



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 16 July 2023 – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

**THE ABBEY**

**8.00 am BCP Holy Communion**

Celebrant:

The Reverend Martin Lee

**9.30 am Parish Eucharist**

Celebrant:

The Reverend Martin Lee

Preacher:

Canon Charles Mitchell-Innes

Deacon:

The Reverend Rebecca McDonnell

**Collect:** Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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:** Romans Ch 8: v 1 – 11; Matthew Ch 13: v 1 – 9, 18 - 23

**Hymns:** 185, 186, 304, 345

**6.00 pm Choral Evensong**

Officiant:

The Reverend Martin Lee

**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**

Celebrants:

The Reverend Pene Kennedy

The Reverend John Walton

**STPAULS@THEGRYPHON**

**10.30am All Age Worship**

Leader & Speaker:

The Reverend Jim Edie

**Saturday 22 July 2023**

**5.30 pm Choral Evensong**

Officiant:

The Reverend Martin Lee

*Sung by a visiting choir – Uppingham Parish Church Choir – all welcome!*

**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

**1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month** at 9.00 am – Requiem Holy Communion - The Sepulchre Chapel  
(next service on Friday 4 August 2023)

**3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month** at 11.00 am – Remembering the Fallen (next service Friday 21 July 2023)

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

## Sunday 23 July 2023 – 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

### 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 Christopher Huitson

Deacon:

The Reverend Rebecca McDonnell

*(There are baptisms in the Abbey at 1.00 pm and at 2.00 pm.)*

**6.00 pm Choral Evensong**

Officiant:

The Reverend Martin Lee

*(The Parish Eucharist and Choral Evensong will be sung by Uppingham Parish Church Choir.)*

### CASTLETON CHURCH

Officiants:

The Reverend Martin Lee

**11.15 am Mattins** (*Patronal Sunday*)

The Reverend Rebecca McDonnell

### LILLINGTON CHURCH

**10.00 am Morning Service**

Officiant:

The Reverend Pene Kennedy

### LONGBURTON CHURCH

**10.00 am Holy Communion**

Celebrant:

The Reverend Lesley McCreadie

Preacher:

The Reverend Jenny Nelson

*(Patronal Festival)*

### STPAULS@THEGRYPHON

**10.30am Family Worship**

Leader & Speaker:

The Reverend Jim Edie

## Thought for the Day

*July resumes her yearly place*

*With her milking-maiden face,*

*Ruddy and tanned yet sweet to view*

*When everywhere's a vale of dew.*

So wrote the rural poet John Clare in the 1820s. An alternative view of this month was given by Flanders and Swann in the song that elegantly debunks the British weather: *In July the sun is hot: Is it shining? No, it's not.*

Our summer weather is notoriously unpredictable and is, we gather, likely to become more so. Perhaps it was in the hope of achieving greater consistency in forecasting that the popular belief about St Swithin grew up. As Bishop of Winchester in the 9<sup>th</sup> century he humbly requested that on his death he should be buried outside, rather than in a grand tomb inside. A century later it was decided to bring his body into Winchester Cathedral after all, and that occasion (15<sup>th</sup> July 971) was marked by very heavy rainfall. So it has always been claimed (admittedly with little supporting evidence) that the weather conditions, rain or sunshine, on that day each year would continue for the following 40 days. This year it was yesterday.

In today's Gospel Jesus gives us a farming illustration. The parable of the Sower could demonstrate, among other things, the *precariousness* of our relationship with nature, and our need for humility as we live and work in God's world.

*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. *School rehearsal/service – Tuesday 18 July & Wednesday 19 July (both at 2.00 pm). Baptisms – Friday 21 July (4.00 pm) & Sunday 23 July (1.00 pm & 2.00 pm). Funeral – Friday 28 July (12.30 pm). Wedding – Saturday 29 July (3.30 pm). Choir rehearsal – Saturday 29 July (12.30 pm).*

**Service Music: Parish Eucharist:** Mass for Three Voices, Byrd; O God be merciful, Tye; Hymns: 185, 186, 304, 345. *Choral Evensong:* Introit: Oculi omnium, Wood; Responses: Plainsong; Psalm: 45 Plainsong; Canticles: Short Dorian Service, Tallis; Anthem: O nata lux, Tallis; Hymns: 257 (378), 239. Both services sung by some of the adults of the Abbey Choir.

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

Monday 17 July 2023 – James Henderson, Director of Music, Sherborne Abbey

Monday 24 July – Daniel Blaze, Organ Scholar, Clare College, Cambridge

Monday 31 July – Martyn Noble, Sub-Organist, HM Chapels Royal

**Choirs:** The Abbey Boys' Choir recorded a second 2023 CD last week and it, together with the Christmas CD they recorded in January, should be on sale from early October. The Boys' Choir's last Sunday in the Abbey before September was last weekend, although they will then be in Westminster Abbey 4 - 6 August. The Abbey Girls' Choir are now on holiday for the summer - until September when they will be singing Choral Evensong on Thursdays each week at 5.30 pm.

