



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 8 January 2023 – Feast of Epiphany

THE ABBEY

8.00 am BCP Holy Communion	Celebrant:	The Reverend Martin Lee
9.30 am Parish Eucharist	Celebrant:	The Reverend Martin Lee
	Preacher:	Canon Charles Mitchell-Innes

Collect: O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at last behold your glory face to face; 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: Isaiah Ch 60: v 1 – 6; Matthew Ch 2: v 1 – 12.

Hymns: 285, 51, We three Kings, 55

6.00 pm Choral Evensong	Officiant:	The Reverend Martin Lee
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CASTLETON CHURCH

11.15 am BCP Holy Communion	Celebrant:	The Reverend Hugh Bonsey
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LILLINGTON CHURCH

10.00 am BCP Holy Communion	Celebrant:	The Reverend Hugh Bonsey
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LONGBURTON CHURCH

10.00 am Family Communion	Celebrant:	The Reverend Lesley McCreadie
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10.30 am Holy Communion	Leader:	Canon Jonathan Triffitt
	Speaker:	The Reverend Jim Edie

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

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

The Abbey - Weekday Services continued

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

3rd Friday of the month at 11.00 am – Remembering the Fallen (next service Friday 20 Jan 2023.)

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

Sunday 15 January 2023 – 2nd Sunday of Epiphany

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
6.00 pm Choral Evensong	Officiant:	The Reverend Martin Lee

CASTLETON CHURCH

11.15 am Mattins	Officiant:	The Reverend Hugh Bonsey
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LILLINGTON CHURCH

10.00 am Morning Service	Officiant:	The Reverend Hugh Bonsey
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Longburton Church

10.00 am Family Communion	Celebrant:	The Reverend Lesley McCreddie
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10.30 am All Age Worship	Leaders & Speakers:	The Edie Family
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Thought for the Day

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany. From the third century, Epiphany has ranked with Easter and Pentecost as being one of the three most important festivals of the Church's Year. The word "Epiphany" is Greek; it means "manifestation". Originally the feast day celebrated the Baptism of our Lord; which we usually keep on the following Sunday.

We can see how the themes of "manifestation" and our Lord's baptism have a central thread running through them. Jesus is shown as having a special relationship with the God of Israel, and at his baptism the story relates how the heavens opened, and the Spirit of God descended upon him like a dove, and a voice was heard saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." (Matthew Ch 3: v 16 - 17)

From the fifth century, Epiphany took on a different character in the Western Church. The theme of manifestation was aided not by the baptism story, but by the story of the Magi, or Wise Men, of St Matthew's Gospel. The Christ Child is shown to the world who is both King and Priest, and who will undergo death - as signified by the three precious gifts: gold, frankincense and myrrh.

The Reverend Hugh Bonsey

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. (*Funeral on Friday 20 January 2023 (12.30 pm).*)

Organ Recitals: The new series will start on Monday 9 January 2023 at 1.30 pm (*free entry, retiring collection, all welcome*):

Monday 9 January 2023 - Daniel Blaze, Organ Scholar, Clare College, Cambridge

Monday 16 January 2023 - Pavlos Triantaris, St Peter's, Henleaze, Bristol.

Monday 23 January 2023 - Harold Jackson, Honorary Assistant Organist, Sherborne Abbey.

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

Service Music: This Sunday, the choristers return from their fortnight off, after hearty singing throughout the Christmas period. *Parish Eucharist:* Missa Brevis, O'Donovan; The three Kings, Cornelius; Ave verum, Elgar; Silent night, Ledger. Hymns: 285, 51, We three Kings, 55. *Choral Evensong:* Introit: Silent night, Ledger; Responses: Smith; Psalm: 27 vv 1-7, Harrison; Canticles: Stanford in C; Anthem: When Jesus our Lord, Mendelssohn; Hymns: 52, 46 (431).

James Henderson, Director of Music

Bellringers: The Bath Abbey Ringers will be ringing a quarter peal at Sherborne Abbey from 4.00 pm on Sunday 15 January 2023.

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 £2.00 and will be open on Tuesdays 17 & 31 January 2023 from 10.30 am until noon.

The Reverend Lesley McCreadie

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 11 January 2023 in St. Johns' Almshouse Chapel from 4.00 pm to 4.30 pm.

Shirley Fry (01935 389124)

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

St Paul's Church Warm Space: St Paul's Church is offering a Warm and Welcoming Space every Tuesday and Friday afternoons until April from 2.00 pm until 5.00 pm. Refreshments will be offered.

The Reverend Jim Edie

SCT Christmas Day Lunch: We were delighted to welcome 105 guests to the lunch on Christmas Day. We would like to thank the following for their kindness and generosity: Castle Gardens (Christmas trees), Digby Tap (donation), Hazlegrove Prep School (lanterns), Keith Williams (chef), Les Evans (Culverhayes) (all the vegetables), Sherborne Community Kitchen (kitchen facilities), Digby Memorial Church Hall, Sherborne Abbey Parish Office, Sherborne Abbey Social Committee, Sherborne School (serving equipment), Waitrose (food and drinks) and last, but by no means least, 41 amazing volunteers!

John Bradshaw

Snowdrop Remembrance & Thanksgiving Service: This service takes place 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

Day of Prayer and Gifts (Saturday 19 November 2022): We should like to thank all of you who so generously donated for our Day of Prayer and Gifts back in November. A total of £3,245.00 was gifted which we appreciate so very much. Thank you.
The Reverend Martin Lee

Abbey Shop: We should like to thank Judith Miller who has retired as a shop volunteer after many years (she started volunteering in the shop back in 2004!) for all her hard work and loyalty. But we are pleased to hear that she is considering becoming a Guardian in the near future. With very many thanks, Judith.
Phil Prout, Shop Manager

Taize Services: Half an hour of prayer, meditation and music - 2nd Sunday of the month at 6.30 pm, Cheap Street Church. Everyone welcome – please join us. The next service is on **Sunday 8 January 2023**. This informal, ecumenical service is based on the Taize Community's worship founded by Br Roger in the 1940's in Burgundy, France, now attracting thousands of young people each summer. Taize music has become part of the worshipping life of churches worldwide. For more details please email vicarlesley@outlook.com.
The Reverend Lesley McCreadie

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
The Reverend Martin Lee

Parish Office: Please note that as from January 2023, the office will close at 1.00 pm on Mondays but now stay open until 3.00 pm on Thursdays.

Pewsheets and Monthly Bulletin: Both the Pewsheets and Monthly Bulletin (January's has been published) are available on the Abbey's website: <https://www.sherborneabbey.com/pew-sheets/>
Parish Office

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Please contact the Parish Office on 01935 713777 or email Sue Lee

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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/>