



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 26 February 2023 – 1st Sunday of Lent

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 John Townend

Collect: Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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: Genesis Ch 2: v 15 – 17, Ch 3: v 1 – 7; Matthew Ch 4: v 1 - 11

Hymns: 420, 73 (ii), 74, 461

6.00 pm Choral Evensong	Officiant:	The Reverend Martin Lee
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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 Said Holy Communion	Celebrant:	The Reverend Pene Kennedy
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STPAULS@THEGRYPHON	Leader:	The Reverend Jim Edie
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10.30 am Morning Worship	Speaker:	Sandra Miller
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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

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 3 March 2023).

3rd Friday of the month at 11.00 am – Remembering the Fallen (next service Friday 17 Mar 2023.)

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

Sunday 5 March 2023 – 2nd Sunday of Lent

THE ABBEY

8.00 am BCP Holy Communion	Celebrant:	The Reverend John Townend
9.30 am Parish Eucharist	Celebrant:	The Reverend John Townend
	Preacher:	The Reverend Christopher Huitson
6.00 pm Choral Evensong	Officiant:	Canon Charles Mitchell-Innes

CASTLETON CHURCH

11.15 am Mattins	Officiant:	The Reverend Hugh Bonsey
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LILLINGTON CHURCH

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

10.00 am Village Communion	Celebrants:	The Reverend Brenda Phillips The Reverend John Walton
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STPAULS@THEGRYPHON

10.30 am Morning Worship	Leader:	Mark Greenstock
	Speaker:	Kim Dunning

Thought for the Day

As a preparation for Lent I have been re-reading a couple of poems by Christina Rossetti, the Victorian writer whose poetry has a spiritual and often melancholy cast - suitable for this thought-provoking, yet not gloomy, season. The first, *Uphill*, describes a hard day's travel, perhaps a reflection of our own journey through Lent, as we discipline ourselves to be more open to God in prayer and Bible reading, and in concern for others' needs. It begins, '*Does the road wind uphill all the way?' 'Yes, to the very end.' 'Will the day's journey take the whole long day?' 'From morn to night, my friend.'*

The second is strangely comforting if our private prayers have become routine, casual or sporadic; it lists some Old Testament characters (Abraham, Jacob, Elijah, Jonah) who have struggled in their dialogue with God, and culminates with Jesus' intense prayers in Gethsemane, before his arrest: *Yea Thou my God hast prayed all night, and in the garden prayed even while like melting wax thy strength was made.* Their prayers were all heard, even if, like Jesus', they were not all granted.

Christina Rossetti's poetry is a little wistful for some; but she is a sure, and very human, guide to the Christian path, giving us encouragement on our pilgrimage through Lent, and sure faith in the ultimate promise of Easter, despite the 'changes and chances' of life. *Uphill* concludes at the 'Inn' at the end of the journey: '*Will there be beds for me and all who seek?' 'Yea, beds for all who come.'*

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. (*Baptism – Sunday 12 March 2023 (11.30 am). School Services – Sunday 5 March 2023 (11.30 am); Sunday 19 March 2023 (11.30 am); Thursday 23 March 2023 (2.30 pm). Choir Rehearsal – Saturday 18 March 2023 (2.00 pm – 5.00 pm).*)

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

Monday 27 February 2023 – Chris Haresnape, Newcastle

Monday 6 March 2023 – Stephen Bell, Ash

Monday 13 March 2023 – Paul Ellis, Organist Emeritus, Sherborne Abbey

Abbey Choirs: Vacancies for young singers aged 8-15 exist in both the new Girls' Choir and the Abbey Choir. Auditions are available at many different times to suit applicants. Please email james.henderson@sherborneabbey.com or contact the Parish Office for enquiries about both choirs.

