



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 22 October 2023 – 20<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

**Collect:** God, the giver of life, whose Holy Spirit wells up within your Church: by the Spirit's gifts equip us to live the gospel of Christ and make us eager to do your will, that we may share with the whole creation the joys of eternal life; 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:** 1 Thessalonians Ch 1: v 1 - 10; Matthew Ch 22: v 15 - 22

**Hymns:** 373, 372, 294, 351

**6.00 pm Choral Evensong**

Officiant:

The Reverend Martin Lee

### CASTLETON CHURCH

**11.15 am Mattins**

Officiant:

The Reverend Hugh Bonsey

### LILLINGTON CHURCH

**9.30 am Morning Service**

Officiant:

The Reverend Hugh Bonsey

*(There is a memorial service at Castleton on Friday 27 October 2023 at 11.00 am)*

### LONGBURTON CHURCH

**10.00 am Said Holy Communion**

Celebrant:

The Reverend Pene Kennedy

### STPAULS@THEGRYPHON

*No service – Ammerdown Retreat weekend away – anyone not going on the retreat are encouraged to attend one of the other services in the Benefice.*

## 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 3 November 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 29 October 2023 – Last Sunday after Trinity (Bible Sunday)

### THE ABBEY

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

### CASTLETON CHURCH

<b>11.15 am BCP Holy Communion</b>	Officiant:	The Reverend Hugh Bonsey
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### LILLINGTON CHURCH

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

<b>10.00 am Morning Service</b>	Celebrant:	The Reverend Lesley McCreadie
	Deacon:	The Reverend Rebecca McDonnell

### STPAULS@THEGRYPHON (Theme: Bible Sunday)

<b>10.30am Morning Worship</b>	Leader:	John Crossman
	Speaker:	'Voices from St. Paul's'

## Thought for the Day

While staying recently in Galloway, in south west Scotland, we visited friends in Whithorn. On the shore there, beneath the cliffs, you can find St Ninian's cave. Little is known about Ninian's life, but he is acknowledged as Scotland's first saint, beginning his mission to his people in the late fourth century. He was also a bishop, so he would have combined his missionary activities with more local episcopal duties and his own life of prayer. In this he followed the example of that monastic bishop, St Martin of Tours; remains of a monastery have been found near Whithorn, and it may not be too fanciful to imagine Ninian retreating to his cave for periods of prayer and meditation. Bede, some 300 years later, described him as "a most reverend bishop and holy man." I find the way in which he combined action and prayer - the one stemming from the other - greatly encouraging. If we feel that we live in a troubled world, we know that Ninian's was more so, with the collapse of the stability provided by the Roman empire. His answer was neither to despair nor to distance himself from human strife and wickedness, but to involve himself by praying for that world and by actively drawing others to God in his ministry of Christian outreach and reconciliation - a model we ourselves may find helpful.

*Canon Charles Mitchell-Innes*

# 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. *Funeral/Memorial Services – Tuesday 24 October (1.00 pm), Wednesday 25 October (12.30 pm), Friday 3 November (12.30 pm) & Friday 24 November (2.00 pm). Visiting Choir Rehearsal – Saturday 28 October (from 4.15 pm).*

**Choral Music:** Members of the 'back rows' of the Abbey Choir will be singing the services this weekend whilst the choristers have two Sundays off. *Parish Eucharist:* Mass for Three Voices, Byrd; Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake, Farrant; Deliver us, O Lord our God, Batten; Hymns: 373, 372, 294, 351. *Choral Evensong:* Introit: I will lift up mine eyes, Walker; Reponses: Plainsong; Psalm: 84, vv1-7 Plainsong; Canticles: Sumsion in G; Anthem: O how amiable are thy dwellings, Vaughan Williams; Hymns: 244, 337.

