



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 1 October 2023 – 17th Sunday after Trinity

THE ABBEY – HARVEST FESTIVAL

8.00 am BCP Holy Communion	Celebrant:	The Reverend Martin Lee
9.30 am Parish Eucharist	Celebrant & Preacher:	The Reverend Martin Lee
	Deacon:	The Reverend Rebecca McDonnell

Collect: Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; 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: Phillipians Ch 2: v 1 – 13; Matthew Ch 21: v 23 - 32

Hymns: 420, 456, 310, 486

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

11.15 am Mattins	Officiant:	The Reverend Hugh Bonsey
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(There is a baptism at Castleton at 12.30 pm.)

LILLINGTON CHURCH – HARVEST FESTIVAL *(followed by auction)*

9.30 am Family Service	Officiant:	The Reverend Hugh Bonsey
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LONGBURTON CHURCH

10.00 am Village Communion	Celebrants:	The Reverend Pene Kennedy The Reverend Brenda Phillips
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STPAULS@THEGRYPHON *(Theme: Little Book, Big Message: Philemon)*

10.30am Morning Worship	Leader:	Sandra Cutting
	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

The Abbey - Weekday Services continued

1st Friday of the month at 9.00 am – Requiem Holy Communion - The Sepulchre Chapel
(next service on Friday 6 October 2023)

3rd Friday of the month at 11.00 am – Remembering the Fallen (next service Friday 20 Oct 2023)

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

Sunday 8 October 2023 – 18th 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

Deacon:

The Reverend Rebecca McDonnell

6.00 pm Choral Evensong

Officiant:

The Reverend Martin Lee

CASTLETON CHURCH

11.15 am BCP Holy Communion

Celebrant:

The Reverend Hugh Bonsey

LILLINGTON CHURCH

9.30 am BCP Holy Communion

Celebrant:

The Reverend Hugh Bonsey

LANGBURTON CHURCH

10.00 am Family Communion

Celebrant:

The Reverend Lesley McCreadie

STPAULS@THEGRYPHON (*Theme: Little Book, Big Message: Jude*)

10.30am Morning Worship

Leader:

The Reverend Jim Edie

Speaker:

Kim Dunning

Thought for the Day

For those of us who profess to be followers of Jesus, the Gospel reading, taken from Matthew Ch 21 this Sunday, presents us with a challenge (and an even greater challenge to those of us called to the ministry of priesthood). We know that Jesus isn't a fan of the religious elite. He regularly calls out their hypocrisy and this section of narrative is no different. The scene outlined here is all about our outward actions verses the state of our hearts.

The elders and chief priests were guilty of saying all the right words and undertaking all the correct rites in the temple but had completely missed who firstly, John the Baptist was, and then as a result, secondly, who Jesus was; the long awaited Messiah. They, like the first son, say the right things, but their hearts are in the wrong place, ignoring the truth.

The actions of tax collectors and prostitutes on the other hand appear contradictory to the 'righteous' religious elite, yet they are the ones we find in the Gospel accounts willing to repent, turn to Christ and who are ultimately invited to feast/dine with Him. They are like the second son, they initially say no to religion, perhaps because they know they aren't welcome, but who find in Jesus, the Messiah, the reason to say 'yes'! Hence, they will enter the Kingdom first.

The challenge for us is stark... are we son one or son two?

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. *Concert Rehearsal: Saturday 30 September (1.30 pm – 4.30 pm). Wedding – Saturday 7 October (3.00 pm). School Service – Sunday 8 October (11.30 am). Funeral – Friday 13 October (midday). Visiting Choir Rehearsal – Saturday 21 October (from 1.30 pm).*

Service Music: Parish Eucharist: Ireland in C; Cantique de Jean Racine, Fauré; View me Lord, Lloyd; Lord, I trust thee, Handel; Hymns: 420, 456, 310, 486. *Choral Evensong:* Introit: Salvator mundi, Tallis; Reponses: Tomkins; Psalm 104 vv 1-14, Howe; Canticles: Wood in E flat, number 2; Anthem: Beati quorum via, Stanford; Hymns: 403 (512), 353.

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

Monday 2 October 2023 – Simon Clarkson, Yeovil

Monday 9 October 2023 – Arthur Hope-Barton, Organ Scholar, Sherborne School & Abbey

Choir News: The Abbey Girls' Choir will sing Evensong at 5.30 pm on Thursdays 5 October & 2 November. Do join us, all welcome!

