022).

3rd Friday of the month at 11.00 am – Remembering the Fallen (next service Friday 16 Dec 2022.)

Every Saturday at 9.00 am – CW Holy Communion - The Sepulchre Chapel

Sunday 4 December 2022 – 2nd Sunday of Advent

THE ABBEY

8.00 am BCP Holy Communion

Celebrant: The Reverend Martin Lee

9.30 am Parish Eucharist

Celebrant: The Reverend Martin Lee

Preacher: The Reverend Christopher Huitson

1.30 pm, 2.30 pm and 3.30 pm

Shoppers' Carols – all welcome!

6.00 pm Choral Evensong

Officiant: The Reverend Martin Lee

CASTLETON CHURCH

11.15 am Mattins

Officiant: The Reverend Hugh Bonsey

LILLINGTON CHURCH

10.00 am Family Service

Officiant: The Reverend Hugh Bonsey

LONGBURTON CHURCH

10.00 am Family Communion

Celebrant: The Reverend Lesley McCreadie

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Leader: Sandra Cutting

10.30 am Morning Worship

Speaker: John Crossman

Thought for the Day (The Reverend Martin Lee)

Journies are not always without a little bit of stress here and there. In the last few weeks, we have staged *Oliver!* in our Abbey. We have had to work very hard to ensure that all we needed to do was ready in time. Rehearsals only started at the beginning of September, so the cast has been on a journey going at quite a pace to produce what we were privileged to see last week.

There is a poignancy for us all in that as we begin our Advent journey, we embark on yet another but quite different journey. Preparing to journey to the stable in Bethlehem is, as often is the case, marked by our commercial world in a myriad of different ways, the carols playing loudly in shops, the trees already up and decorated and the tinsel glistening as the lights catch its every move. All of these are deeply important to remind people of the importance of Christmas. Christians are also reminded of the four weeks of spiritual preparation. We will mark how the prophets and patriarchs foretold and witnessed to the coming of a Christ child, how John the Baptist in his ministry pointed away from himself and toward Jesus, and very importantly, we see how Mary, the blessed mother of our Lord, answered the call of God and willingly carried His son in her womb. If you like, from the moment of the annunciation, Mary began a journey which would take her to the hill of Golgatha where the early journey of her son would end. However busy we might find ourselves, and no doubt we will all get caught up in the busyness, may we stop each day and ponder, empty our hearts and minds of the busyness and make space to hear how those who guide us through our Advent Sundays exemplify answering the call of God. In our preparations, may we also open our hearts and see how God calls us to serve him and others this Advent.

Notices

Visiting Hours: The Abbey is open to visitors on Mondays to Saturdays from 8.00 am – 5.00 pm and on Sundays from 11.00 am – 5.00 pm. Please be aware that The Abbey may close when private services are taking place. (*Baptism on Sunday 27 November (1.00 pm) and a school service (11.30 am). Funeral on Wednesday 30 November (midday). Two weddings on Saturday 3 December (11.00 am and 2.00 pm) & on Friday 16 December (2.00 pm).*)

Organ Recitals: Mondays in The Abbey at 1.30 pm (*free entry, retiring collection, all welcome*). There are two organ recitals left in the current series. On Monday 28 November it is by James Henderson, Director of Music, Sherborne Abbey and, with a final Christmas flourish, on Monday 5 December, it will be Simon Clarkson, Yeovil.

Service Music: Parish Eucharist: Missa aeterna Christi munera, Palestrina; Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake, Farrant; O thou, the central orb, Gibbons; Hymns: 11, 6, 16, 9. *Advent Carol Service:* Anthems: Matin Responsory, Palestrina; Advent Antiphons; Let all mortal flesh, Bairstow; E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come, Manz; A spotless rose, Howells; Magnificat, Second Service, Byrd; O thou the central orb, Wood; Hymns: 19, 11, 5, 12, 3, 9.

James Henderson, Director of Music

Toy Sunday: We should like to thank all of our congregations for the fabulous donations of toys and pamper gifts, which are much appreciated by the North Dorset Women's Refuge and Rendezvous, Sherborne. Thank you.

