



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 22 January 2023 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany

### THE ABBEY

<b>8.00 am BCP Holy Communion</b>	Celebrant:	The Reverend Martin Lee
<b>9.30 am Parish Eucharist</b>	Celebrant:	The Reverend Martin Lee
	Preacher:	The Reverend John Townend

**Collect:** Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

**Readings:** 1 Corinthians Ch 1: v 10 – 18; Matthew Ch 4: v 12 – 23.

**Hymns:** 338, 337, 332, 453

**Quarter Peal:** *The bellringers will be ringing a quarter peal at 2.30 pm for Ukraine.*

<b>6.00 pm Choral Evensong</b>	Officiant:	The Reverend Martin Lee
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### CASTLETON CHURCH

<b>11.15 am Mattins</b>	Officiant:	The Reverend Hugh Bonsey
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### LILLINGTON CHURCH

<b>10.00 am Morning Service</b>	Officiant:	The Reverend Hugh Bonsey
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### LONGBURTON CHURCH

<b>10.00 am Said Holy Communion</b>	Celebrant:	The Reverend Lesley McCreadie
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### STPAULS@THEGRYPHON

<b>10.30 am Morning Worship</b>	Leader:	John Crossman
	Speaker:	Mark Greenstock

## 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 Sepulchre Chapel  
(alternates CW and BCP)

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

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

# The Abbey - Weekday Services continued

**1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month** at 9.00 am – Requiem Holy Communion - The Sepulchre Chapel -  
(next service on Friday 3 February 2023).

**3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month** at 11.00 am – Remembering the Fallen (next service Friday 17 Feb 2023.)

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

## Sunday 29 January 2023 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Epiphany

### THE ABBEY

<b>8.00 am BCP Holy Communion</b>	Celebrant:	The Reverend Martin Lee
<b>9.30 am Parish Eucharist</b>	Celebrant & Preacher:	The Reverend Martin Lee
	Deacon:	The Reverend Robert Green
<b>6.00 pm Choral Evensong</b>	Officiant:	The Reverend Martin Lee

### CASTLETON CHURCH

<b>11.15 am BCP Holy Communion</b>	Celebrant:	The Reverend Hugh Bonsey
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### LILLINGTON CHURCH

<b>10.00 am Morning Service</b>	Officiant:	The Reverend Hugh Bonsey
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### Longburton Church

<b>4.00 pm Songs of Praise</b>	Officiant:	The Reverend Lesley McCreadie
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### STPAULS@THEGRYPHON

<b>10.30 am Morning Worship</b>	Leader:	Sue Hawkett
	Speaker:	John Crossman

## Thought for the Day

In the period after Christmas the Church keeps us on our toes by reminding us of the lives and example of some major saints: Stephen, John and Paul are all put under the spotlight for our observation and encouragement. There are also celebrations of lesser-known, but intriguing, figures, and yesterday saw St Agnes commemorated. She was a young Christian martyr in 4<sup>th</sup> century Rome who preferred death to any violation of her consecrated purity. She was indeed a lamb (agnus) for the slaughter.

In his extended poem *The Eve of St Agnes*, Keats takes the legend that on that particular night St Agnes grants young maidens visions, and he weaves a rich medieval tapestry in words, starting, appropriately:

“St Agnes’ Eve - Ah, bitter chill it was!  
The owl, for all his feathers, was a-cold;  
The hare limp’d trembling through the frozen grass;  
And silent was the flock in woolly fold.”

It tells the story of fair Madeline, kept prisoner in a castle, an innocent victim, who is rescued by the man she loves, her husband-to-be. Her devotion to him, and to God’s will, liberates both of them. It aptly complements the message of St Agnes, that true freedom is to be found in knowing and following the will of Him “whose service is perfect freedom.”

*Canon Charles Mitchell-Innes*

# Notices

**Visiting Hours: The Abbey** is open to visitors on Mondays to Saturdays (8.00 am – 5.00 pm) and on Sundays (11.00 am – 5.00 pm). The Abbey may close when private services are taking place. (*School Services on Saturday 28 January 2023 (11.00 am) and on Sunday 29 January 2023 (11.30 am). Orchestra rehearsal on Wednesday 8 February 2023 (2.00 pm).*)

**Organ Recitals:** On Mondays at 1.30 pm, free entry, retiring collection, all welcome:

**Monday 23 January 2023** – Michal Szostak, Concert Organist, Warsaw.

**Monday 30 January 2023** - James Henderson, Director of Music, Sherborne Abbey.

**Abbey Choir:** Advertisements will shortly be appearing for the recruitment of boy choristers for the Abbey Choir, and girl choristers for the new Abbey Girls' Choir that starts this month. Should anyone have friends and relatives whose children would be interested in auditioning for either choir, please put them in touch with me. Leaving a paper note in the Parish Office or emailing [james.henderson@sherborneabbey.com](mailto:james.henderson@sherborneabbey.com) are the best ways of making contact.

