



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 28 January 2024 – Candlemas/Presentation of Christ in the Temple

THE ABBEY

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

Collect: Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh: grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Readings: Hebrews Ch 2: v 14 – end; Luke Ch 2: v 22 - 40

Hymns: 263, 44 (282), 378, 336

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 John Townend
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LONGBURTON CHURCH

10.00 am Said Holy Communion	Celebrants:	The Reverend Pene Kennedy The Reverend Brenda Phillips
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STPAULS@THEGRYPHON (*Theme: "Paul, God's chosen instrument"*)

10.30 am Morning Worship	Leader:	The Reverend Jim Edie
	Speaker:	The Reverend Martin Lee

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 16 Feb 2024)

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

Sunday 4 February 2024 – 2nd Sunday before Lent

THE ABBEY

8.00 am BCP Holy Communion	Celebrant:	The Reverend Lesley McCreadie
9.30 am Parish Eucharist & Confirmation Service	Celebrant & Preacher:	The Rt Reverend Stephen Lake, Bishop of Salisbury
	Deacons:	The Reverend Martin Lee The Reverend Lesley McCreadie The Reverend Rebecca McDonnell
6.00 pm Choral Evensong	Officiant:	The Reverend Martin Lee

CASTLETON CHURCH

11.15 am Mattins Officiant: The Reverend Hugh Bonsey

LILLINGTON CHURCH

9.30 am Family Service Officiant: The Reverend Hugh Bonsey

Longburton Church

10.00 am Village Communion Celebrant: The Reverend Diane Gingell

STPAULS@THEGRYPHON *(Theme: “forgiveness and healing”)*

10.30 am Morning Worship Leader: Sandra Cutting
Speaker: The Reverend Jim Edie

Thought for the Day

Friday 2nd February is the Festival of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple, often called “Candlemas”.

It marks a turning point in this part of the Church’s Year. The Christmas Cycle finishes on that day. From then on, we look away from the scene of our Lord’s birth towards the place of his death: the Cross.

This glorious day, celebrating one of the most precious and beautiful scenes portrayed in the Bible, is also one of great sorrow as we hear that reference by Simeon to the death of Jesus, when Mary stands at the foot of the Cross to watch her son die in agony, and then to receive his body into her arms.

The Presentation of Jesus is shown as having particular importance to Mary and Joseph as they marvelled at what was said about their son (Luke Ch 2: v 33).

The image of Jesus being presented to God is strong for us too, as we live our lives. Our futures hold both glory and suffering; yet through our obedience to God, by the bearing of the Light of Christ in the world, our own lives can be offered to him in sacrifice and praise that we may become his children now and forever.

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 – Tuesday 30 January (10.30 am), Thursday 1 February (3.00 pm) & Friday 2 February (2.30 pm). 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 Aeterna Christi munera, Palestrina; Anthems: O taste and see, Vaughan Williams; When to the temple Mary went, Eccard; Almighty and everlasting God, Gibbons; Hymns 263, 44 (282), 378, 336. *Choral Evensong:* Introit: Thou knowest Lord, Purcell; Responses: Smith; Psalm: 136 vv 1–9, 19–27, Lloyd; Canticles: Howells in G; Anthem: When to the temple Mary went, Eccard; Hymns: 387, 385.

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

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

Monday 5 February 2024 – Paul Ellis, Organist Emeritus

Sherborne Abbey Girls' Choir Evensongs: The Girls' Choir will sing Evensong at 5.30 pm on Thursdays 8 & 29 February 2024. All are welcome to attend. *James Henderson, Director of Music*

Prayer List: *The Sick:* Harry Bond, Chris Smallbone, Alan Gillard, Robert Harris, Florence Bachelor, Julie Mahony Valerie Revell & Pam Dodge. *Departed:* Joan Barter, Stuart Rowe, Yvonne Allen & Michael Barrington. *Andrew Cross, Head Verger*

Sherborne Schools' Choral Society Concert: On Wednesday 31 January 2024 in Sherborne Abbey at 7.30 pm. Handel's Messiah conducted by Mark Cracknell with David Arkell (organist). Soloists: Katherine Hawnt (soprano), Matthew Minter (tenor), Stephen Harvey (countertenor) & William Drakett (bass). Tickets (£15.00/£12.00/£10.00) from events@sherborne.com

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*

Shrove Lunch: The lunch will be held in the Digby Memorial Hall on Sunday 11 February 2024, 12.30 pm for 1.00 pm. Please get your tickets from the Parish Office in good time so the cooks have plenty of notice for catering purposes - it really does help and saves unnecessary waste. Tickets cost £10.00 (adults)/£5.00 (children) to include pork & butterbean casserole (vegetarian alternative), trifle, wine, soft drinks, tea & coffee. There will be a raffle in aid of this year's Lent Projects. Please bring any raffle contributions to the Parish Office. Thank you. We look forward to seeing you at the lunch. *Frances Walker, Social Committee*

Ash Wednesday Services: On Wednesday 14 February 2024 in the Abbey - 10.30 am Holy Communion (*without ashing*); 7.00 pm Holy Communion (*with ashing*). *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*

Rector's Email Hacked: Please note that Martin's BT email has been hacked and the account has been closed down. Do not reply to or open any attachments from any 'odd' email from this account. If you need to contact Martin please use Rector@sherborneabbey.com.

Longburton Lent Lunches: On Tuesdays 20 February & 19 March 2024; St James' Church, Longburton; 12.30 pm – 1.30 pm. Do pop in for soup, bread & cheese. Donations for Christian Aid.

The Reverend Lesley McCreadie

Toilet Project: The display in the Lady Chapel of drawings for the Toilets Project has been updated. It will be seen that the new drawings answer at least some of the questions raised on the earlier set. We hope to have a full submission considered by the Diocesan Advisory Committee at their February meeting.

Mike Keatinge

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 11 February 2024. vicarlesley@outlook.com. *The Reverend Lesley McCreadie*

Mothers' Union: The next meeting will take place on Friday 23 February 2024 at 10.00 am in the Griffiths Room, Digby Memorial Church Hall. Luke Mouland will talk about the links the Sherborne Museum has with the Abbey. All welcome! musecretary@sherborneabbey.com *Jo Higgs*

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 is on Wednesday 14 February 2024 and will be held in the Lady Chapel, Sherborne Abbey from 4.00 pm – 4.30 pm.

Shirley Fry (01935 389124)

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

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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Parish Office – 01935 713777 (Monday – Friday 9.00 am – 3.00 pm (1.00 pm on Mondays))

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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.

Website: <https://www.sherborneabbey.com/>