



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 11 February 2024 – Sunday next before Lent

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 Rebecca McDonnell

Collect: Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Readings: 2 Corinthians Ch 4: v 3- 6; Mark Ch 9: v 2 - 9

Hymns: 343, 334, 397, 466

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	Celebrant:	The Reverend Lesley McCreadie
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STPAULS@THEGRYPHON (*Theme: Lent Series: Conflict & calling; "Jesus and controversy"*)

10.30 am Holy Communion	Leader:	The Rev Canon Jonathan Triffitt
	Speaker:	Mark Greenstock

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

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

3rd Friday of the month at 11.00 am – Remembering the Fallen (next service Friday 16 Feb 2024)

The Abbey – Weekday/Monthly Services continued

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

Ash Wednesday - Wednesday 14 February 2024 - Abbey

10.30 am Holy Communion

Celebrant: The Reverend Martin Lee; Deacon: The Reverend Rebecca McDonnell

7.00 pm Holy Communion

Celebrant: The Reverend Martin Lee; Deacon: The Reverend Rebecca McDonnell

Sunday 18 February 2024 – 1st Sunday of Lent

THE ABBEY

8.00 am BCP Holy Communion

Celebrant:

The Reverend Katie Windle

9.30 am Parish Eucharist

Celebrant:

The Reverend Martin Lee

6.00 pm Choral Evensong

Preacher:

The Reverend Robert Green

Officiant:

The Reverend Martin Lee

CASTLETON CHURCH

11.15 am Mattins

Officiant:

The Reverend Hugh Bonsey

LILLINGTON CHURCH

9.30 am Morning Service

Officiant:

The Reverend John Townend

Longburton Church

10.00 am Family Communion

Celebrant:

The Reverend Lesley McCreadie

STPAULS@THEGRYPHON *(Theme: Lent Series: Conflict & calling; “Valentines”)*

10.30 am All Age Worship

Leader:

The Reverend Jim Edie

Speaker:

The Reverend Rebecca McDonnell

Thought for the Day

It hardly seems possible that next week sees the beginning of Lent. I do hope as many of you as can will attend one of the services here in The Abbey on Ash Wednesday to mark the start of your personal journey through this special time of preparation for Easter.

We often speak of giving up things for Lent - chocolate, alcohol, cakes and biscuits. To decide on a personal discipline is a good idea, but something to be kept quietly between you and God. Others of you may decide to 'do' something extra in Lent. Perhaps you will decide to join us for Morning Prayer each day or to attend a mid-week celebration of the Eucharist. It may be that you decide to support a particular charity in Lent. You could join us at St James for our two Lent lunches on Tuesdays 20 February and 19 March when all the proceeds will be sent to Christian Aid.

Whatever your decision, the important point is that you try to keep a good Lent – a holy Lent. Holy means to 'set apart' – Lent should therefore be a time set apart from all other time when through your prayer and devotion you can draw nearer to God. Our Abbey bookshop has a good selection of reading material for Lent, why not have a look, there is something for everyone.

What ever way you choose to keep Lent this year, I wish you a holy and thoughtful one.

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. *Funeral/Memorial Services – Friday 16 February (1.00 pm). School Services/Events – Saturday 24 February (11.00 am), Sunday 3 March (11.00 am), Thursday 14 March (from 1.30 pm), Sunday 17 March (11.30 am), Thursday 21 March (2.30 pm). Baptism – Saturday 2 March (10.30 am). Concert Rehearsal – Saturday 16 March (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!

Prayer List: *The Sick:* Harry Bond, Chris Smallbone, Alan Gillard, Florence Bachelor, Julie Mahony Valerie Revell, Pam Dodge & Lorna Barrie. *Departed:* Win Cuff, Frank Briggs & Anthea Barton.

Andrew Cross, Head Verger

Service Music: *Parish Eucharist:* Sung by adult members of the Abbey Choir. Setting: Mass for three voices, Lotti; Anthems: If ye love me, Tallis; O most merciful, Wood; Hymns 343, 334, 397, 466. *Choral Evensong:* Sung by adult members of the Abbey Choir. Introit: If ye love me, Tallis; Responses: Plainsong; Psalm: 30, Plainsong; Canticles: Short Dorian Service, Tallis; Anthem: Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake, Farrant; Hymns: 246 (i), 252. *James Henderson, Director of Music*

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

Monday 12 February – Robert Costin, Head of Academic Music, Sherborne School

Monday 19 February 2024 – Simon Clarkson, Yeovil

Monday 26 February 2024 – Thomas Simpson, Organ Scholar, Chichester Cathedral

Sherborne Abbey Girls' Choir Evensong: The Girls' Choir will next sing Choral Evensong with the back rows at 5.30 pm on Thursday 29 February 2024. All welcome.

Friends' Presentation: On Monday 4 March 2024 at 7.00 pm in the Abbey, all are welcome to attend this presentation entitled '*The History, Heritage and Archaeology of Sherborne Abbey Project 2023-2026*' introduced by Francis Brown (PhD student, University of Exeter). He will discuss the outline and aims of the studentship which comprises a PhD project and the compilation of a Conservation Management Plan for Sherborne Abbey, as well as giving a brief insight into his research. There will be time for questions at the end & light refreshments in the Lady Chapel afterwards. RSVP: Joanna.Sams@sherborneabbey.com by Mon 26 February 2024. *Chris Hamon*

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.

The Abbey's proposals for new toilet and vestry facilities will involve adjustments to a number of monuments and memorials, some of them lost in the mists of time but some more recent. We would be pleased to hear from anyone who may have an interest, particularly descendants of those commemorated, including: Abbot Clement (c.1155); Sir Thomas Wyatt (1542); Sir John Horsey (c.1560); George Brown (1709); Elizabeth, wife of James Piddle (1710); Pemberton Methuen (1835); and Richard and Francis Hodgson (1918). For more information or to comment, visit www.sherborneabbey.com/new-facilities *Mike Keatinge, Chair, Fabric Committee*

Taizé Service: Half an hour of prayer, meditation and music - 2nd Sunday each month, 6.30 pm, Cheap Street Church. Everyone welcome. Next service: Sunday 11 February 2024.

vicarlesley@outlook.com.

The Reverend Lesley McCreadie

Sherborne Lent Groups: Starting w/c 19 February 2024, 'Finding a Voice', a 5 week course based on the film 'The Kings Speech'. On Mondays at 2.15pm for 2.30 pm (117 Lenthay Road) – contact john.crossman@btinternet.com; Tuesdays at 7.45 pm for 8.00 pm & Wednesdays at 7.15 pm for 7.30 pm (St Paul's Vicarage) – contact admin@spcsherborne.co.uk; Wednesdays at 10.00 am for 10.30 am (Cheap Street Church) – contact revkatekonrad@gmail.com. All welcome to join us.

Sherborne Churches Together

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.

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 13 & 27 February 2024 from 10.30 am until noon.

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 Moulard will talk about the links the Sherborne Museum has with the Abbey. All welcome! musesecretary@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)

The Abbey Shop: As we wave goodbye to the long month of January, our thoughts begin to turn to Lent and Easter. Please check out the two excellent Lent guides we have this season. Please note that the guide 'Everyday with Jesus' is now out of print. *Mark Prideaux, Shop Manager*

Rector's Email Hacked: Please note that Martin's BT email has been hacked and the BT account has been closed down. If you need to contact Martin please use Rector@sherborneabbey.com.

The Benefice Team

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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/>