The Reverend Martin Lee

Oliver!: Thank you so much for your support – over 1,200 people came to the performances, it was lovely to see so many people of all ages in the Abbey enjoying the talents of so many of our young people. I should also like to thank all of you who kindly gave a donation at the end of the performances. Events such as these cannot happen without the support of a huge team and we thank everyone involved.

The Reverend Martin Lee

Bellringers: We are delighted to welcome the Devon Call Change Ringers to the Abbey on Saturday 26 November between midday and 1.30 pm.

Tim Phillips, Tower Captain

Longburton Village Café: Held in the village church of St James, the café provides tea, coffee (free refills) and great cakes, for just £1.50 and will be open on Tuesday 29 November 2022 and a special Christmas café on Tuesday 13 December 2022 from 10.30 am until noon.

Mothers' Union: On Friday 9 December 2022 we shall enjoy our Carol Service (10.00 am; Lady Chapel) followed by coffee, mince pies and making of Christingles.

Art & Advent: On Wednesdays 7 & 14 December 2022 in the Sepulchre Chapel (2.00 pm – 3.00 pm), two meditations exploring how paintings can give us fresh insights into the season of Advent, each consisting of an introduction, a time of silence and a time sharing our thoughts. For more details or to indicate a wish to attend, contact *The Rev David Marl (01935 389673)*

Sherborne Good Neighbours (GN): AGM on Tuesday 29 November 2022, 12 noon until 1.30 pm at the Roman Catholic Church Hall, Westbury. All welcome – come and find out more about volunteering with GN (drivers, home visits, shopping etc). If you can spare an hour occasionally please contact Mike Hatch, Chairman on 01935 815806 or m.hatch1471@btinternet.com.

Abbey Shop: Do visit the shop inside the Abbey for a great selection of Christmas cards, Advent calendars/candles & seasonal gifts. Also plum, luscious lemon and sticky toffee puddings available! Tuesday 6 December 2022 sees our annual Railway Touring Company Carol Service and on that day the shop will be having a Christmas sale (10.30 am – 5.00 pm) with 20% off all goods.

Phil Prout, Shop Manager

Warm Space: Every Thursday (3 Nov – 15 Dec) from 10.00 am until 3.00 pm, Cheap Street Church will provide a warm and welcoming space with hot drinks, cakes, soup & rolls plus activities (eg jigsaws & knitting). If you would like to volunteer to help in the kitchen, provide food or just sit and chat to people please contact Penny pennylgardner@gmail.com *Cath Adam*

Christmas Tree Festival: Sherborne Churches Together have, this year, taken on the organisation of the ever popular Festival in Cheap St Church and are looking to recruit stewards to cover hourly slots. The Festival runs from Sat 3 – Sat 10 December 2022. If you think you might be able to offer an hour or two, please contact Lesley McCreadie 01963 210548 or vicarlesley@outlook.com for more information. Thank you. *The Reverend Lesley McCreadie*

SCT Christmas Day Lunch: In the Digby Memorial Church Hall (12.30 pm - 3.00 pm) primarily for anyone without family at Christmas. Traditional lunch – turkey and all the trimmings followed by Christmas pudding (vegetarian option) – no charge. To join us and/or volunteer please fill in the form(s) at the Parish Office and we will contact you in due course. Volunteers required for Christmas Eve and on Christmas Day. Thanks to all our sponsors, especially Waitrose and Les Evans. Spread the word! *John Bradshaw*

Fabric Committee: We are installing LED lights to replace obsolete high-energy lights. This will be in progress until February, with some disruption during the week, though suspended over the Christmas period. There may be some odd temporary effects as lights are replaced but not yet focused. There will also be new controls and new emergency lighting. We are grateful once again for funding from The Friends of Sherborne Abbey. *Mike Keatinge*

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Parish Office – 01935 713777 (Monday – Friday 9.00 am – 3.00 pm (1.00 pm on Thursdays))

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Abbey Shop (in the Abbey) – Opens Monday - Friday 10.30 am – 3.30 pm

Abbey Tours – If you wish to book a tour, please contact the Parish Office.

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