

The Abbey - Weekday Services continued

Every Thursday at 12 noon – BCP Holy Communion - The Lady Chapel

Every Friday at 9.00 am – Ecumenical Holy Communion - The Sepulchre Chapel

1st Friday of the month at 9.00 am – Requiem Holy Communion - The Sepulchre Chapel
(next service on Friday 3 November 2023)

3rd Friday of the month at 11.00 am – Remembering the Fallen (next service Friday 17 Nov 2023)

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

Sunday 5 November 2023 – 4th Sunday before Advent

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 Rebecca McDonnell

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 Family Service

Officiant:

The Reverend Hugh Bonsey

Longburton Church

10.00 am Village Communion

Celebrant:

The Reverend Lesley McCreadie

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

10.30am Morning Worship

Leader & Speaker:

The Reverend Jim Edie

Thought for the Day

I have often heard that women are the sensible ones in a house, for they read the instructions when a new product is purchased. On the other hand, men, some argue, play with it first and only if they cannot make it work do they, as a result, read the instructions. Of course, you may disagree with me, but many of you might be nodding your head at this point.

As Sue would tell you, I always smile because I fit into the above. Reading the instruction book can take us very nicely to where we are this Sunday. Bible Sunday, the word Bible can be read as Best Instructions Before Leaving Earth, as I am sure many of you will have heard. That being the case, I am sure the first paragraph above is not entirely true!

Pondering on the gift of scripture is deeply important, for in the pages that we read, we not only learn of God's will for us to be a people filled with Love for one another but also a people who can come into a living relationship with God our heavenly father. In the life of Jesus, we see time and time again how he takes the disciples and others around him and, therefore, us, as readers, back to the tenants of our faith in a God whose loving, forgiving grace can transform our lives.

Looking into the world at the moment, it is undoubtedly a place where the forgiving nature of God is so deeply needed to be understood, where Love can transform the hearts so committed to violence into hearts of reconciliation and forgiveness. It is my prayer, and indeed I am sure all our prayers, that peace can be found and the lives of vulnerable women and children are saved. May the wounds of those in our war-torn world be touched and healed by God's Love, and the minds of violence become minds of Love and peace. The Bible is undoubtedly the best book of instruction ever recorded.

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. *Funeral/Memorial Services – Friday 3 November (12.30 pm), Thursday 23 November (2.30 pm) & Friday 24 November (2.00 pm).*

Service Music: *Parish Eucharist:* Schubert in G; Let all mortal flesh, Bairstow; Hymns: 333, 408, 285, 271. *Choral Evensong:* Introit: O for a closer walk, Stanford; Responses: Hylton Stewart; Psalm: 119 vv 89-96; Canticles: Smart in B flat; Anthem: O Lord the maker of al thing, Joubert; Hymns: 396, 252.

Organ Recitals: On Mondays at 1.30 pm, 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.

Girls' Choir Evensong: Do please join us for the next Girls' Choir Evensong in Sherborne Abbey at 5.30 pm on Thursday 2 November 2023. *James Henderson, Director of Music*

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

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.

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 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)*

New facilities for the Abbey: Proposals to provide new toilet and vestry facilities, and improved accessibility, at Sherborne Abbey are available to view on the Abbey website and in The Lady Chapel. We welcome your feedback on the plans either via www.sherborneabbey.com/new-facilities or in writing to the Parish Office. *PCC/Steering Group*

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*

Taize Servicé: Half an hour of prayer, meditation and music - 2nd Sunday of the month at 6.30 pm, Cheap Street Church. Everyone welcome. Next service: Sunday 12 November 2023.

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*

Mothers’ Union: On Friday 24 November 2023; 10.00 am – midday; Griffiths Room, Digby Memorial Church Hall; talk by John Crossman, Chair of FIAC, about how Faith in Action operates locally; All welcome! (Please note that the MU Carol Service will take place in the Abbey on Friday 8 December 2023 at 10.00 am.) *Jo Higgs, MU Secretary*

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*

Longburton Carol Workshop & Concert: On Saturday 18 November 2023; St James Church (DT9 5PG); workshop 10.00 am – 4.00 pm with tea, cakes & concert 4.00 pm – 5.30 pm. Sing and/or play wonderful old Dorset carols from Traditional Carols, an 1893 carol book sung for years in the village – or just come to the concert! Singers of all standards & string/wind players welcome. Cost: £15.00 (includes music book, tea/coffee but please bring your own lunch). To book/more details: alysonaedwards@gmail.com or 07585 338450. No need to book/no charge for concert but donations appreciated for church funds/Future Roots. *Alyson Edwards*

Wessex Strings Concert: On Sunday, 19 November 2023; 3.00 pm; Cheap Street Church. Programme: Bach Orchestral Suite No 1, Boyce Symphony No 2, Warlock Capriol Suite, Walton Two pieces from Henry V, Tippett Little Music for String Orchestra. Tickets: £10.00 from Winstone Books, Sherborne (cash only) or £12.00 on the door (U18 free). *Deborah Bathurst*

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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/>