



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 5 November 2023 – All Saints Day

THE ABBEY

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| 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 |

Collect: Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; 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 John Ch 3: v 1 – 3; Matthew Ch 5: v 1 - 12

Hymns: 197, 466, 396, 196 (128ii)

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| 6.00 pm Choral Evensong | Officiant: | The Reverend Martin Lee |
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CASTLETON CHURCH

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| 11.15 am Mattins | Officiant: | The Reverend Hugh Bonsey |
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LILLINGTON CHURCH

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| 9.30 am Family Service | Officiant: | The Reverend Hugh Bonsey |
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LONGBURTON CHURCH

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| 10.00 am Village Communion | Celebrant: | The Reverend Lesley McCreadie |
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STPAULS@THEGRYPHON (*Theme: Little Book, Big Message - Habakuk*)

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| 10.30am Morning Worship | Leader & Speaker: | The Reverend Jim Edie |
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Saturday 11 November 2023 – Armistice Day

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| 11.00 am Two-minute Silence, War Memorial | Officiant: | The Reverend Martin Lee |
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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

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

The Abbey - Weekday Services continued

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 12 November 2023 – 3rd Sunday before Advent Remembrance Sunday

THE ABBEY

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| 8.00 am BCP Holy Communion | Celebrant: | The Reverend Martin Lee |
| 9.30 am Parish Eucharist (no sermon) | Celebrant: | The Reverend Martin Lee |
| | Deacon: | The Reverend Rebecca McDonnell |
| 11.00 am Remembrance Service | Officiants: | The Reverend Martin Lee The Reverend Rebecca McDonnell |

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

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| 6.00 pm Choral Evensong | Officiant: | The Reverend Martin Lee |
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CASTLETON CHURCH

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| 10.45 am Remembrance Service | Officiant: | The Reverend Robert Green |
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LILLINGTON CHURCH

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| 10.45 am Remembrance Service | Officiant: | The Reverend Hugh Bonsey |
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Longburton Church

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| 10.50 am Remembrance Service | Officiant: | The Reverend Pene Kennedy |
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STPAULS@CHEAP STREET METHODIST CHURCH *(Theme: All Age Remembrance)*

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| 10.45 am All Age Worship | Leaders: | The Reverend Jim Edie The Reverend Kate Konrad |
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(10.45 am start – or come & join us after the Parade & Act of Remembrance at the Memorial.)

Thought for the Day

The nights are drawing in and Autumn is firmly here (along with the storms to go with it!). I have already had a number of conversations with people about how they do not like this time of year and cannot wait for the lights that appear in Advent which brighten things up so much. This week, in the approach to All Saints Day on 1 November, we had Halloween which is often another time that, understandably, people do not like. However, we have young children and therefore, inevitably, there is some excitement in our house about all the potential sweets! Following last year, we again decided to provide a 'light stop' at the Vicarage on Kings Road. With fairy lights, shelters and gazebos put up, we welcomed between 250-300 people throughout the evening for a lucky dip, hot chocolate and a bit of shelter in the pouring rain. Our aim? As followers of Jesus and therefore his Saints, to provide a bit of 'light in the darkness' of Halloween, and it is fair to say that it was well received. Many churches, including Sherborne Abbey, will be celebrating All Saints Day this Sunday and it is here that we celebrate the light and hope offered. A hope that is summed up by the Apostle John in this Sunday's New Testament reading, a hope that those who are followers of Christ can be called 'children of God' and therefore we are all His Saints.

'See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are.' (1 John Ch 3: v 1a)

The Reverend Jim Edie

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 7 November (2.00 pm), 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 (2.00 pm).*

Service Music: *Parish Eucharist:* Mass for four voices, Byrd; O nata lux, Tallis; Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake, Farrant; Almighty and everlasting God, Gibbons; Hymns: 197, 466, 396, 196 (128ii). *Choral Evensong:* Introit: O holy spirit, Lord of grace, Tye; Responses: Tomkins; Psalm: 22 vv 1–13, 28–32, Camidge; Canticles: Second Service, Byrd; Anthem: O God, thou art my God, Purcell; Hymns: 396, 251.

James Henderson, Director of Music

Girls' Choir Evensongs- : On Thursdays 16 & 30 November 2023. 5.30 pm; Sherborne Abbey.

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

Monday 6 November 2023 – Stephen Bell, Ash

Monday 13 November 2023 – Simon Clarkson, Yeovil

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

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

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

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. Although most requests are for transport to surgeries/local hospitals, we would welcome new drivers & also volunteers prepared to visit, check on the housebound and help with shopping. 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

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*

Taizé Service: 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.

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*

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 338150. 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 includes Bach, Boyce, Warlock, Walton & Tippett. Tickets: £10.00 from Winstone Books, Sherborne (cash only) or £12.00 on the door (U18 free). *Deborah Bathurst*

The Benefice Team

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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/>