



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 9 December 2023

7.30 pm Salamanca Band of the Rifles Christmas Concert.

*Start Christmas with the Rifles!* Free entry, all welcome, retiring collection.

## Sunday 10 December 2023 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

### THE ABBEY

8.00 am BCP Holy Communion	Celebrant:	The Reverend Katie Windle
9.30 am Parish Eucharist	Celebrant:	The Reverend Martin Lee
	Preacher:	The Reverend Rebecca McDonnell

**Collect:** O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

**Readings:** 2 Peter Ch 3: v 8 – 15a; Mark Ch 1: v 1 - 8

**Hymns:** 7, 12, 170 (i), 466

2.45 pm Dorset Provincial Grand Lodge Carol Service		The Reverend Martin Lee
5.00 pm Christingle	Officials:	The Reverend Martin Lee The Reverend Rebecca McDonnell

### CASTLETON CHURCH

11.15 am BCP Holy Communion Celebrant: The Reverend Hugh Bonsey

### LILLINGTON CHURCH

9.30 am BCP Holy Communion Celebrant: The Reverend Hugh Bonsey

### LONGBURTON CHURCH

10.00 am Family Communion Celebrant: The Reverend Pene Kennedy

### STPAULS@THEGRYPHON *(Theme: Advent/Christmas)*

10.30 am Holy Communion Leader: The Reverend Jim Edie  
Speaker: Tabitha Smith

## 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

**1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month** at 9.00 am – Requiem Holy Communion - The Sepulchre Chapel  
(next service on Friday 5 January 2024)

**3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month** at 11.00 am – Remembering the Fallen (next service Friday 15 Dec 2023)

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

## Sunday 17 December 2023 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of 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 Robert Green

Deacon:

The Reverend Rebecca McDonnell

**1.30 pm & 2.30 pm Shoppers' Carols**

*(part of The Sherborne Market day)*

**5.00 pm Abbey Festival of  
Lessons and Carols**

Officials:

The Reverend Martin Lee

The Reverend Rebecca McDonnell

### CASTLETON CHURCH

**11.15 am Mattins**

Officiant:

The Reverend Hugh Bonsey

### LILLINGTON CHURCH

**6.00 pm Carol Service**

Officiant:

The Reverend Hugh Bonsey

*(Eats/drinks after the service)*

### Longburton Church

**4.00 pm Carol Service with Nativity**

Celebrant:

The Reverend Lesley McCreadie

### STPAULS@THEGRYPHON *(Theme: Advent/Christmas)*

**10.30 am All Age Nativity Service**

Leaders & Speakers:

COSMIC Team

## Thought for the Day

I seem to have acquired a bit of a reputation when it comes to Christingle Services. It is certainly a great way for our children to engage with the true meaning of the Light of Christ and to acknowledge God's gifts to the world. This year, I understand, The Reverend Jim Edie will once again dress as a Christingle! I know, the mind boggles. But on a serious note, our Christingle Service is a great way for The Children's Society to raise much needed funds for their organisation. Every child at Sherborne Abbey Primary School has had a collection candle into which they have been encouraged to collect money for The Children's Society and the collection at our service will go to the same organisation. Why is this so important? The Children's Society runs vital services that help this country's most vulnerable young people. By listening, supporting and acting to change children's lives, the society brings hope to young people who are suffering so that they can enjoy the bright futures that every child deserves. With our help children and young people can have light in their lives. If the Christingle Service is not for you (although I cannot possibly understand why not!), you can still help by using one of the donation envelopes you will find at the back of The Abbey. All our Christingles are assembled by members of the Mothers' Union for which I am very grateful.

*The Reverend 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. *Rehearsals – Tuesday 12 December (9.00 am & 12.45 pm) & Friday 15 December (10.00 am). Carol Services – Sunday 10 December (2.45 pm) & Friday 15 December (2.00 pm). Funeral/Memorial Services – Monday 11 December (2.00 pm), Wednesday 13 December (midday) & Monday 18 December (2.00 pm).*

**Guided Tours:** Our regular guided tours have now finished but we are still very happy to undertake guided tours by arrangement with the Parish Office – do give Joanna a ring if you would like a tour!

**Service Music: Parish Eucharist:** Setting: Missa O quam gloriosum, Victoria; Anthems: Christe, redemptor omnium, Matthew Martin; Adam lay ybounden, Ord. Hymns 7, 12, 170 (i), 466. *Christingle Service:* A maiden most gentle, Carter. *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:** (Mondays at 1.30 pm) A new series will begin in January 2024.

