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 19 March 2023 – 4th Sunday of Lent/ Mothering Sunday

THE ABBEY

8.00 am BCP Holy Communion	Celebrant:	Canon Charles Mitchell-Innes
9.30 am Parish Eucharist	Celebrant:	The Reverend Robert Green
	Preacher:	The Reverend John Townend

Collect: God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; 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: Exodus Ch 2: v 1 – 10; John Ch 19: v 25b – 27.
Hymns: 451, 66, 272, 475

6.00 pm Choral Evensong	Officiant:	Canon Charles Mitchell-Innes

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 Family Communion	Celebrant:	The Reverend Pene Kennedy

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	Leaders:	The Broadley Family
10.30 am All Age Worship	Speaker:	Becca 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

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 5 May 2023 (*due to 1st Friday in April being Good Friday*))**.**

3rd Friday of the month at 11.00 am – Remembering the Fallen (next service Friday 21 April 2023.)

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

Sunday 26 March 2023 – 5th Sunday of Lent

THE ABBEY

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

CASTLETON CHURCH

	Officiant:	The Reverend Hugh Bonsey
11.15 am Mattins	Preacher:	The Reverend Pene Kennedy

(The AGM follows this service.)

LILLINGTON CHURCH

10.00 am Morning Service	Officiant:	The Reverend John Townend

LONGBURTON CHURCH

10.00 am Said Holy Communion	Celebrant:	The Reverend Lesley McCreadie

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	Leader:	Sue Hawkett
10.30 am Morning Worship	Speaker:	Mark Greenstock

Thought for the Day

Today, the Church of England and some non-Conformist Churches celebrate motherhood on this Mothering Sunday. In the Roman Catholic Church, today is known as Laetare Sunday, the day on which many Christians return to the Church of their Baptism. On this special day we celebrate three things about motherhood:-

Firstly, our own mothers: giving thanks to God for the love and care that we receive now or have received over many years.

Secondly, the motherhood of the Blessed Virgin Mary: giving thanks for all that Mary shows us of the life of a perfect mother, as she loves, cares for and mourns her son Jesus.

Thirdly, Mother Church: giving thanks to God for our membership of that divine community, with God as its head, which we join at Baptism and never leave, even after death, as we journey on towards the eternal life which God wishes for all his people.

Mothering Sunday often comes very close to Lady Day as both days are in March. We can take the opportunity of reflecting on the perfect example of Mary, and of thinking about the profound mystery and privilege of motherhood and all that it means for us personally and as members of the world-wide community of the human race.

The Reverend Hugh Bonsey

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 – Sunday 19 March 2023 (11.30 am); Thursday 23 March 2023 (2.30 pm). School Visit – Tuesday 21 March 2023 (1.30 pm). Funeral – Wednesday 29 March 2023 (midday). Memorial Service – Friday 14 April (3.00 pm).)*

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

Monday 20 March 2023 – James Henderson, Director of Music

Monday 27 March 2023 – Simon Clarkson, Yeovil

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

Service Music: *Parish Eucharist*: Missa Brevis, Palestrina; O remember not, Purcell; Crux fidelis John IV, King of Portugal; Like as the hart, Howells. Hymns: 451, 66, 272, 475. *Choral Evensong:* Introit: Miserere mei, Byrd; Responses: Smith; Psalm: 23, Parisian Tone; Canticles: Second Service, Byrd; Anthem: Hear my prayer, O Lord, Purcell. Hymns: 394, 186. *James Henderson, Director of Music*

Castleton Verger: St Mary Magdalene Church, Castleton are seeking a verger to help look after our lovely church and friendly congregation. We are looking for five hours a week, 2½ hours of which will be on Sunday mornings when we hold our weekly service. This is a remunerated post. If you are interested and would like to talk to us, please ring our church wardens: *Frances Hastings* on 01963 350977 or *Robert Harris* on 07771 770717. We look forward to hearing from you.

Frances Hastings

Prayer List: *The Sick*: Harry Bond, Bridget Hill, Chris Smallbone, John Bunnell, Julie Preece, Margaret Lovett and Fr Martin. *Departed*: Pat Atkinson, Paul Edwards, Edna Ive and Sheila Sharman. *Andrew Cross, Head Verger*

Longburton Village Café: On Tuesday 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.

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

Coffee Morning: Everyone is invited to the Friends' Coffee Morning on Wednesday 29 March 2023; from 10.30 am until 1.00 pm at the Digby Memoirial Hall. An informal opportunity to meet over tea or coffee with a slice of cake! Do join us and bring a friend, or friends! It would be helpful, for catering purposes, if you could RSVP to Joanna.Sams@sherborneabbey.com to let us know if you will be coming. Thank you. *Frances Gomme-Duncan*

No Parking! Tuesday 21 March 2023: Please note that there will be **no** parking available outside the Abbey on this date due to a ground survey taking place. *Chris Hamon, Verger*

Shop Volunteers: We still urgently require your help in the shop - could you spare 2½ hours on alternate weeks? Wednesday 10.30 am – 1.00 pm, Friday 1.00 pm – 3.30 pm or Saturday 1.00 pm – 3.30 pm. Full support plus cash till and card machine training given. You will be able to meet parishioners and visitors during your slot and help enable us to keep the shop fully staffed as we approach busier times. Please email me on Philip.Prout@sherborneabbey.com or pop in to the shop, I am around most mornings. *Phil Prout, Shop Manager*

Pack Monday: This year's Pack Monday on Monday 16 October 2023 will feature a section outside the Abbey for community and local charity stalls. These stalls are FREE and are aimed at raising awareness of local causes and charities in Sherborne or the surrounding areas. The stalls may be used in any way to benefit the organisation, cause or charity whether this is fundraising, raising awareness or just advertising what the organisation does. Stalls are available from 8.00 am to 10.00 pm and may be used for all, or part, of the hours. For further details please contact julesbradburn@gmail.com *Jules Bradburn*

Lent Project 2023: We are appealing again for your support and incredible generosity for: **Chernobyl Children's Life Line (CCLL)**, supplying much needed support for families and children in war-torn Ukraine and Ukrainian refugees in Poland. **The Footprints Project**, a Dorset charity bringing a sense of community, hope & increased self-worth to socially excluded people, reducing reoffending & building stronger communities by assisting ex-offenders both before & after release. Profject Leaflet can be found at the Abbey, Castleton & St Paul's. The appeal closes on 16 April 2023. *John Crossman*

Julian Group: On Wednesday 12 April 2023; St. Johns' Almshouse Chapel; 4.00 pm - 4.30 pm.

Taize Service: Half an hour of prayer, meditation and music - everyone welcome – please join us. The next service is this Sunday 14 May 2023 at 6.30 pm, Cheap Street Church. (*No service in April as Easter Day.)* Details: vicarlesley@outlook.com.

Fabric Committee: The scaffolding on the South Transept has been erected by Sherborne Town Council for work on the clock, which they own. Bearings on the drive shafts are being renewed, and both south and east dials are being refurbished. Work will be complete before the Coronation. *Mike Keatinge*

Abbey Shop: Due to demand, Jakki Dickson-Smith has kindly made some more of her delightful Easter Egg pouches (with 60g of eggs!) which would make a lovely gift. Only £2.50 with all proceeds to the Lent Project. Be quick – only a limited number available! *Phil Prout, Shop Manager*

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