**Service Music:** *Parish Eucharist:* Sumsion in F; Salvator mundi, Tallis; Ave verum, Byrd; Hymns: 338, 337, 332, 453. *Choral Evensong:* Introit: Omnes de saba venient, Handl; Responses: Tomkins; Psalm: 33 vv 1-12, Martin; Canticles: Dyson in F; Anthem: Te lucis, Balfour Gardner; Hymns: 443, 332 (omit \*).

*James Henderson, Director of Music*

**Mothers' Union:** The MU will see in the New Year with their AGM and a celebration of the Eucharist on Friday 27 January 2023 from 10.00 am until midday in the Griffiths Room at the Digby Memorial Church Hall.

*Jo Higgs, MU Secretary*

**Longburton Village Café:** Held in the village church of St James, the café provides tea, coffee (free refills) and great cakes, for just £2.00 and will be open on Tuesday 31 January 2023 from 10.30 am until noon.

*The Reverend Lesley McCreadie*

**Snowdrop Remembrance & Thanksgiving Service:** On Friday 3 February 2023 at 11.00 am at the Church of the Sacred Heart & St Aldhelm, Westbury, Sherborne. An opportunity to remember loved ones and add a name to the Sherborne Book of Remembrance. Refreshments available.

*Sherborne Churches Together*

**Coffee Helpers:** Coffee is served after the 9.30am Eucharist on Sunday mornings and additional help is once again being sought. I am asking for people to help once a month. I will help anyone willing through the process on the first occasion. Please speak to me after the service or leave a message in the Parish Office. Many thanks.

*Hilary Pearce*

**FIAC:** FIAC has just sent £4,500.00 to support St Saviour's Anglican Church in Riga, Latvia, where they are suffering even more than us at the moment, with the additional threat of a long land border with Russia and its proximity to Kaliningrad. Please pray for the minister, Reverend Eliza Zikmane (who visited us in 2022) and her congregation as they witness to God's love through their church work and their soup kitchen, and pray that tensions and hardships will reduce this year. In addition, they have invited us to join their worldwide online prayer support team. If you would like more details please email me [john.crossman@btinternet.com](mailto:john.crossman@btinternet.com) and I will forward the link.

*John Crossman, FIAC*

**Prayer for Our World:** On Thursdays; 11.00 am - 11.40 am; near the Lady Chapel. Praying can be silent, extempore, read out, or just a topic mentioned, whatever suits YOU! We pray with gratitude that we can bring the needs of the world and society to our faithful and loving God who hears and helps. Bringing the needs of the world to Him and worshipping Him gives us courage to stay informed and yet hopeful. You are welcome to come for all or part of the time.

*Details: Rosaleen (01935 592185)*

**Thank you from the Friends of the North Dorset Women's Refuge:** We are always amazed and overwhelmed by the generosity and thoughtfulness shown by the Toy Services held in the Sherborne Benefice: sorting and enjoying this ourselves is good, how much more for those families in Refuge at Christmas time. The committee work with staff to choose appropriate presents for each child while pamper hampers (washing baskets lined with beautiful Linus quilts) are prepared by those who enjoy distributing all sorts of special "smellies" until the hampers are full to overflowing. Wrapping day is chaotic and busy, helped by coffee and catching up. Without your help we could not do any of this, and those of you who gave us money this year were so helpful as we were able to divide this between all families. We value the link with the Abbey which was started many years ago and we are so pleased it continues with Martin Lee and his team. Sarah, the Senior Staff member of the Paragon Trust which works with women in Refuge, wrote just after Christmas and I would like to share her comments with you: *"Thank you for the lovely hampers for the ladies, the money and the gifts for the children... the families were overwhelmed and it was gratefully received. I wanted to take the time to thank you all, for all you do, your thoughtfulness, kindness and understanding of the families we are supporting. You all make a HUGE contribution in supporting our families to lead safer and calmer lives."* Everyone who contributes in any way is included in this heartfelt thank you from Sarah and from us, 'the Friends of', as we are known.

**Wedding Conference:** We shall be inviting all the couples who are booked to get married in our churches during 2023 to an informal but informative conference to be held in the Abbey from 2.00 pm on Saturday 28 January 2023. This should help with your planning, give you an opportunity to ask questions and just confirm practicalities. Look out for your invite!

([Sue.Lee@sherborneabbey.com](mailto:Sue.Lee@sherborneabbey.com))

*The Reverend Martin Lee*

**Parish Office:** Please note that the office now closes at 1.00 pm on Mondays but stays open until 3.00 pm on Thursdays.

## The Benefice Team

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

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**Abbey Shop – Staffed hours: Monday - Friday 10.30 am – 3.30 pm; Saturday 10.30 am – 1.00 pm.**

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

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