James Henderson, Director of Music

Prayer List: The Sick: Harry Bond, Bridget Hill, Chris Smallbone, Alan Gillard, Robert Harris, , Judith Spelman. *Departed:* Jane Edward, Anne Turberville, John Bunnell, Peter Armitstead. *Vergers*

Autumn Discussion Group – the Psalms: I will be running another discussion group and this time we will be looking at the Psalms. We will meet over 6 weeks starting Wednesday 11 October 2023 through to Wednesday 15 November 2023 from 2.00 pm – 3.00 pm in the Studio, Digby Memorial Church Hall. If you would like to join us, or know more, please give me a call - 01935 321106 or email jb910@icloud.com. **(Please note change of time!)**

John Bradshaw

Coffee Morning: You are invited to the Friends' Coffee Morning on Wednesday 11 October 2023, 10.30 am - 1.00 pm, Digby Memorial Hall. An informal opportunity to meet over tea or coffee with a slice of cake! Do join us and bring a friend, or friends! It would be helpful, for catering purposes, if you could RSVP to Joanna.Sams@sherborneabbey.com. Thank you.

Frances Gomme-Duncan

Julian Group: Not a prayer group; just an opportunity to share ½ hour's silence & meditation with fellow Christians and let God speak to us. The meetings are ecumenical & are very refreshing - why not give it a try? Our next meeting on Wednesday 11 October 2023 and will be held in the Sepulchre Chapel, Sherborne Abbey from 4.00 pm – 4.30 pm.

Shirley Fry (01935 389124)

Mothers' Union: On Friday 27 October 2023; 10.00 am – midday; Griffiths Room, Digby Memorial Church Hall; 'Coffee, Cake & Craft', the art of making Christmas cards led by a member of the Abbey's congregation who sends beautiful cards! Please bring a green and a red pencil, pen or felt tip. Paper provided. All welcome!

Jo Higgs, MU Secretary

Harvest Lunch: We enjoyed a large gathering at this year's Harvest Lunch which, I am delighted to report, raised £400.00 for the Sudan Medical Link. Thank you to all of you who came, to those who helped make extra puddings for the increased numbers and all who donated prizes for the raffle. A great result!

Frances Walker

Eco-Church: The PCC has given me permission to start a committee to look at all aspects of church life relating to our environment and ways of protecting God's wonderful creation. I am keen for all the churches in our benefice to achieve the minimum Bronze standard as rated by the organisation A Rocha. The topics range from Worship & Training, Buildings, Land, Community & Lifestyle. So, whether you are retired clergy, flower arranger, prayer warrior or a congregant who has a real heart for all things environmentally friendly, perhaps you would like to join our committee? I look forward to hearing from you. Thank you. Contact: suebradshaw24@gmamil.com/07715 446416

Sue Bradshaw

Bell Ringing: We are delighted to host the Bath Abbey Ringers on Sunday 1 October 2023 who will be ringing a quarter peal from 4.30 pm. *Tim Phillips, Tower Captain*

Funeral for the late Peter Armistead: Peter's funeral will take place on Thursday 5 October 2023 at 1.00 pm in Sherborne Abbey. *The Reverend Lesley McCreadie*

Longburton Village Café: On Tuesdays 10 & 24 October 2023, 10.30 am – noon, in the village church of St James. The café provides tea, coffee (free refills) & great cakes, just £2.00.

Taizé Service: Half an hour of prayer, meditation and music - on Sunday 8 October 2023 at 6.30 pm, Cheap Street Church. Everyone welcome. *The Reverend Lesley McCreadie*

Volunteer Stewards: We are looking for volunteers to help steward events/concerts in the Abbey. If you are interested please contact the Parish Office. Of course, this would mean you get to view the event free of charge! So if you may be available on an ad hoc basis please let us know?!

Pack Monday Café (16 October 2023): We are looking forward to repeating the success of last year's café in the Digby Memorial Church Hall on 16 October but it cannot happen without your help. If you are able to help again please sign up on the sheet at the back of the Abbey for a 1 or 2 hour slot that suits you. Contact: frances.walker@btinternet.com/01935 817147. Thank you.

Sherborne Churches Together - Christmas Day Lunch: John and I have, for the last few years, arranged and overseen the Christmas Day Lunch. We have decided that this year will be our last, as we have family all over the world and would like to see them at Christmas time. We are therefore looking for someone to take over. Every year it is an absolute joy and privilege to oversee the day, to see first-hand how important and valued the event is, the generosity of people and how incredible all the volunteers are. If you are looking for an exciting and rewarding challenge please get in touch with us. We await your phone calls! *Sue & John Bradshaw (01935 321106)*

Abbey Shop: The shop has a new selection of Advent candles & calendars plus Christmas cards some of which are charity cards including a card in aid of the Friends of Sherborne Abbey. We also have copies of Canon Eric Woods' new book, 'Times & Seasons'. *Phil Prout, Shop Manager*

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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.

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