



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 14 January 2024 – 2nd Sunday of Epiphany/ Plough Sunday

THE ABBEY

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

Collect: Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; 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: Psalm 139: v 1 – 5, 12 – 18; John Ch 1: v 43 - end

Hymns: 56, 481 (462), 304, 55

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

11.15 am BCP Holy Communion	Celebrant:	The Reverend Hugh Bonsey
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LILLINGTON CHURCH

9.30 am BCP Holy Communion	Celebrant:	The Reverend Hugh Bonsey
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LONGBURTON CHURCH

10.00 am Family Communion	Celebrants:	The Reverend Pene Kennedy The Reverend Brenda Phillips
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STPAULS@THEGRYPHON *(Theme: Prayer & Power)*

10.30 am Holy Communion	Leader:	The Reverend Jim Edie
	Speaker:	John Crossman

The Abbey – Weekday/Monthly 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/Monthly Services continued

1st Friday of the month at 9.00 am – Requiem Holy Communion - The Sepulchre Chapel
(next service on Friday 2 February 2024)

3rd Friday of the month at 11.00 am – Remembering the Fallen (next service Friday 19 Jan 2024)

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

Sunday 21 January 2024 – 3rd Sunday of Epiphany

THE ABBEY

8.00 am BCP Holy Communion	Celebrant:	The Reverend TBC
9.30 am Parish Eucharist	Celebrant:	The Reverend Martin Lee
	Preacher:	The Reverend John Townend
6.00 pm Choral Evensong	Officiant:	The Reverend Martin Lee

CASTLETON CHURCH

11.15 am Mattins	Officiant:	The Reverend Hugh Bonsey
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LILLINGTON CHURCH

9.30 am Morning Service	Officiant:	The Reverend Hugh Bonsey
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Longburton Church

10.00 am Family Communion	Celebrant:	The Reverend Lesley McCreadie
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STPAULS@THEGRYPHON (Theme: "Simon Peter")

10.30 am All Age Worship	Leader & Speaker:	The Reverend Jim Edie
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Thought for the Day

This week's collect in Common Worship (see page 1) is a beautifully written and carefully balanced prayer, which I commend to you. On this occasion, though, I would like to consider this Sunday's Book of Common Prayer collect, which entreats God: "Mercifully hear the supplications of thy people, and grant us thy peace all the days of our life." In a time of bitter conflicts around the world, these words offer reassurance, recalling as they do Jesus' farewell to his disciples: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you" (John Ch 14: v 27). The Hebrew word *shalom*, which underlies this, is used as a greeting to mean not only peace but the health and prosperity which peace brings. A fine sentiment, no doubt! But does it imply that we should withdraw from the turmoil of the world into a cosy piety? Jesus' next words give the lie to that: "Not as the world gives do I give [my peace] to you." The world's offer of peace can easily mean escapism, avoiding trouble, refusing to face life's difficulties. Jesus' peace acknowledges suffering and sorrow, our own and the world's, and does not shy away from them. But in handing them over to God, in prayer and in action, we are promised that inner peace which cannot be taken from us.

The famous First World War padre Geoffrey Studdert Kennedy ('Woodbine Willie') experienced, alongside the soldiers he served, all the horrors of the trenches. Yet his poem *My Peace I Give unto You* concludes with this verse:

"Blessed are the souls that solve
The paradox of Pain,
And find the path that, piercing it,
Leads through to Peace again."

Canon Charles Mitchell-Innes

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 30 January (10.30 am) & Friday 2 February (2.30 pm). School Service: Saturday 27 January (11.00 am). Concert – Wednesday 31 January (2.00 pm).*

Guided Tours: Our regular guided tours will restart in April 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 Brevis, O'Donovan; Anthems: A boy was born, Britten; Cantique de Jean Racine, Fauré; O nata lux, Tallis; Hymns 56, 481 (462), 304, 55. *Choral Evensong:* Introit: Omnes de saba venient, Handl; Responses: Ayleward; Psalm: 27 vv 1-7, Harrison; Canticles: Noble in B minor; Anthem: The three kings, Cornelius; Hymns: 54 (ii), 57.

Sherborne Abbey Girls' Choir Evensong: On Thursday 25 January 2024 at 5.30 pm in the Abbey. All are welcome to attend.

