



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 23 April 2023 – 3rd Sunday of Easter

THE ABBEY

8.00 am BCP Holy Communion	Celebrant:	The Reverend Lesley McCreadie
9.30 am Parish Eucharist	Celebrant:	The Reverend Christopher Huitson
	Preacher:	The Reverend Robert Green

(There is a school service at 11.30 am and a baptism at 2.00 pm.)

Collect: Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; 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: Acts Ch 2: v 14a, 36 – 41; Luke Ch 24: v 13 - 35

Hymns: 103, 486, 393, 120

6.00 pm Choral Evensong Officiant: The Reverend John Townend

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 Said Holy Communion Celebrant: The Reverend Pene Kennedy

STPAULS@THEGRYPHON Leader: The Reverend Jim Edie

10.30 am Morning Worship 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 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

1st Friday of the month at 9.00 am – Requiem Holy Communion - The Sepulchre Chapel
(next service on Friday 5 May 2023)

The Abbey - Weekday Services contd

3rd Friday of the month at 11.00 am – Remembering the Fallen (next service Friday 19 May 2023)
Every Saturday at 9.00 am – CW Holy Communion - The Sepulchre Chapel

Sunday 30 April 2023 – 4th Sunday of Easter

THE ABBEY

8.00 am BCP Holy Communion	Celebrant:	The Reverend Hugh Bonsey
9.30 am Festal Eucharist	Celebrant:	The Reverend Martin Lee
	Preacher:	The Reverend Christopher Huitson
6.00 pm Choral Evensong	Officiant:	<i>(to be confirmed)</i>

CASTLETON CHURCH

11.15 am Festal Mattins	Officiant:	The Reverend Hugh Bonsey
Performed by the Beckett Consort (part of the Sherborne Music Festival) <i>(There is a baptism at 2.00 pm.)</i>		

LILLINGTON CHURCH

10.00 am Morning Service	Officiant:	The Reverend Pene Kennedy
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Longburton Church

6.00 pm Songs of Praise	Officiant:	The Reverend Lesley McCreadie
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STPAULS@THEGRYPHON

10.30 am Morning Worship	Leader:	The Reverend Jim Edie
<i>(followed by St Paul's AGM at midday)</i>	Speaker:	John Crossman

Thought for the Day

Today is notable for a double English celebration: St George's Day, and the birthday of William Shakespeare (generally calculated from his baptism three days later). The former lived in the 3rd century and died a martyr; the latter was born in 1564 and died, prosperous, aged 52. They famously coalesce in the rousing finale of Henry V's speech before Harfleur, in Shakespeare's play: *"God for Harry! England! And Saint George!"*

In the legend of St George, he is a soldier who rescues the daughter of a king from the clutches of a dragon, to which she is about to be sacrificed in a vain attempt to stop its murderous violence. George's intervention with lance and sword shows rare courage and humanity, virtues held up by all as examples of significant Christian virtues; thus by his deeds he helped to spread the gospel. Away from the battlefield, Shakespeare's characters can be more pensive. Here is Prospero in *The Tempest* renouncing his magic:

*"We are such stuff
As dreams are made on, and our little life
Is rounded with a sleep."*

It is the protagonist who is speaking here, not the poet; but these somewhat bleak words provide an effective contrast with the promise of resurrection to eternal life with God that is the uplifting message of Easter.

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 23 April (2.00 pm). School service – Sunday 23 April (11.30 am). Music Festival takes place Thursday 27 April – Thursday 4 May so various rehearsals and concerts in the Abbey during this time – please refer to Festival programme available in the Abbey or contact the Parish Office. Coronation Civic Service – Friday 5 May (2.30 pm); no parking at the Abbey this day.*)

Abbey Tours: Our regular guided tours of the Abbey, on Tuesdays at 10.30 am and Fridays at 2.00 pm have started and will run until Friday 1 December 2023. As with entry to the Abbey, there is no charge for these tours (although donations always appreciated). Just turn up and the guide will be waiting near the porch. If you have a larger group wanting a tour, please the Parish Office to arrange a convenient date/time.

Harold Clarke, Head Tour Guide

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

Monday 24 April 2023 – Guy Hopher, Organ Scholar, Sherborne Abbey

Monday 1 May 2023 - Matthew Owens

(part of the Sherborne Music Festival with music by Bach, Pachelbel, Mendelssohn, Widor, Edmund Thomas Chipp and Owens himself. To buy tickets (£15.00):

<https://www.sherborneabbeyfestival.org/portfolio/matthew-owens-organ-recital/>)

Monday 8 May 2023 – Simon Clarkson, Yeovil

Service Music: *Parish Eucharist:* Missa aeterna Christi munera, Palestrina; Ave verum, Byrd; Salvator mundi, Tallis. Hymns: 103, 486, 393, 120. *Choral Evensong:* Introit: Alleluias, Plainsong; Responses: Smith; Psalm: 41, Woods; Canticles: Stanford in C; Anthem: Justorum animae, Stanford; Hymns: 124, 113.