*James Henderson, Director of Music*

**Westminster Abbey Trip:** If you have signed up for the coach trip to Westminster Abbey on Saturday 5 August 2023, please pay for the cost of the trip, £25.00, by BACS (Lloyds Bank, Sort Code 30-90-89, a/c No 36932960) using the reference '*Westminster – [your surname]*'. If you would prefer to pay by cash or cheque (made payable to Sherborne Abbey PCC), please drop your payment into the Parish Office. Thank you.

*Graham Winter, Verger*

**Prayer List: The Sick:** Harry Bond, Bridget Hill, Chris Smallbone, John Bunnell, Alan Gillard, Robert Harris. *Departed:* June Helson, Stephanie Pollard & Antony Young.

*Vergers*

**Summer BBQs:** Martin and Sue invite you to a Summer BBQ in the Vicarage Garden. We have two Saturday dates available: 12 August (6.00 pm – 8.30 pm) & 9 September 2023 (4.00 pm – 6.00 pm). The September BBQ will be mainly catering for families with children, but all are still welcome. The invitation is open to everyone from the Sherborne Benefice Churches. Please only sign up to **one** of these BBQs to allow as many people as possible to come – you will find sign-up sheets at the back of the Abbey or ring the Parish Office (01935 713777) to book your place. Please note that we are only able to cater for 120 people per event. We very much look forward to welcoming you all to our garden again this summer.

*Martin and Sue Lee*

**Sherborne Community Larder:** Along with the FareShare Larder running at St Paul's Church on Friday mornings, a second weekly Larder started at the West End Hall on Saturday 15 July 2023 from 9.30 am – 10.30 am. They are in need of volunteers to help with this. If you can help, please contact The Reverend Jim Edie [revdjim.edie@gmail.com](mailto:revdjim.edie@gmail.com).

*Caroline Polley, Secretary, SCT*

**Bell Ringing:** On Saturday 22 July 2023 from 3.30 pm by The Romsey Abbey Ringers and on Sunday 30 July 2023 from 5.00 pm by The Society of Rambling Ringers.

*Tim Phillips, Tower Captain*

**The Abbey Shop:** Due to the retirement one of our long-standing shop volunteers, the Abbey shop is looking for a someone to join us on Wednesday mornings 10.30 am – 1.00 pm; just a little till/card payment training needed. Starting time around mid-August. If you are interested please come and see me in the shop or email [shop@sherborneabbey.com](mailto:shop@sherborneabbey.com).

*Phil Prout, Shop Manager*

**Mothers' Union:** We are holding our Summer Lunch at St Paul's Church Hall on Friday 28 July 2023, 12 for 12.30 pm; food provided by our Syrian friends. RSVP by Tuesday 25 July 2023. Bring a friend, all welcome!  
*Jo Higgs, MU Secretary [musecretary@sherborneabbey.com](mailto:musecretary@sherborneabbey.com)*

**Longburton Village Café:** On Tuesday 18 July 2023, 10.30 am – noon, in the village church of St James. The café provides tea, coffee (free refills) & great cakes, just £2.00.

**'Hymns and Pimms':** Don't forget our annual 'Hymns and Pimms' service which takes place on Sunday 30 July 2023 at 6.00 pm. All welcome!  
*The Reverend Lesley McCreadie*

**Blackmore Vale Scribes Calligraphy Exhibition:** On now until Sunday 23 July 2023, the Scribes are holding an exhibition in the Ambulatory, Lady Chapel. The Scribes are a small, informal group of hobby calligraphers who meet monthly to practise, learn and exchange ideas. Workshops are also held, led by professional calligraphers, a few times a year. From beginners to the experienced, new members are always welcome. This exhibition shows some of their work from the last two years with a sea theme running through many, but not all. Come & see!  
*Peter James*

**Friends of Sherborne Abbey Outing to Wells** (Tuesday 12 September 2023): **All welcome - do join us – this trip is open to everyone; you do not have to be a Friend.** The coach will arrive in Wells late morning giving you time to wander/shop/have lunch. Our cathedral tour is at 2.30 pm followed by a 'Loft Cream Tea'. We shall then attend Evensong at 5.15 pm. Only £28.00 per person (which includes coach travel, the tour and afternoon tea)! Please book your place by Friday 18 August 2023. For more details/booking form please email [Joanna.Sams@sherborneabbey.com](mailto:Joanna.Sams@sherborneabbey.com) or ring the Parish Office.  
*Frances Gomme-Duncan*

**Abbey Tours:** Regular guided tours on Tuesdays & Saturdays (10.30 am), Fridays (2.00 pm) & Sundays (11.15 am). 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 contact the Parish Office to arrange a convenient date/time.  
*Harold Clarke*

**Parish Office:** Due to staff holidays, the office will close at 1.00 pm (12.30 pm Friday) next week.

## The Benefice Team

**Team Rector of Sherborne Abbey with Castleton, St Paul's, Lillington and Longburton:**

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

*([Sue.Lee@sherborneabbey.com](mailto: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](mailto:Joanna.Sams@sherborneabbey.com)**

**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/>**