**Organ Recitals:** On Mondays at 1.30 pm (no recital next week), retiring collection, all welcome.

*Monday 30 October 2023 – Paul Cheater—Organist, Leweston*

*Monday 6 November 2023 – Stephen Bell—Ash*

**Visiting Choir:** We are delighted to welcome The Saint John Singers who will be singing a Choral Evensong on Saturday 28 October 2023 at 5.30 pm. The choir will also be singing at the 9.30 am Eucharist and 6.00 pm Choral Evensong on Sunday 29 October 2023. All are welcome to attend these services.

*James Henderson, Director of Music*

**Prayer List:** *The Sick:* Harry Bond, Bridget Hill, Chris Smallbone, Alan Gillard, Robert Harris, Judith Spelman. *Departed:* Stephen Rose, Bev Brewer & Joe Herbert.

**All Souls' Requiem List:** The list is now on one of the tables at the back of the Abbey for you to enter the names of those you wish to be remembered on All Souls' Day. The Requiem Eucharist will take place on Thursday 2 November 2023 at midday in the Abbey.

*Vergers*

**Longburton Village Café:** On Tuesdays 24 October, 7 & 21 November 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:** 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 8 November 2023 and will be held in the Sepulchre Chapel, Sherborne Abbey from 4.00 pm – 4.30 pm.

*Shirley Fry (01935 389124)*

**Abbey Bell Ringers:** We are sad to announce the death of Joe Herbert, previous Tower Captain for 25 years. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends.

**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*

**Pack Monday Café:** Thank you so much to all who made delicious cakes & tray-bakes for the Pack Monday Café, and also to those who worked so hard making sandwiches, serving tea and coffee and cakes, cooking, clearing tables and washing up. We are very grateful for your generous gifts of time and energy. It was a most successful day!

*Frances Walker*

**Day of Prayer and Gifts:** This will take place on Saturday 28 October 2023 in the Abbey. Further details will be sent out to those on the electoral roll and will then also be at the back of the Abbey.

*The Reverend Martin Lee*

**Toy Sunday:** On Sunday 26 November 2023, the Feast of Christ the King, is **Toy Sunday** throughout the Benefice. This is the day on which all five of our churches welcome gifts of toys, books and games for children and young people, plus toiletries/PJs for the mums (to make up 'pamper hampers'), who would otherwise have a lean time of it at Christmas. The recipients will be the North Dorset Women's Refuge and other local charities. Everything now depends on gathering a wonderful array of gifts. **All** gifts must be **new** and also **unwrapped** (except for their original packaging, of course). Single bedding is also welcome, again must be **new**. Please bring your gift to your church or drop off at the Parish Office. Very many thanks. *The Reverend Martin Lee*

**"A Taste of Syria":** Delicious Middle Eastern cooking, sharing tasty dishes, homemade in Sherborne on Monday 23 October 2023 at St Paul's Church Hall, 6.30 pm for 7.00 pm. Buffet tickets: £20.00 each from [tasteofsyriatickets@gmail.com](mailto:tasteofsyriatickets@gmail.com). 50% of profits going to the National Autistic Society. *Cath Adam*

**Abbey Shop:** We are now selling the popular and inviting annual guide 'Daily Reflections for Advent & Christmas – Waiting in Joyful Hope 2023-2024' in the shop. *Phil Prout, Shop Manager*

**Friends' Christmas Cards:** Available for sale in the Abbey – come and stock up! *Chris Hamon*

**Dementia Friends:** We may know someone in our family, a friend or neighbour who has dementia and wonder how we can help them. On Saturday 11 November 2023 (11.00 am – 12 midday, St Paul's Church, St Paul's Close, DT9 4DU) Charlotte Parsons, a Dementia Friends Ambassador, will lead an informal session which will address many of our concerns. Do come. Dementia Friends is a social action movement designed so that anyone can get involved and not only improve their understanding of dementia but also contribute to making their community more dementia-friendly. Please contact Sue Hawkett 07867 538052 for more information. *Sue Hawkett*

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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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