



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

Saturday 11 November 2023 – Armistice Day

11.00 am Two-minute Silence, War Memorial

Officiant: The Reverend Martin Lee

Sunday 12 November 2023 – 3rd Sunday before Advent

Remembrance Sunday

THE ABBEY

8.00 am BCP Holy Communion

Celebrant:

The Reverend Martin Lee

9.30 am Parish Eucharist

Celebrant:

The Reverend Martin Lee

(no sermon)

Deacon:

The Reverend Rebecca McDonnell

Collect: Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of all: govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Readings:

Wisdom Ch 6: v 12 – 16; Matthew Ch 25: v 1 - 13

Hymns:

496 (354), 94, 381, 494 (413)

11.00 am Remembrance Service

Officiants:

The Reverend Martin Lee

(Please note: No parking on the Abbey grounds on this day.)

The Reverend Rebecca McDonnell

(This service will start at the War Memorial at 11.00 am and then continue inside the Abbey.)

6.00 pm Choral Evensong

Officiant:

The Reverend Martin Lee

CASTLETON CHURCH

10.45 am Remembrance Service

Officiant:

The Reverend Robert Green

LILLINGTON CHURCH

10.45 am Remembrance Service

Officiant:

The Reverend Hugh Bonsey

LONGBURTON CHURCH

Officiant:

The Reverend Pene Kennedy

10.50 am Remembrance Service

Preacher:

The Reverend Brenda Phillips

STPAULS@CHEAP STREET METHODIST CHURCH *(Theme: All Age Remembrance)*

10.45 am All Age Parade Service

Leaders:

The Reverend Jim Edie

The Reverend Kate Konrad

(10.45 am start – or come & join us after the Parade & Act of Remembrance at the Memorial.)

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

The Abbey - Weekday Services continued

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

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 19 November 2023 – 2nd Sunday before Advent

THE ABBEY

8.00 am BCP Holy Communion	Celebrant:	The Reverend Martin Lee
9.30 am Parish Eucharist	Celebrant & Preacher:	Canon Charles Mitchell-Innes
	Deacon:	The Reverend Robert Green
6.00 pm Choral Evensong	Officiant:	The Reverend Martin Lee

CASTLETON CHURCH

11.15 am Mattins	Officiant:	The Reverend Christopher Huitson
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LILLINGTON CHURCH

9.30 am Morning Service	Officiant:	The Reverend John Townend
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LONGBURTON CHURCH

10.00 am Family Communion	Celebrant:	The Reverend Martin Lee
	Deacon:	The Reverend Rebecca McDonnell

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

10.30 am Holy Communion	Leader:	The Reverend Jim Edie
	Speaker:	Mark Greenstock

Thought for the Day

One of my earliest memories as a child is of my grandfather on parade on Remembrance Day with a chest full of gleaming medals earned on the field of battle in Northern France, from when he joined up in July 1915 until he was wounded in July 1918. He served in the Royal Field Artillery: one of those young men riding on charging horses as the field guns were moved into position. Fast forward seventy years or so and I could be found on the battlefields he fought on, having taking Year 9 students on a battlefield visit to Northern France. Now very sanitised, it was still possible to imagine the rows of soldiers lined up ready to 'go over the top'. The French who live in this part of the world live with the physical of memory of WW1 and WW2 every day. Farmers still uncover unexploded munitions as they plough fields, bodies are still recovered and given a ceremonial burial. Those graveyards so beautifully kept by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, stand testimony to the loss of life in two world wars by men and women from all over the world in defence of our liberty and of our values. As the guns fell silent on Armistice Day 1918, in the Forest of Compiegne so much was hoped for in terms of peace. This weekend we have the opportunity to remember all those who have fought in wars on our behalf in the last century and those who died so that we might live lives where truth, honesty, respect for each other regardless of race, religion, education or gender are taken as a given. Each life loved and missed but each life 'Known unto God'. **We will remember them.** *The Rev Lesley McCreadie*

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 – Wednesday 22 November (11.30 am), Thursday 23 November (2.30 pm) & Friday 24 November (2.00 pm). School/Choir Rehearsals – Thursday 30 November (1.00 pm) & Saturday 2 December 2023 (9.00 am & 2.00 pm).*

Abbey Bellringers: The bellringers will be ringing a quarter peal from 4.30 pm this Sunday for Remembrance and in memory of Ron Repton, a former Abbey bellringer. *Tim Phillips, Tower Capt*

Service Music: Parish Eucharist: Setting: Murray; Hymns 496 (354), 94, 381, 494 (413). *Remembrance Service:* Greater Love, Ireland; Hymns Order of Service 6, 2, 4, 1, 10. *Choral Evensong:* Introit: Call to remembrance, Farrant; Responses: Smith; Psalm: 82, Stanford; Canticles: Stanford in B flat; Anthem: In paradisum, Fauré; Hymns: 387, 490. *James Henderson, Dir of Music*

2023 Abbey Choir CD: The new CD, A Sherborne Christmas, is available in the Abbey Shop from 15 November! Amongst many favourites is Howells' A Spotless Rose, Rutter's Sans Day Carol, Darke's In the bleak midwinter plus an arrangement of Silent Night. Is this the ultimate stocking filler?!

