



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 21 January 2024 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany

### 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 John Townend

**Collect:** Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; 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:** Revelation Ch 19: v 6 – 10; John Ch 2: v 1 -11

**Hymns:** 338, 337, 345, 453

6.00 pm Choral Evensong	Officiant:	The Reverend Martin Lee
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### 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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## Thursday 25 January 2024 – Choral Evensong – 5.30 pm

Sung by the Sherborne Abbey Girls' Choir – do join us!

*(See page 3 for Service Music.)*

## 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

**1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month** at 9.00 am – Requiem Holy Communion - The Sepulchre Chapel

(next service on Friday 2 February 2024)

**3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month** at 11.00 am – Remembering the Fallen (next service Friday 16 Feb 2024)

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

## Sunday 28 January 2024 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Epiphany

### THE ABBEY

<b>8.00 am BCP Holy Communion</b>	Celebrant:	The Reverend Martin Lee
<b>9.30 am Parish Eucharist</b>	Celebrant:	The Reverend Lesley McCreadie
	Preacher:	The Reverend Christopher Huitson
	Deacon:	The Reverend Rebecca Mc Donnell
<b>6.00 pm Choral Evensong</b>	Officiant:	The Reverend Martin Lee

### CASTLETON CHURCH

<b>11.15 am Mattins</b>	Officiant:	The Reverend Hugh Bonsey
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### LILLINGTON CHURCH

<b>9.30 am Morning Service</b>	Officiant:	The Reverend John Townend
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### Longburton Church

<b>10.00 am Said Holy Communion</b>	Celebrants:	The Reverend Pene Kennedy
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### STPAULS@THEGRYPHON *(Theme: "Paul, God's chosen instrument")*

<b>10.30 am Morning Worship</b>	Leader:	The Reverend Jim Edie
	Speaker:	The Reverend Martin Lee

## Thought for the Day

As we continue our journey through Epiphany, this Sunday we come across the first of the seven so called 'signs' in John's Gospel: the Wedding at Cana and the miracle of wine into water. Although it only features in John's Gospel and not in the Synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark and Luke), this is also seen in church tradition as the miracle that 'launched' Jesus' public ministry. And what a public ministry that was, a ministry that is still being spoken about 2000 years later, a ministry that brought hope, healing, transformation, truth and justice then, and, through the Holy Spirit, still does today.

In light of the Post Office and Horizon miscarriage of justice brought back to the minds of many by ITV, this week in Acts of Worship at the Gryphon we have been looking at justice, and in particular Jesus' passion for justice. We have reflected on the fact that justice for Jesus, and in the Bible, is not really about the court room as we would perhaps think of today, but about a rebalancing of creation and working for equality. We have looked in particular at the story of the woman caught in adultery, along with others healed throughout his ministry. We have reflected on the transformation of people's lives, bringing them from the person shunned, outcast, marginalised to a person accepted in society; creation rebalanced, a step towards equality made, the values of God's Kingdom announced!

The miracle at the Wedding at Cana is the first sign, the first foretaste of the richness that the Kingdom of God, initiated by Jesus here on earth, has to offer. What follows are signs that the values of the earth will be swept away by the renewal found in Jesus, and justice and restoration will come.

*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 30 January (10.30 am), Thursday 1 February (3.00 pm) & Friday 2 February (2.30 pm). School Service: Saturday 27 January (11.00 am). Concert Rehearsal – 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 O quam gloriosum, Victoria; Anthems: Salvator mundi, Tallis; Thou knowest Lord, Purcell; Hymns 338, 337, 345, 453. *Choral Evensong:* Introit: Omnes de saba venient, Handl; Responses: Tomkins; Psalm: 34 vv 1–14, 21–22, Parratt; Canticles: Jackson in G; Anthem: Lo! star-led chiefs, Crotch; Hymns: 251, 239.

**Sherborne Abbey Girls' Choir Evensong:** On Thursday 25 January 2024 at 5.30 pm in the Abbey. All are welcome to attend. **Service Music:** Introit: Oculi omnium, Wood Responses: Ferial; Psalm: 119 vv 145–152, Turler; Canticles: Noble in A minor; Anthem: Expectans, expectavi, Wood; Hymns: 377, 252. Future services on Thursdays 8 & 29 February 2024 (5.30 pm).

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

**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:* Joan Barter, Stuart Rowe, Yvonne Allen & Michael Barrington.

*Andrew Cross, Head Verger*

**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](mailto: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 30 January & 13 & 27 February 2024 from 10.30 am until noon. *The Reverend Lesley McCreadie*

**Abbey Close Benches:** The Town Council are currently re-furbishing some of the benches.

**Shrove Lunch:** The Social Committee are holding their annual Shrove Lunch in the Digby Memorial Hall on Sunday 11 February 2024. Details re tickets etc to follow in next week's Pewsheet!

**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. For more details please see the poster displayed in the Abbey's porch. 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. 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 ([john.crossman@btinternet.com](mailto: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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**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.

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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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