



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 4 June 2023 – Trinity Sunday

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 Robert Green

Collect: Almighty and everlasting God, you have given us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity: keep us steadfast in this faith, that we may evermore be defended from all adversities; 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 40: v 12 – 17, 27 – end; Matthew Ch 28: v 16 - end

Hymns: Lift high the cross, 431, 373, 478

(After the Parish Eucharist the Social Committee will be providing drinks & canapes to mark The Reverend Robert Green's 55 years of ordination; all are welcome.)

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

11.15 am Mattins	Officiant:	The Reverend John Townend
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Fellowship Sunday (There is a baptism at 2.00 pm at Castleton.)

LILLINGTON CHURCH

10.00 am Family Service	Officiant:	Mr Michael Burton-Brown
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LONGBURTON CHURCH

10.00 am Village Communion	Celebrant:	The Reverend Pene Kennedy
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10.30 am Morning Worship	Leader:	Sue Hawkett
	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 contd

1st Friday of the month at 9.00 am – Requiem Holy Communion - The Sepulchre Chapel

(next service on Friday 7 July 2023)

3rd 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

Sunday 11 June 2023 – 1st Sunday after Trinity

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 Robert Green

(There is a baptism at 11.30 am.)

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 Pene Kennedy
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10.30 am Morning Worship	Leader:	The Reverend Jim Edie
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Speaker:	Chris Andrew
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Thought for the Day

*Firmly I believe and truly
God is three, and God is one.*

So wrote Cardinal Newman, with a voice of authority. Sometimes we ourselves are not so sure how this puzzle works; while those of other monotheistic faiths, like Jews and Muslims, are often understandably bemused by it. The idea of the Trinity, though, is not a mathematical theorem, and the edges of its triangle are best left somewhat blurred. That is because, from the very start, it has been something that Christians have *experienced*, in their faith and their lives, rather than having to wrestle with it as an intellectual problem. Jesus promised his first disciples that he would send them the Holy Spirit: the outcome, as we saw last week when celebrating Pentecost, was far more dramatic that they could have imagined, and changed them into fearless communicators of the gospel. In our own lives we would reach out in prayer to God the Father; yet without the Son and the Holy Spirit He is ultimately unknowable. We can know Him, though, by looking at the life and teachings of Jesus, and by answering the prompting and encouragement of the Spirit. All three are active together in the full Christian life experience. As Father He is over and beyond us; but in Jesus He is beside us and, as Holy Spirit, within us. St Patrick's famous *Breastplate* begins: *I bind unto myself today the strong name of the Trinity*, and ends triumphantly:

*Praise to the Lord of my salvation,
Salvation is of Christ the Lord.*

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. (*Memorial Service – Friday 9 June (3.00 pm). Baptisms – Sunday 11 June (11.30 am) & Friday 23 June (2.00 pm). Weddings – Saturday 10 June (2.30 pm) & Saturday 17 June (midday). School service rehearsal – Wednesday 28 June (4.00 pm) & Thursday 29 June (2.00 pm). School Services – Thursday 29 June (4.00 pm), Friday 30 June (11.00 am) & Saturday 1 July (11.00 am).*)

Service Music: *Parish Eucharist:* Mass for three voices, Lotti; Almighty and everlasting God, Gibbons; Hymn to the Trinity, Tchaikovsky; Ubi caritas, Duruflé. Hymns: Lift high the cross, 431, 373, 478. *Choral Evensong:* Introit: Oculi omnium, Wood; Responses: Plainsong; Psalm: 41 Plainsong; Canticles: Sumsion in G; Anthem: Hymn to the Trinity, Tchaikovsky; Hymns: 145, 146.

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

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

Monday 12 June 2023 – Peter Bray, Assistant Organist, Sherborne Abbey

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

Monday 26 June 2023 – Harvey Stansfield, Royal Birmingham Conservatoire

Choirs: The adults of the Abbey Choir will be singing this weekend and then the full choir returns to regular singing until the middle of July. The Abbey Girls' Choir, now numbering fifteen singers, will be singing Evensong at 5.30 pm on Saturday 10 June, Thursday 22 June and Saturday 1 July 2023. All are welcome to attend.

The Abbey Choir is recruiting: There is a vacancy in the Abbey Choir for a voluntary bass singer to join the 'back rows'. Details are available from the Parish Office. Members of the 'back rows' need to be able to sight-read music very well and to commit to the regular routine of Friday night choir practices with two Sunday services for most of the year, in addition to busier periods around Christmas and Easter.

Saturday Concerts: In June, July and September 2023 there are several concerts in the Abbey on Saturday evenings. The Abbey Choir performs on Saturday 24 June (7.00 pm); Sherborne Chamber Choir on Saturday 8 July (7.30 pm); South-West Baroque Orchestra on Saturday 15 July (6.00 pm); Band of the Grenadier Guards on Saturday 23 September (6.30 pm) & the London Welsh Male Voice Choir on Saturday 30 September (7.30 pm).

Westminster Abbey: The Abbey Choir will be singing Choral Evensong in Westminster Abbey on Friday 4 August & Saturday 5 August and then both the Eucharist and Choral Evensong on Sunday 6 August 2023. If there is interest amongst the congregation in attending the **5.00 pm Saturday Evensong**, please contact the Parish Office (or put your name on the list at the rear of the Abbey) as we are looking to organise a coach from Sherborne to London on that day.

James Henderson, Director of Music

Prayer List: *The Sick:* Harry Bond, Bridget Hill, Chris Smallbone, John Bunnell, Julie Preece, Alan Gillard, Paul Heward, John Keating & Dorothy Davidson. *Departed:* Eric Lauder, Oscar Saeck & Katherine Dove & June Helson.

Vergers

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*

Longburton Village Café: On Tuesdays 6 & 20 June 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

Art & Meditation Sessions: A way of exploring our faith through works of art. On Wednesday 14 June & Wednesday 21 June 2023 both from 2.30 pm until 3.30 pm in The Sepulchre Chapel, Sherborne Abbey. Week 1: 'The Avenue at Middelharnis' 1689 Meindert Hobbema; Week 2: Dorothy Hawksley's illustrations for 'The story of Jesus according to Saint Luke' 1949. If you wish to attend one or both 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.mar1@gmail.com

The Reverend David Marl

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. We will meet in the Griffiths Room, Digby Memorial Church Hall, for our next two meetings on Wednesdays 14 June & 12 July 2023 at the slightly later time, 4.30 pm - 5.00 pm.

Shirley Fry (01935 389124)

Mothers' Union: On Friday 23 June 2023, 10.00 am – 12 noon, Griffiths Room, Digby Memorial Church Hall. Slides and talk by Sheila Soper on South Sudan.

Jo Higgs, MU Secretary

The Abbey Shop: We have a new illustrated timeline of *Kings and Queens* in stock – this beautifully produced glossy guide with pullout section covers the lives and key events of Britain's Kings and Queens from William the Conqueror to King Charles III. On sale now at only £6.95! Also a new card range is available from ARTeco - these cards use fibre from well-managed FSC certified forests printed in the UK using vegetable-based inks and supplied in compostable plastic-free slips. Come and have a look!

Phil Prout, Shop Manager

Sherborne Prayer Walk: Would you like to pray for Sherborne and our lovely community regularly? A small group has resolved to walk gently round Sherborne every Sunday afternoon before Evensong. We meet at 5.00 pm at the Abbey and take a route around town stopping to pray for the town, businesses, the hospital, schools, the world and the environment. Do join us if you would like to. The walk takes about 45 minutes. Sometimes praying comes more easily when you pray with others and when we can see what we're praying for.

Kathy Pinsent

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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/>