James Henderson, Director of Music

Prayer List: *The Sick:* Harry Bond, Bridget Hill, Chris Smallbone, John Bunnell, Julie Preece, Margaret Lovett, Alan Gillard & Martin Lee. *Departed:* Sheila Sharman, Zora Brown, Julie King, David Weller, Dorothy Sauer, John Walker, Mary Goddard, Yvonne Willway, Nora Hunt & Richard Smith.

Longburton Village Café: On Tuesdays 25 April, 9 & 23 May 2023, 10.30 am – noon, in the village church of St James. The café provides tea, coffee (free refills) & great cakes, just £2.00.

Mothers' Union: On Friday 28 April 2023, 10.00 am – midday, Griffiths Room, Digby Memorial Church Hall. Talk by Jenny Nelson, Head of Wind, Brass & Percussion at Sherborne Girls' School. Please also have a look at the MU's Coronation display on their noticeboard near the Sepulchre Chapel in the Abbey.

Jo Higgs, MU Secretary

Electoral Roll: The Electoral Roll for The Abbey, Castleton and St Paul's is being revised (9 – 21 April 2023) in advance of the APCM on 7 May 2023 (7.00 pm in the Abbey). To be eligible to vote at the APCM, you must be on the roll but all are welcome to attend. Those currently on the roll need do nothing! If you are 16+, a communicant member of a church in communion with the Church of England and wish to be added, please complete a blue Electoral Roll form (available from the back of the Abbey and the Parish Office) and return it by Friday 21 April 2023. After the revision, a copy of the roll will be published by the PCC for at least 14 days and/or will be available for inspection.

Planned (blue) Gift Aid Envelopes: The blue envelopes have arrived and the office has contacted recipients regarding collection or they have been delivered direct. Others have been sent to Castleton and St Paul's for distribution. Thank you.

David Ferguson, Churchwarden

Sherborne Churches Together AGM: SCT will be holding their AGM on Tuesday 25 April 2023 in the hall at the Sacred Heart & St Aldhelm RC Church, Westbury, Sherborne at 7.30 pm. All welcome especially those with an interest in youth ministry.

Caroline Polley, Secretary SCT

New Treasurer: We are looking to appoint a Treasurer for the Abbey. There is a remuneration package agreed for this post, with some voluntary contribution from the post holder as well. If you are or indeed if you know anyone who is an accountant and would like to offer yourself for this important role, please do contact me, Martin Lee, The Rector on 07725 593 100.

The Reverend Martin Lee

Lent Project 2023: Can I thank everyone who has made the Lent Project a success this year? All who helped and supported the Shrove Lunch, all who contributed magnificently to the appeal and all who helped set up the payments, produced promotion leaflets, software etc. Many, many thanks. I will publish the final figure as soon as we have it.

John Crossman, Chair FIAC

Abbey Shop: Booklet now available of 'Daily Prayers for the Coronation of King Charles III' which contains a daily prayer, reading and reflection from Easter Day (9 April) to Coronation Day (6 May). Just £1.50!

Phil Prout, Shop Manager

Sherborne Abbey Festival 2023: From Thursday 27 April 2023 until Thursday 4 May 2023 taking place in the Abbey and various other venues in Sherborne. An amazing line-up of concerts to whet every appetite with a mixture of world-famous stars, local musicians and school performances. The Festival has purchased a beautiful grand piano for the Abbey and this instrument's first concert appearance, performed by internationally renowned pianist, John Lenehan, on Thursday 4 May 2023 is definitely not to be missed. <https://www.sherborneabbeyfestival.org/>. Tickets available: 0333 666 3366 or <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/sherborneabbeyfestival>.

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 10 May 2023 in St. John's Almshouse Chapel from 4.00 pm to 4.30 pm.

Shirley Fry (01935 389124)

Longburton Coronation Cream Tea: Everyone is invited to a cream tea at St James, Longburton, on Sunday 7 May 2023 from 3.00 pm until 4.30 pm to celebrate the Coronation.

The Reverend Lesley McCreadie

The Benefice Team

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

(Sue.Lee@sherborneabbey.com) for enquiries about these two churches.

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

Email: Joanna.Sams@sherborneabbey.com

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

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