



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 27 August 2023 – 12<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

**Collect:** Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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 12: v 1 - 8; Matthew Ch 16: 13 – 20

**Hymns:** 333, 341, 272, 338 (omit \*)

6.00 pm Choral Evensong	Officiants:	The Reverend Martin Lee
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*(The Parish Eucharist and Choral Evensong will be sung by The Sherborne Singers.)*

### CASTLETON CHURCH

11.15 am Mattins	Officiant:	The Reverend Hugh Bonsey
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### LILLINGTON CHURCH

10.00 am Morning Service	Officiant:	The Reverend Hugh Bonsey
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### LONGBURTON CHURCH

10.00 am Said Holy Communion	Celebrant:	The Reverend Lesley McCreadie
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### STPAULS@THEGRYPHON

10.30am All Age Family Worship	Leader & Speaker:	The Reverend Jim Edie
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*Theme: The Fruits of the Spirit*

## 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

# The Abbey - Weekday Services continued

**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 1 September 2023)

**3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month** at 11.00 am – Remembering the Fallen (next service Friday 15 Sept 2023)

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

## Sunday 3 September 2023 – 13<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 Robert Green

Deacon:

The Reverend Rebecca McDonnell

**6.00 pm Choral Evensong**

Officiant:

The Reverend Martin Lee

*(There is a baptism at 11.30 am.)*

### CASTLETON CHURCH

**11.15 am Mattins**

Officiant:

The Reverend Hugh Bonsey

### LILLINGTON CHURCH

**9.30 am Family Service** *(please note earlier start time)*

Officiant:

The Reverend Hugh Bonsey

### Longburton Church

**10.00 am Family Communion**

Celebrant:

The Reverend Lesley McCreadie

### STPAULS@THEGRYPHON

**10.30am Morning Worship**

Leader:

Mark Greenstock

Speaker:

The Reverend Jim Edie

*Theme: Little Book, Big Message: The Book of Joel*

## Thought for the Day

I wonder what your view of the church is? Is it going down the pan? Has it just a few years left and we will be closing churches right left and centre?

There is much to be drawn out of this Sunday's Gospel reading which is taken from Matthew Ch 16: v 13 - 20; too much to go into here particularly around the topic of 'binding and loosing', but there is a great truth for us the church (and I am talking about the body of Christ not a building!) that we can hold on to. Sewn into Jesus words, as he affirms Peter, He says '*And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it.*' (Matthew Ch 16: v 18). We can easily skip over these words, but they present a reminder to us that, through Jesus' death and resurrection, the victory is already won. Church has, and will continue to, evolve, and change. Like God, it should not be static. Like Jesus, it should bring radical change, and therefore sometimes some forms of 'church' and 'worship' will look very different to what we are used to. After all, the body of Christ is far broader than the Church of England and the Anglican Communion, thank God! Therefore, keep at your heart the knowledge that Jesus is the one who unites us and therefore His followers, the church, will prevail.

*The Reverend Jim Edie*

# Notices

**Visiting Hours: The Abbey** is open to visitors (free of charge) 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. *Baptisms – Sunday 3 September (11.30 am), Sunday 10 September (11.30 am & 2.00 pm) & Sunday 17 September (2.00 pm & 3.00 pm). School service/rehearsal: Tuesday 5 September (9.15 am) & Thursday 14 September (3.00 pm). Concert Rehearsals: Saturday 23 September (1.00 pm – 5.00 pm) & Saturday 30 September (1.30 pm – 4.30 pm).*

**Visiting Choir:** The Sherborne Singers will be singing both the 9.30 am Parish Eucharist and the 6.00 pm Choral Evensong on Sunday 27 August 2023. All are welcome at these services.

**Service Music:** *Parish Eucharist:* Slogrove; O most merciful, Heber; Ave verum, Byrd; Hymns: 333, 341, 272, 338 (omit \*). *Choral Evensong:* Responses: Ayleward; Psalm: 112, Goss; Canticles: Stanford in C; Anthem: All creatures of our God and King, Malcolm Archer; Hymns: 294, 186. Both services sung by The Sherborne Singers.

*James Henderson, Director of Music*

**Organ Recitals:** A new series will start on Monday 18 September 2023.

**Prayer List:** *The Sick:* Harry Bond, Bridget Hill, Chris Smallbone, Alan Gillard, Robert Harris, Anne Turberville, Judith Spelman. *Departed:* Robert Sharpe, Martin Francis, John Leaning, Lucy ('Peggy') Cheeseman, Jim Kerr, James Todd, John Bunnell.