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

Monday 13 November 2023 – Simon Clarkson, Yeovil

Monday 20 November – Robert Costin, Head of Academic Music, Sherborne School

Prayer List: The Sick: Harry Bond, Bridget Hill, Chris Smallbone, Alan Gillard, Robert Harris, Judith Spelman. *Departed:* Helen Tannahil, George Facer, Rosemary James, Myra Clear & Sally Mowlam.

PBS Cranmer Awards: The Prayer Book Society will be holding heats of the Cranmer Awards in the Lady Chapel on Saturday 18 November 2023 from 10.30 am until 12 noon. Open to pupils aged 11 – 18 years (can enter as individuals or through church/school) who are asked to read a passage of choice from the 1662 Book of Common Prayer. Age groups: 11-14 yrs/15-18 yrs. The winner of each goes forward to the National Finals at Hampton Court Palace on Saturday 24 February 2024.

Contact: *Rosemary Paige* roeypaige@btinternet.com

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!

Jo Higgs, MU Secretary

Sherborne Good Neighbours: AGM on Friday 24 November 2023; 12 noon - 1.30pm; Roman Catholic Church Hall, Westbury. Do come! All those who would like to find out more about volunteering with Good Neighbours are most welcome. If you can spare an hour occasionally, please contact Mike Hatch (Chairman) 01935 815806 or m.hatch1471@btinternet.com. *(Supported by Sherborne Churches Together and Sherborne Town Council.)*

Mike Hatch

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

Christmas Messy Church: There will be a meeting in the Vicarage at 10.00 am on Saturday 18 November 2023 for anyone willing to help run a craft table at this event (to be held in the Digby Memorial Hall on Friday 22 December 2023 from 10.00 until midday).

Sue Lee

Advent Play-Reading 2023: On Friday 24 November 2023; 7.30 pm; *'The Madness of King Herod'* at Highbank, Marston Road, Sherborne DT9 4BL. Refreshments, including wine and soft drinks, from 7.00 pm. Play-reading followed by informal discussion. Over by 8.45 pm. For more details please contact Mike Keatinge (01935 389377) or Mark & Hester Greenstock (812561). Tickets (free of charge and include the refreshments) are available from the Parish Office. *Mark Greenstock*

Christmas Tree Festival: Sherborne Churches Together are again running the popular Christmas Tree Festival at Cheap Street Church from Saturday 2 – Saturday 9 December 2023. We are looking for stewards to cover hourly slots. If you can help please speak to the Curate, Becca, who will be at Longburton and the Abbey in the coming weeks (rev.becca.mcdonnell@gmail.com).

The Reverend Rebecca McDonnell

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

Abbey Shop: We are now selling Advent calendars & candles plus a great range of Christmas card packs & boxes (some charity and those in aid of the Friends'). Also the popular and inviting annual guide *'Daily Reflections for Advent & Christmas – Waiting in Joyful Hope 2023-2024'* (£2.95). Or what about our lovely hand crafted Christmas sweet/chocolate pouches, bookmarks, tree decorations and Remembrance bags made by Jakki Dickson-Smith (with all proceeds going to charities; more details in the shop). Do come and have a look!

Phil Prout, Shop Manager

EZO Christmas Appeal 2023: Support the work of the Diocese of Ezo, South Sudan by helping the 700 children of Masumbu School to build a kitchen, grow crops, install solar panels & school resources. Donations by BACS to 'Sherborne Deanery Synod A/C' (Sort Code 60-19-12; a/c 97819735) or cheque (payable to 'Sherborne Deanery Synod A/C') sent to Ezo Link, Milton Brook, Corscombe, Dorset DT2 0NU. Help others to have a future this Christmas - thank you. *Ezo Link*

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Parish Office – 01935 713777 (Monday – Friday 9.00 am – 3.00 pm (1.00 pm on Mondays))

Email: Joanna.Sams@sherborneabbey.com

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/>