Service Music: *Parish Eucharist:* Ireland in C; Miserere mei, Byrd; Hear my prayer, O Lord, Purcell; View me, Lord, Lloyd; Hymns: 420, 73 (ii), 74, 461. *Choral Evensong:* Introit: Drop, drop, slow tears, Gibbons; Responses: Smith; Psalm: 119 vv 17–32, Barnby; Canticles: Jackson in G; Anthem: Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts, Purcell; Hymns: 64, 250. *James Henderson*

Parish Office Opening Hours: The office will be closed for approx 1½ hours from 10.00 am on Tuesday 28 February 2023 due to a meeting. Please also note that the office will close at 1.00 pm (12.30 pm Fridays) w/c 27 February 2023 and w/c 6 March 2023. *The Reverend Martin Lee*

Lent @ ST Paul's: This year for Lent, St Paul's Life Groups are going to be following The Lectio Course (<https://www.24-7prayer.com/resource/lectio-course/>) which has been developed by Pete Greig and 24/7 Prayer. Starting on Tuesday 28th February at 8.00 pm, The Reverend Jim Edie and Becca Edie are also going to be running the course for five weeks on Zoom for those that are not in a Life Group. This is open to anyone to join, so if you are interested please contact Jim via email - revdjim.edie@gmail.com for information & the Zoom link. *The Reverend Jim Edie*

Art & Meditation Sessions: A way of exploring Lent and discovering new insights through looking at paintings. On Wednesday 1 March 2023 ('The Wedding Feast at Cana' – Winifred Knights 1923) and Wednesday 15 March 2023 ('Christ Carrying the Cross' – Stanley Spencer 1920) both from 2.00 pm until 3.00 pm in The Sepulchre Chapel, Sherborne Abbey. If you wish to attend it would be useful, but not vital, to let myself or the Parish Office know as it would help with preparation. Contact: 01935 389673 or Burgoyne.marl@gmail.com *The Reverend David Marl*

Presentation on Wills and Legacies: Porter Dodson and the Friends of Sherborne Abbey are pleased to invite you to this presentation on Thursday 2 March 2023 at 7.00 pm in the Abbey. The discussion, led by Sarah Stone, Partner at Porter Dodson, will cover several topics, such as the importance of having a will, structure of wills, legacies in wills and the treatment of tax on legacies. It will also provide a summary of the Inheritance Tax rules as recently updated along with a general guide on Powers of Attorney. All are welcome to attend (no charge) and to join us for drinks and nibbles in the Lady Chapel, where we will be happy to address any other questions you might have. RSVP to chris.hamon@sherborneabbey.com. *Porter Dodson/Chris Hamon*

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 8 March 2023 in St. Johns' Almshouse Chapel from 4.00 pm to 4.30 pm. *Shirley Fry (01935 389124)*

Lent Project 2023: Many thanks to all those who supported the Shrove Lunch last Sunday when the causes for the 2023 Lent Project were announced. We are appealing again for your support and incredible generosity for the following two charities: **Chernobyl Children's Life Line (CCLL)**, supplying much needed support for families and children in war-torn Ukraine and for Ukrainian refugees in Poland, and **The Footprints Project**, a Dorset charity bringing a sense of community, hope and increased self-worth to socially excluded people, reducing reoffending and building stronger communities by assisting ex-offenders both before and after release. For more details on how you can help please see the leaflet which can be found at the Abbey, Castleton and St Paul's (along with 'Lent Project' gift aid envelopes). *John Crossman, Chair FIAC*

Longburton Village Café: On Tuesdays 14 and 28 March 2023, 10.30 am – noon, in the village church of St James. The café provides tea, coffee (free refills) & great cakes, just £2.00.

Taize Service: 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 12 March 2023 (*please note that there is not a service in April (Easter Day) so the next service will be on Sunday 14 May 2023*). Details: vicarlesley@outlook.com. *The Reverend Lesley McCreadie*

Mothers' Union: The next meeting is on Friday 24 March 2023 from 10.00 am until midday in the Griffiths Room at the Digby Memorial Church Hall. It will be a morning of coffee, cakes and a quiz! *Jo Higgs, MU Secretary*

Prayer List: *The Sick:* Harry Bond, Bridget Hill, Chris Smallbone, John Bunnell, Julie Preece and Margaret Lovett. *Departed:* William Green, Shirley Middle, Molly Ellis, Peter Reece, Pat Atkinson, Edwin Gillingham, William Jenkins and Marion Reynolds.

The Abbey Shop: Easter cards are in stock and our popular Lent Reflections book is now available, price £2.75. We also have some delightful handmade Easter Egg pouches (with 60g of eggs!), made by Jakki Dickson-Smith, which would make a lovely gift for £2.50 with all proceeds going to the Lent Project. But be quick as only 20 bags available! *Phil Prout, Shop Manager*

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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.

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