**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' and Evensong at 5.15 pm. Only £28.00 per person (which includes coach travel, the tour and afternoon tea)! More details: [Joanna.Sams@sherborneabbey.com](mailto:Joanna.Sams@sherborneabbey.com) or ring the Office.

**Summer BBQs:** There are still places for Saturday 9 September 2023 (4.00 pm – 6.00 pm). The invitation is open to everyone from the Sherborne Benefice Churches. Please put your name on the sign-up sheet at the back of the Abbey or ring the Parish Office (01935 713777). (*Please note: we are only able to cater for 120 people.*) We hope you can come!

*Martin & Sue Lee*

**Longburton Village Café:** On Tuesdays 29 August, 12 & 26 September 2023, 10.30 am – noon, in the village church of St James. The café provides tea, coffee (free refills) & great cakes, just £2.00.

**Julian Group:** This is not a prayer group – just an opportunity to share half-an-hour's silence & meditation with fellow Christians and let God speak to us. Our next meeting on Wednesday 13 September 2023 and will be held in the Sepulchre Chapel, Sherborne Abbey from 4.00 pm – 4.30 pm. ***Please note new venue and time!***

*Shirley Fry (01935 389124)*

**Mothers' Union:** Our next meeting is on Friday 22 September 2023, 10.00 am for a 10.30 am start, held at the Digby Memorial Church Hall. We have a visiting speaker, Sara Jacson, who is coming to tell us about the work of the local Women's Refuge.

*Jo Higgs, MU Secretary*

**Ride & Stride:** Dorset Historic Churches Trust grant aids repairs to Dorset churches and most of its funding comes from the annual Ride & Stride event – this year to be held on Saturday 9 September 2023. Sherborne walkers, riders, & striders will start from the Abbey at 10.00 am. Two longstanding supporters of the event are Mike Keatinge & Eric Jager. Mike hopes to equal his walk last year visiting 15 local churches & Eric plans to run a marathon taking in 19 Dorset churches. Dogs are also invited to take their owners on a route around some of Sherborne's 12 places of worship to claim a 'Well Done' rosette at the end (more details in September's Monthly Bulletin). Donations via the yellow DHCT envelopes, gift aided if possible. Many thanks.

*Hilary Leavey*

**Afternoon Tea at St Paul's Vicarage:** On Sunday 27 August 2023 from 3.30 pm – 6.00 pm. All welcome but please bring a cake!

*The Reverend Jim Edie*

**Be an Abbey Shop Volunteer!:** Due to one of our shop volunteers retiring, we have a slot on Wednesdays 10.30 am – 1.00 pm. You will be in a friendly environment, meet lots of visitors and most importantly help the mission of the Abbey by selling lots of our wonderful greetings cards, books and gifts. Please come and see me in the shop during staffed hours or email [shop@sherborneabbey.com](mailto:shop@sherborneabbey.com) if you are interested in volunteering. *Phil Prout, Shop Manager*

**Art & Meditation Sessions:** A way of exploring our faith through works of art. On Wednesdays 6 & 13 September 2023, 2.30 pm - 3.30 pm, Sepulchre Chapel, Sherborne Abbey. 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: David Marl 01935 389673 or [burgoyne.marl@gmail.com](mailto:bουργoyne.marl@gmail.com)

**Abbey Regular Guided Tours:** Take place on Tuesdays & Saturdays (10.30 am), Fridays (2.00 pm) & Sundays (11.15 am). There is no charge for tours (donations always appreciated). Just turn up and the guide will be waiting near the porch. *(Please note: On Sunday 3 September, the regular guided tour will take place at 2.00 pm (not 11.15 am) due to baptisms on those mornings. There will not be tours on Sunday 10 September due to baptisms taking place in the morning and afternoon nor on Tuesday 5 September due to organ tuning.)* If you have a larger group, please contact the Parish Office to arrange a convenient date/time. *Harold Clarke, Head Tour Guide*

**Drawing Course:** Join a new, small group tutored by local artist, Adrian Whittlesea. Course title: 'DRAW - Master the art from scratch'. To run for 10 weeks every Monday from 9.30 am - midday, starting Monday 2 October 2023, in the Studio Room, Digby Memorial Church Hall, Digby Road, Sherborne. Full details from Adrian - mobile: 07787 027933 (text please); email: [adrian.whittlesea123@btinternet.com](mailto:adrian.whittlesea123@btinternet.com) *Adrian Whittlesea*

**Parish Office:** The office will be closed on Bank Holiday Monday 28 August 2023 &, due to staff holidays, the office will close at 1.00 pm (12.30 pm Friday) the rest of that week.

## The Benefice Team

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

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### St Mary Magdalene, Castleton and St James the Great, Longburton

*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))**

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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/>**