



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 21 May 2023 – 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**THE ABBEY**

<b>8.00 am BCP Holy Communion</b>	Celebrant:	The Reverend John Townend
<b>9.30 am Parish Eucharist</b>	Celebrant:	Canon Charles Mitchell-Innes
	Preacher:	The Reverend John Townend

**Collect:** O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

**Readings:** Acts Ch 1: v 6 – 14; John Ch 17: v 1 - 11

**Hymns:** 122, 118, 124, 271

**6.00 pm Friends' Choral Evensong** Officiant: The Reverend Martin Lee  
*(Followed by Friends' reception and then the Friends' AGM at 7.00 pm; all welcome!)*

**CASTLETON CHURCH**

**11.15 am Mattins** Officiant: The Reverend Christopher Huitson

**LILLINGTON CHURCH**

**10.00 am Morning Service** Officiant: The Reverend Hugh Bonsey  
*(Lillington's APCM follows this service.)*

**LONGBURTON CHURCH**

**10.00 am Family Communion** Celebrants: The Reverend Pene Kennedy  
The Reverend John Walton

**STPAULS@THEGRYPHON**

**10.30 am All Age Worship** Leader & 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

**1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month** at 9.00 am – Requiem Holy Communion - The Sepulchre Chapel  
(next service on Friday 2 June 2023)

# The Abbey - Weekday Services contd

3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month at 11.00 am – Remembering the Fallen (next service Friday 16 June 2023)

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

## Saturday 27 May 2023 & Monday 29 May 2023

5.00 pm Choral Evensong

Sung by Choir Danensian Choir – all are welcome to attend!

## Sunday 28 May 2023 – Pentecost/Whit Sunday

### THE ABBEY

8.00 am BCP Holy Communion

Celebrant:

The Reverend Katie Windle

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

*(The Parish Eucharist & Choral Evensong will be sung by the Danensian Choir.) (There is a wedding at 1.00 pm in the Abbey.)*

### 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

10.30 am Morning Worship

Leader:

Mark Greenstock

Speaker:

Tabitha Smith

## Thought for the Day

Yesterday on The Abbey Close a wonderful celebration of St Aldhelm was held. People came from all over the southwest and beyond in celebration of the saint who founded our Abbey church in 705AD. They represented churches and schools dedicated to St Aldhelm and others who simply admire our founder. So, what do we know about Aldhelm? He was born in 640 and educated first at Malmesbury and later at Canterbury. In 675 he returned to Malmesbury where he became Abbot in 675. In 705 Sherborne formed its own diocese and Aldhelm was appointed the first Bishop. Immediately he set about building a cathedral here.

Aldhelm was a talented musician and there are stories of how he would seek out those who did not come to church and sing all sorts of secular and comic songs. Crowds would gather and then he would sing Christian hymns and songs and slowly the church began to fill. Today we might call him an evangelist and I am sure he would be encouraging people through You Tube, Spotify and the like to hear the Christian message through worship songs and hymns. He died on 25 May 709 and his body was taken back to Malmesbury. Aldhelm was a man ahead of his time, someone who sought to make the gospel relevant to the ordinary people of our town and I think he was fun to be around. On Thursday 25 May of this coming week, his designated saint's day, why not make some time to give thanks for his life and for the founding of his church on this site from which so much has grown?

*The Reverend Lesley McCreadie*

# 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 Service – Sunday 21 May (11.30 am). School Visit – Thursday 24 May (11.15 am & 1.00 pm). Memorial Service – Friday 9 June (3.00 pm). Baptism – Sunday 11 June (11.30 am). Weddings – Sunday 28 May (1.00 pm), Saturday 10 June (2.30 pm) & Saturday 17 June (midday).*)

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

*(Monday 22 May & 29 May 2023 – no recitals)*

Monday 5 June 2023 – choral & organ music by St Andrews Madrigal Group (on tour)

Monday 12 June 2023 - Harry Stansfield, Royal Birmingham Conservatoire

Monday 19 June 2023 – James Henderson, Director of Music, Sherborne Abbey

**Service Music:** *Parish Eucharist:* Sumsion in F; Alleluias, Plainsong; Coelos ascendit hodie, Stanford; God is gone up, Croft. Hymns: 122, 118, 124, 271. *Choral Evensong:* Introit: Coelos ascendit hodie, Stanford; Responses: Ayleward; Psalm: 69 vv 1-6, Stainer; vv 30-37, Hawes; Canticles: Wood in D; Anthem: God is gone up, Finzi; Hymns: 253, 252.

