



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 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

(There is a baptism at 11.30 am.)

Collect: O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness, we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Readings: Romans Ch 15: v 4 – 13; Matthew Ch 3: v 1 - 12

Hymns: 7, 12, 170 (i), 466

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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10.30 am Morning Worship Leader: Sandra Cutting

Speaker: John Crossman

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 6 January 2023).

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 11 December 2022 – 3rd 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 Robert Green
4.00 pm Christingle	Officiant:	The Reverend Martin Lee
6.00 pm Choral Evensong	Officiant:	The Reverend Martin Lee

CASTLETON CHURCH

11.15 am BCP Holy Communion Celebrant: The Reverend Hugh Bonsey

LILLINGTON CHURCH

10.00 am BCP Holy Communion Celebrant: The Reverend Hugh Bonsey

Longburton Church

10.00 am Family Communion Celebrant: The Reverend Lesley McCreadie

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10.30 am Holy Communion Leader: Kathy Pinsent
Speaker: The Reverend Jim Edie

Thought for the Day

Like most of us, as much as I try to keep a good Advent my mind often skips ahead to Christmas. There are Carol Services to plan, hymns to choose, and sermons to prepare. The churches begin to be decorated. At St James our window ledges take on a new life of greenery and candles with something extra added each week during Advent. The Christmas tree has arrived and the star has gone up on the west door.

The Church of England this year is encouraging people to '*Follow the Star*' and has issued a short booklet with 12 days of reflections. At St James we will give away a copy of the booklet at our Carol Service in the hope that those who read and use it will find that following the baby born under the star will indeed make a real difference to their lives. Perhaps you could use the prayer from the booklet in your devotions in the coming weeks:

Loving God, by the leading of a star you revealed Jesus, the Light of the World. As we follow the star, lead us out of darkness into his wonderful light. Amen

The Reverend Lesley McCreadie

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 4 December (11.30 am). Two weddings on Saturday 3 December (11.00 am and 2.00 pm) & one on Friday 16 December (2.00 pm). School Services on Thursday 8 December (4.00 pm) and Friday 9 December (2.00 pm). The Mothers' Union Carol Service takes place in the Lady Chapel on Friday 9 December (10.00 am).)

Organ Recitals: Mondays in The Abbey at 1.30 pm (*free entry, retiring collection, all welcome*). With a final Christmas flourish, on Monday 5 December, the organ recital is by Simon Clarkson, Yeovil. The new series will start on Monday 9 January 2023.

Service Music: *Parish Eucharist:* Missa Brevis, Palestrina; E'en so, Lord Jesus, Manz; Adam lay ybounden, Ord; Hymns 7, 12, 170 (i), 466. *Choral Evensong:* Introit: This is the truth, Vaughan Williams; Responses: Smith; Psalm: 50 vv 1-6, Howes; Canticles: Fifth Service, Tomkins; Anthem: Sans Day Carol, Rutter; Hymns 3, 18. *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, Rendezvous, Sherborne, Salisbury Women's Refuge and Paragon Domestic Abuse services, Dorset County Council. Thank you. *The Reverend Martin Lee*

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 for a special Christmas café on Tuesday 13 December 2022 from 10.30 am until noon. *The Reverend Lesley McCreadie*

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)

Craft & Carols: On Sunday 4 December 2022 from 3.00 pm – 5.00 pm at St Paul's Church. Start your Christmas festivities with Christmas crafts from 3.00 pm and Community Carols from 4.30 pm. All welcome!

St Paul's Church Warm Space: From Tuesday 6 December 2022, St Paul's Church is offering a Warm and Welcoming Space every Tuesday and Friday afternoons from 2.00 pm until 5.00 pm. Refreshments will be offered. *The Reverend Jim Edie*

Abbey Shop: Do visit the shop for a great selection of Christmas cards, Advent 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 we will be having a Christmas sale (10.30 am – 5.00 pm) with 20% off all goods. *Phil Prout*

Salamanca Band of the Rifles Christmas Concert: On Saturday 10 December 2022 in the Abbey at 7.30 pm. Come and celebrate Christmas with the Rifles! Director of Music: Captain Lee Clayson. Free entry, all welcome, retiring collection for Care for Casualties and the Abbey.

Julian Group: This is not a prayer group – just an opportunity to share half-an-hour's silence and meditation with fellow Christians and let God speak to us. The meetings are ecumenical. It is very refreshing. Why not give it a try? The next meeting is on Wednesday 14 December 2022 in St. Johns' Almshouse Chapel from 4.00 pm to 4.30 pm. *Shirley Fry* (01935 389124)

Christmas Tree Festival: From **Saturday 3 – Saturday 10 December 2022**, Cheap Street Church, 10.00 am – 5.00 pm. A SCT event sponsored by Castle Gardens. Local school choirs will be performing (Mon 2.30 pm; Tues – Thurs 2.00 pm) with a closing carol concert at 5.00 pm on the Saturday with the Town Band and Mayor. Donations to Sherborne Food Bank and Christians against Poverty.

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

Concert: Gregory Steward, professional tenor, presents romantic and popular songs from Les Miserables, Carousel and South Pacific plus O Sole Mio, Nessun Dorma and more! On Friday 16 December 2022 at 3.00 pm, Digby Memorial Church Hall. Tickets £12.00 (U18s free). To book 01458 211197, email gregorystewardtenor@gmail.com or on the door. Refreshments available.

Contacting the Team Rector: Due to current problems with the Vicarage's phone, if you need to contact Martin please ring the Parish Office or his mobile.

Pewsheets and Monthly Bulletin: Both the Pewsheets and Monthly Bulletin (December's has been published) are available on the Abbey's website: <https://www.sherborneabbey.com/pewsheets/>

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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.

Website: <https://www.sherborneabbey.com/>