**Prayer List:** *The Sick:* Harry Bond, Chris Smallbone, Alan Gillard, Robert Harris, Judith Spelman, Florence Bachelor, David Dodd & Julie Mahony. *Departed:* Myra Clear, Linda Rowe, Stephen Saunders & Bridget Hill. *Andrew Cross, Head Verger*

**Toy Sunday:** Thank you so much for all the toys, books, games, toiletries and PJs etc that so many of you kindly donated for Toy Sunday. The North Dorset Women's Refuge, Rendezvous in Sherborne and The Hidden Needs Trust have benefited from your kind generosity.

*The Reverend Martin Lee*

**Christmas Concert:** On Monday 11 December 2023 at 7.30 pm in the Abbey featuring Sherborne Abbey Choir, Sherborne Town Band and music groups from the Gryphon School. Carols, music and song! Do join us; free entry; all welcome.

**A Quieter Christmas Service:** On Thursday 14 December 2023 at 7.00 pm in The Lady Chapel.

**Festive Evensong:** The Sherborne Singers will be singing Festive Evensong in the Abbey on Tuesday 19 December 2023 at 5.00 pm.

**Mulled Wine & Mince Pies with Carols!:** Join us on Wednesday 20 December 2023 from 7.00 pm in the Lady Chapel and then sing carols outside (weather permitting). All most welcome!

**Messy Church:** On Friday 22 December 2023, 10.00 am – midday, Digby Memorial Church Hall. Christmas themed art & craft activity session; all ages from 4+ (to be accompanied by an adult); no charge; all welcome!

*Sue Lee, Parish Office*

**UK Railtours Carol Service:** On Saturday 23 December 2023 at 2.30 pm in the Abbey. All welcome!

**Phil Prout Retirement:** Some of you will be aware that the Abbey's Shop Manager, Phil Prout, is retiring at the end of December after over 30 years of service to the Abbey in various positions (not to mention being a choir boy in his youth!). His wife, Sally, who regularly volunteers and has helped with school visits etc, is also retiring at the same time. We would like to mark their service to the Sherborne Benefice with a gift. If you would like to contribute, please put cash or a cheque (made payable to Sherborne Abbey PCC) into an envelope, mark the envelope '**A Gift for Phil Prout**' and deliver it to the Parish Office or give to the vergers. Thank you.

*Parish Office*

**Confirmation Classes:** If you, or your child, is interested in confirmation, there are classes starting for adults and children very soon. Please contact the Rector.

*The Reverend Martin Lee*

**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 13 December 2023 and will be held in the Lady Chapel, Sherborne Abbey from 4.00 pm – 4.30 pm. *Shirley Fry (01935 389124)*

**Day of Prayer & Gifts:** We should like to thank all of you who so generously donated on our Day of Prayer & Gifts on Saturday 28 October 2023. A total of just under £3,000.00 was gifted which we appreciate so very much. Thank you. *The Reverend Martin Lee*

**Sherborne Food Bank Christmas Food Box Appeal:** If you are able to give a helping hand to the hungry this Christmas, please donate tinned ham/salmon/fruit, jars of pickles/pate/dips, packet stuffing mix, Christmas cake/log/puds/biscuits/chocolates, mince pies, long-life jellies/custard/spray cream, savoury crackers/snacks, cordials/squash, children's treats, Christmas crackers etc. Gluten/dairy free, vegetarian/vegan options always welcome. There is a donation basket at the back of the Abbey and it is possible to make a monetary donation using the QR code displayed on the basket. Other donation points are near the check-outs at Waitrose, Sainsburys, Co-op, Hunts and Dikes (Stalbridge). [www.sherbornefoodbank.org](http://www.sherbornefoodbank.org) *Liz Murray*

**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](http://www.sherborneabbey.com/new-facilities) or in writing to the Parish Office. *PCC/Steering Group*

**Mothers' Union:** The first meeting of 2024 will take place on Friday 24 January 2024 at 10.00 am in the Griffiths Room, Digby Memorial Church Hall. We will celebrate by sharing in the Eucharist followed by our AGM. All welcome! *Jo Higgs, MU Secretary*

**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

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**St Mary Magdalene, Castleton & St James the Great, Longburton** - Contact Sue Lee at the Parish Office ([Sue.Lee@sherborneabbey.com](mailto: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](mailto: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/>