**Visiting Choir:** The Danensian Choir will be singing Choral Evensong on Saturday 27 May 2023 and Bank Holiday Monday 29 May 2023, both at 5.00 pm. They will also sing at the Sunday services (9.30 am Parish Eucharist & 6.00 pm Choral Evensong) on Sunday 28 May 2023. All welcome!

*James Henderson, Director of Music*

**Prayer List:** *The Sick:* Harry Bond, Bridget Hill, Chris Smallbone, John Bunnell, Julie Preece, Alan Gillard, Paul Heward & June Helson. *Departed:* Margaret Lovett, Joyce Hallett, Erin Lauder, Oscar Saeck.

*Andrew Cross, Head Verger*

**Friends of Sherborne Abbey AGM:** On Sunday 21 May 2023 in The Abbey at 7.00 pm. The AGM will follow a Friends' Evensong at 6.00 pm & there will be a short reception (a glass of fizz & strawberries) between the two events to welcome you to the meeting. Everyone is welcome to the AGM even if you are not a Friend of Sherborne Abbey.

*Dr Chris Hamon*

**Longburton Village Café:** On Tuesday 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. *Rev Lesley McCreadie*

**Mothers' Union:** On Friday 26 May 2023, 10.00 am – midday, Griffiths Room, Digby Memorial Church Hall. Speaker: The Reverend Martin Lee. (*The talk by Sheila Soper on South Sudan, as previously advertised, will now take place on 23 June.*) Please also have a look at the MU's Coronation display on their noticeboard near the Sepulchre Chapel in the Abbey. *Jo Higgs, MU*

**Works at the Abbey:** Please note that during May some major electrical work is taking place at the Abbey which could involve some interruptions to the electricity and a trench being dug outside. We apologise for any inconvenience caused. *Vergers*

**Quarter Peal:** On Sunday 4 June 2023 from 4.30 pm, the Bath Abbey Ringers will be ringing a quarter peal. *Tim Phillips, Tower Captain*

**Intercessors Required:** Would you be interested in joining our team of Intercessors and have the time to prepare and read the intercessions/prayers at the 9.30 am Sunday Eucharist just once a month? If so, please contact me in the Parish Office. Training given! *Sue Lee*

**Via Francigena – the pilgrimage way from Canterbury to Rome:** Not up to walking the whole 2,040 kms (1268 miles) but might manage the last 110kms? A group from the benefice is planning to walk from Viterbo into Rome in April 2024. If you would like to find out more please contact [vicarlesley@outlook.com](mailto:vicarlesley@outlook.com) or call on 01963 210548. *The Reverend Lesley McCreadie*

**Lent Projects 2023:** Thank you to everyone who engaged with, and donated to, our two excellent charities for 2023. The final total will be just over £4,000.00 with gift aid. While it is less than last year, it is a magnificent effort in tough times! Well done! Your Faith in Action Committee has decided to top up the amount and £3,000.00 has gone to Footprints and £3,000.00 to the Chernobyl Children's Life Line. They are delighted! Our thanks go also to all of you who helped with the campaign, supporting and running the Shrove Lunch, preparing the publicity and enabling giving through envelopes, website, collecting and counting income plus promotion through all our churches.

*John Crossman, Chair FIAC*

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

*Harold Clarke, Head Tour Guide*

**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. We are sorry the May meeting had to be cancelled (due to illness). Next meeting on Wednesday 14 June 2023; St. Johns' Almshouse Chapel; 4.00 pm – 4.30 pm.

*Shirley Fry (01935 389124)*

**HALO Trust Talk:** On Saturday 27 May 2023; 7.00 pm; Bishops Caundle Village Hall. Talk on 'Protecting Lives & Restoring Livelihoods for People Affected by Conflict' introduced by Kate Adie. Tickets £15.00 (in aid of Caundle Marsh Parish Church) from [www.ticketsource.co.uk/caundle-marsh-pcc](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/caundle-marsh-pcc) or purchase on the night.

*Edward Cowan*

**The Band of the Grenadier Guards Concert:** Sherborne Abbey is delighted to host this concert on Saturday 23 September 2023 at 6.30 pm. The concert is being held by kind permission of Major General C J Ghika CBE, Major General Commanding the Household Division and is in aid of Pancreatic Cancer UK and The Colonel's Fund Grenadier Guards. Tickets: £25.00 (includes entry and an interval drink) available now from: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/concert-by-the-band-of-the-grenadier-guards-tickets-598979272127>

*Fiona James*

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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/>**