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

Monday 15 January 2024 – Louis Fletcher, Choral Scholar, Sherborne Abbey & School

Monday 22 January 2024 – James Henderson, Director of Music, Sherborne Abbey

Monday 29 January 2024 – Arthur Hope-Barton, Organ Scholar, Sherborne Abbey & School

James Henderson, Director of Music

Prayer List: *The Sick:* Harry Bond, Chris Smallbone, Alan Gillard, Robert Harris, Florence Bachelor & Julie Mahony. *Departed:* Philip Antell, Shirley Antell, Joan Barter, Peter Newton & Stuart Rowe.

Andrew Cross, Head Verger

Taizé Service: Half an hour of prayer, meditation and music - 2nd Sunday each month, 6.30 pm, Cheap Street Church. This informal, ecumenical service, based on the Taizé Community's worship founded by Br Roger in Burgundy, France, now attracts thousands of young people each summer. Taizé music has become part of the worshipping life of churches worldwide. Everyone welcome. Next service: Sunday 14 January 2024. vicarlesley@outlook.com. *The Reverend Lesley McCreadie*

Mothers' Union: The first meeting of 2024 will take place on Friday 26 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! (musecretary@sherborneabbey.com) *Jo Higgs, MU Secretary*

Sherborne Snowdrop Service Remembrance & Thanksgiving Service: Everyone is most welcome to attend this service on Friday 2 February 2024 at 11.00 am at Cheap Street Church. The Sherborne Book of Remembrance will be available and there will be an opportunity to add the names of a loved one to this book at the end of the service. Refreshments available. *Sue Hawkett, SCT*

Message from Phil Prout: "Thank you to all who contributed towards my retirement gift and for all the kind messages and cards. Thank you for supporting the shop in the cottage and in the north west area of the Abbey. I would also like to thank all of the shop volunteers, both past and present, for all their hard work, loyalty and dedication. Please support my successor, Mark, in his new role as Shop Manager."

Phil Prout

Holy Communion: Should any member of the congregation require a gluten free wafer for communion please let this be known when you enter the Abbey and ensure you receive communion from myself where I will have gluten free wafers available. *The Reverend Martin Lee*

Longburton Village Café: Held in the village church of St James, the café provides tea, coffee (free refills) and great cakes for just £2.00 and will be open on Tuesdays 16 & 30 January 2024 from 10.30 am until noon.

The Reverend Lesley McCreadie

SCT Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: Traditionally observed during the Octave of St Peter & St Paul, our Week of Prayer takes place between 18 – 25 January 2024. The theme for this year is 'You shall love the Lord your God... and your neighbour as yourself.' (Luke Ch 10: v 27) There will be a Prayer Meeting at Cheap Street Church from 9.45 am on Thursday 18 January 2024, with The Reverend Martin Lee leading the Thought for the Day at 10.30 am followed by coffee in the church hall. All are welcome. On Sunday 21 January 2024, The Reverend Rebecca McDonnell (Curate, Sherborne Abbey) will lead the 10.30 am service at Cheap Street Church. Caroline Polley, SCT

Faith in Action Committee (FIAC): Every year FIAC recommends to you two charities for the parish to pray for and support financially during Lent. This is an immensely powerful witness to our concern for those in need. Over the years we have supported causes including Confident Children out of Conflict in South Sudan, our partner church St Saviour's in Riga, Latvia, Feeding Hungry Afghans in Kabul, and locally the Rendezvous, Future Roots and Tinney's Youth Club, as well as Mother's Union holidays and Harbour Vale School. FIAC meets on Thursday 18 January 2024 to consider options for Lent 2024. We choose one local charity and one overseas one. If you have any suggestions for us to consider, who would really benefit from our prayers and a donation usually in the region of £3,000.00, please email by Wednesday 17 January 2024 (john.crossman@btinternet.com or 07721 616003). John Crossman, Chair

Talk on Health & Social Care: On **Saturday 27 January 2024;** 10.30 am; St Paul's Church, DT9 4DU. "Planning ahead for care.....what might I do just in case" presented by Chris Cain who will share his long experience and knowledge about how to navigate our health and social care systems. He will answer questions and provide signposting when thinking about care in the future for ourselves and family. Further details contact: Sue Hawkett 07867 538052. Sue Hawkett

The Abbey Shop: After the busy Christmas period, why not relax with a cuppa and enjoy a good read with one of our Rosie Lear murder mysteries? Plenty of titles to choose from along with our selection of cards and gifts. Looking forward to seeing you in 2024! Come and meet me – your new shop manager! Mark Prideaux, Shop Manager

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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.

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