



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 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

Collect: Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious Kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Readings: 1 Thessalonians Ch 5: v 1 – 11; Matthew Ch 25: v 14 - 30

Hymns: 439, 353, 341, 486

6.00 pm Choral Evensong

Officiant:

The Reverend Martin Lee

CASTLETON CHURCH

11.15 am Mattins

Officiant:

The Reverend Christopher Huitson

LILLINGTON CHURCH

9.30 am Morning Service

Officiant:

The Reverend John Townend

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

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 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 26 November 2023 – Sunday next before Advent/ Christ the King/Toy Sunday

THE ABBEY

8.00 am BCP Holy Communion

Celebrant:

The Reverend Martin Lee

9.30 am Parish Eucharist

Celebrant:

The Reverend Martin Lee

Deacon:

The Reverend Rebecca McDonnell

6.00 pm Choral Evensong

Officiant:

The Reverend Martin Lee

CASTLETON CHURCH

11.15 am Mattins

Officiant:

The Reverend Robert Green

LILLINGTON CHURCH

9.30 am Morning Service

Officiant:

The Reverend John Townend

LONGBURTON CHURCH

10.00 am Said Holy Communion

Celebrants:

The Reverend Pene Kennedy

The Reverend Brenda Phillips

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

10.30 am Morning Worship

Leader & Speaker:

The Reverend Jim Edie

*Don't forget **Crafts and Carols** at St Paul's Church this Sunday from 3.00 pm – 5.00 pm – all welcome!*

Thought for the Day

Advent Sunday is on 3rd December, the beginning of the Church's Year and the Season of Advent. But it is a Season that the world passes by. The consumerist Christmas has been in full swing for some time. Christmas grottos have been installed, along with the full spectrum of Christmas gifts. Thursday this week in America is the festival of Thanksgiving, which is actually more important than Christmas in terms of families getting together. It is a wonderful time of being a four-day holiday. In contrast, Christmas Day is only one day as there is no Boxing Day.

The day following Thanksgiving is Black Friday: this is the first day of planning for Christmas, with the accompanying sales. Of course, we now also have Black Friday, but I doubt if many people know what the day means, as few people know about Thanksgiving.

We, of course, had Harvest Festivals; and we, together with Americans, share the time between thanksgiving and the celebration of Christmas. For Christians, Advent is part of that time, in which we wait for the Coming of the Lord: a time which is so important, but so often overlooked.

The Reverend Hugh Bonsey

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).*

Regular Guided Tour: Please note that, due to organ tuning, the tour on Friday 1 December at 2.00 pm will not take place.
Harold Clarke, Head Tour Guide

Service Music: Parish Eucharist: Setting: Missa Brevis, O'Donovan; Anthems: Justorum animae, Stanford; O Lord, my God to thee, Arcadelt; O most merciful, Wood. Hymns 439, 353, 341, 486. *Choral Evensong:* Introit: We wait for thy loving kindness, McKie; Responses: Reading; Psalm: 136 vv 1–9, 19–27, Lloyd; Canticles: Bairstow in D; Anthem: Save us, O Lord, Bairstow; Hymns: 250, 363.
James Henderson, Director of Music

2023 Abbey Choir CD: The new CD, A Sherborne Christmas, is now available in the Abbey Shop (£10.00). 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 20 November 2023 – Robert Costin, Head of Academic Music, Sherborne School

Monday 27 November 2023 – Arthur Hope-Barton, Organ Scholar, Sherborne Abbey

Prayer List: *The Sick:* Harry Bond, Bridget Hill, Chris Smallbone, Alan Gillard, Robert Harris, Judith Spelman. *Departed:* John West, 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 who are asked to read a passage of choice from the 1662 Book of Common Prayer. The winners go 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 - 1.30 pm; 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

Public Consultation Session: The Town Council is holding this session about the replanting of the lime tree avenue in the Abbey Close on Monday 27 November 2023 at the Digby Hall, Hound Street from 2.00 pm until 8.00 pm.
Mike Keatinge

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*

The Benefice Team

Team Rector of Sherborne Abbey with Castleton, St Paul's, Lillington and Longburton:

The Reverend Martin Lee

The Vicarage, Abbey Close, Sherborne, Dorset DT9 3LQ.

Tel: 01935 713777 or 07725 593100 Email: martinlee903@btinternet.com

Assistant Curate: The Reverend Rebecca McDonnell Email: rev.becca.mcdonnell@gmail.com

Team Vicar:

The Reverend Jim Edie

with particular responsibility for St Paul's

Church, Sherborne. St Paul's Vicarage,

8 Kings Road, Sherborne DT9 4HU

Tel: 01935 816444 (office)/revdjim.edie@gmail.com Dorset DT9 4HG. Tel: 01935 812749

Associate Priest:

The Reverend Hugh Bonsey

with particular responsibility for

St Martin of Tours, Lillington

11 Fairfield, Bristol Road, Sherborne,

Tel: 01935 812749

St Mary Magdalene, Castleton & St James the Great, Longburton - *Contact Sue Lee at the Parish Office (Sue.Lee@sherborneabbey.com) for enquiries about these two churches.*

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/>