



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 24 September 2023 – 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

### THE ABBEY – HARVEST FESTIVAL

8.00 am BCP Holy Communion	Celebrant:	The Reverend Lesley McCreadie
9.30 am Parish Eucharist	Celebrant:	The Reverend Martin Lee
	Preacher:	The Reverend John Townend
	Deacon:	The Reverend Rebecca McDonnell

**Collect:** Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; 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:** Jonah Ch 3: v 10 – end of Ch 4; Matthew Ch 20: v 1 - 16

**Hymns:** 263, 262, 287, 261

6.00 pm Choral Evensong      Officiant:      The Reverend Martin Lee

### CASTLETON CHURCH – HARVEST FESTIVAL

11.15 am Mattins      Officiant:      The Reverend Hugh Bonsey

*(There is a baptism at Castleton at 2.00 pm.)*

**LILLINGTON CHURCH** *(Lillington is celebrating Harvest on 1 October.)*

9.30 am Morning Service      Officiant:      The Reverend Hugh Bonsey

### LONGBURTON CHURCH – HARVEST FESTIVAL

10.00 am Family Communion      Celebrants:      The Reverend Lesley McCreadie  
The Reverend Brenda Phillips  
The Reverend Pene Kennedy

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

10.30am Morning Worship      Leader:      The Reverend Jim Edie  
Speaker:      Tabitha Smith

## 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

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

**3<sup>rd</sup> 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 1 October 2023 – 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

### THE ABBEY

<b>8.00 am BCP Holy Communion</b>	Celebrant:	The Reverend Martin Lee
<b>9.30 am Parish Eucharist</b>	Celebrant & Preacher:	The Reverend Martin Lee
	Deacon:	The Reverend Rebecca McDonnell
<b>6.00 pm Choral Evensong</b>	Officiant:	The Reverend Martin Lee

### CASTLETON CHURCH

<b>11.15 am Mattins</b>	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)*

<b>9.30 am Family Service</b>	Officiant:	The Reverend Hugh Bonsey
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### Longburton Church

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

<b>10.30am Morning Worship</b>	Leader:	Sandra Cutting
	Speaker:	Mark Greenstock

## Thought for the Day

On the festival of Harvest, we are once again, called to ponder on the gift of food and to give thanks to God for his abundant goodness. Pondering on the gifts of food at this time calls us also to be reminded not only of nature's gifts, but also on its power. The recent earthquake and floods are a clear reminder of how powerful the forces of nature can be. The devastation over the past few weeks, not just to the buildings and landscape, but the huge loss of life, for which there is no real words to express how saddened we feel at this time, creates a rather sad atmosphere as we approach Harvest this year, for we are only too aware of those trapped and unable to find food to eat, or those who have been forced to save one member of their family over the life of another. Jesus knew only too well of the hardship and complexities of our human existence, for he was rejected and persecuted long before his final walk to the cross on Golgotha. It is his journey towards his cross that brings us hope. The journey which endures in terms of pain, humiliation and eventual death. As Jesus hung on his cross, he was able to ask for forgiveness of those who had hammered the nails into his hands.

As we become more aware of our need to care for the world, so too are we reminded of the call to care for one another. Harvest is then, that perfect time for us not only to give thanks for the gifts before us in our food, but for the gifts of those who sit beside us. So may we be reminded that our Autumnal journey is a time when we can stop and give thanks for all that is before us and beside us, and for the God of mercy and peace who calls us along our Christian personal journey.

*The Reverend Martin Lee*

# 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 Rehearsals: Saturday 23 September (1.00 pm – 5.00 pm) & 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).*

**Harvest Festival Service Music:** *Parish Eucharist:* Missa O quam gloriosum, Victoria; Thou visitest the earth, Greene; Salvator mundi, Tallis; Hymns: 263, 262, 287, 261. *Choral Evensong:* Introit: O Lord, increase my faith, Loosemore; Reponses: Reading; 65, Turle; Canticles: Jackson in G; Anthem: For the beauty of the earth, Rutter; Hymns: 262, 259.

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

**Monday 25 September 2023** – Robert Costin, Head of Academic Music, Sherborne School

**Choir News:** The Abbey Girls' Choir has resumed its singing of Evensong on Thursdays at 5.30 pm. 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, Shirley Blake, Henry Potts.

**Harvest Sunday (24 September 2023):** Please give what you are able using the Gift Aid envelopes marked 'Harvest' with a yellow dot. Donations will be split between the Sudan Medical Link and Christian Aid (*cheques payable to 'Sherborne Abbey PCC'*). Please bring all donations of perishable and non-perishable food to church this Sunday. Thank you. We should also like to thank Ralph Berry for providing the wheat sheaves for our Harvest Festival.

*The Reverend Martin Lee*

**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 2.30 pm – 3.30 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](mailto:jb910@icloud.com).

*John Bradshaw*

**Coffee Morning:** Everyone is invited to the Friends' Coffee Morning on Wednesday 11 October 2023; from 10.30 am until 1.00 pm at the 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](mailto:Joanna.Sams@sherborneabbey.com) to let us know if you will be coming. Thank you.

*Frances Gomme-Duncan*

**FIAC:** FIAC continues to show our love as a parish in the donations we make. Recently we have confirmed a substantial emergency payment of £5,000 to the Province of Sudan where the Archbishop & his staff have had their cathedral & offices occupied; they are now in temporary accommodation in Port Sudan. We have had lovely thank-you letters from local primary school pupils whom we supported on their summer residential course. We have allocated further monies to support work in Ukraine and a donation to a church in Grenada, West Indies, to buy instruments for worship. As part of planning our spending for the next round of grants from the PCC, we have allocated £5,000 to help address the cost of living crisis locally. A small group of us is looking at this actively. If you have ideas as to how this would best be done we would be delighted to consider them. If you would like further details do please email me [john.crossman@btinternet.com](mailto:john.crossman@btinternet.com)

**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! We need a few more on the evening of Saturday 30 September so if you are available please let us know?!

*Parish Office*

**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*

**Pack Monday Café (16 October 2023):** We are looking forward to repeating the success of last year's Pack Monday Fair Café in the Digby Memorial Church Hall on 16 October but it cannot happen without your help. We had a terrific response last year which enabled us to organise a successful and enjoyable event. If you are able to help again please sign up on the sheet at the back of the Abbey for a one or two -hour slot that suits you. If you would like any more information please email [frances\\_walker@btinternet.com](mailto:frances_walker@btinternet.com) or 01935 817147. Thank you.

*Frances Walker, Abbey Social Committee*

**Longburton Village Café:** On Tuesday 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.

**Concert:** On Saturday 30 September 2023 at 7.00 pm - The London Welsh Rugby Club Choir. Tickets £12.50: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-london-welsh-rugby-club-choir-in-sherborne-abbey-tickets-679633160077>

**Sherborne Churches Together - Christmas Day Lunch:** As some of you may be aware, 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 and we can chat it through with you. 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*

## The Benefice Team

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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/>**