



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 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
	Preacher:	The Reverend Robert Green

Collect: Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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: 1 Peter Ch 3: v 18 – end; Mark Ch 1: v 9 - 15

Hymns: 67, 73 (ii), 74, 461

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 Family Communion	Celebrant:	The Reverend Lesley McCreadie
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STPAULS@THEGRYPHON (*Theme: Lent Series: Conflict & calling; "Valentines"*)

10.30 am All Age Worship	Leader:	The Reverend Jim Edie
	Speaker:	The Reverend Rebecca McDonnell

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)

The Abbey – Weekday/Monthly Services continued

3rd Friday of the month at 11.00 am – Remembering the Fallen (next service Friday 15 Mar 2024)

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

Sunday 25 February 2024 – 2nd Sunday of 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:

Canon Charles Mitchell-Innes

Deacon:

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

(Advance Notice: Castleton's APM will take place after the service on Sunday 3 March 2024.)

LILLINGTON CHURCH

9.30 am Morning Service

Officiant:

The Reverend Hugh Bonsey

Longburton Church

10.00 am Said Holy Communion

Celebrants:

The Reverend Lesley McCreadie

The Reverend Brenda Phillips

STPAULS@THEGRYPHON *(Theme: Lent Series: Conflict & calling; "Jesus & the Sabbath")*

10.30 am Morning Worship

Leader:

John Crossman

Speaker:

Kim Dunning

Thought for the Day

The joy and exuberance of the Christmas season now gives way to the solemn restraint of Lent. But that does not mean that all is doom and gloom. Our worship, having shelved *Alleluias* and *Glorias*, is simply more muted, more centred on our own relationship with God. As the poet-priest Malcolm Guite puts it, "Lent is a time to reorient ourselves, to clarify our minds, to slow down, recover from distraction, to focus on the values of God's kingdom and on the value He has set on us and on our neighbours."

Jesus, we hear in today's Gospel reading, was driven by the Spirit into the wilderness, to be tempted by Satan. Mark does not mention the specific temptations, but Matthew and Luke do, and they are worth headlining as a basis for deeper Lenten thought. In refusing to turn stones into bread Jesus shows the importance, for those who would heed "the word that proceeds from the mouth of God," of considering the needs of others as a priority. In declining the invitation to throw himself from the pinnacle of the temple he reminds us not to seek cheap 'proofs' of God's power, but to nurture the steady faith which draws us to Him in love and unostentatious devotion. In rejecting the offer to have power and authority over the kingdoms of the world Jesus is taking a stand against the obsessive pursuit of worldly success at the expense of a humane and generous approach to others.

As another, earlier, poet-priest, George Herbert, prayed, with lovely economy:

"Enrich my heart, mouth, hands in me,

With faith, with hope, with charity;

That I may run, rise, rest with thee." *(Trinity Sunday)*

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. *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), Tuesday 26 March (10.30 am). *Baptism* – Saturday 2 March (10.30 am). *Concert Rehearsal* – Saturday 16 March (2.00 pm). *Wedding* – Saturday 30 March (1.30 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, Pam Dodge & Josephine Vincent. *Departed:* Frank Briggs, Anthea Barton, Linda Phillips & Lorna Barrie. *Andrew Cross, Head Verger*

Service Music: *Parish Eucharist:* Setting: Ireland in C; Anthems: Miserere mei, Byrd; Hear my prayer, O Lord, Purcell; View me, Lord, Lloyd; Hymns 67, 73 (ii), 74, 461. *Choral Evensong:* Introit: Drop, drop, slow tears, Gibbons; Responses: Smith; Psalm: 119 vv 17–32, Barnby; Canticles: Second service, Byrd; Anthem: Thou knowest, Lord, the secret of our hearts, Purcell; Hymns: 64, 250.

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

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 sing Choral Evensong with the back rows at 5.30 pm on Thursday 29 February 2024. All welcome. *James Henderson, Director of Music*

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*

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 27 February, 12 & 26 March 2024 from 10.30 am until noon. *The Reverend Lesley McCreadie*

SCT Lent Lunches: The Sacred Heart & St Aldhelm Parish is supporting CAFOD during Lent by having lunches on Wednesdays from 14 Feb - 27th Mar 2024, from 11.30 am to 1.30 pm in the Church Hall. We will be serving homemade soup with bread, cheese and apples. £3.50 per person (Cashless Giving Terminals will be available). We hope to see as many parishioners and friends from Sherborne Churches Together as possible at these lunches. *Jonathan Simon*

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

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! musecretary@sherborneabbey.com
Jo Higgs

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 10 March 2024.
vicarlesley@outlook.com.
The Reverend Lesley McCreadie

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 13 March 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: I am so pleased to tell you that Jakki Dickson-Smith has again produced beautiful handmade chocolate Easter pouches and some delightful bookmarks (some using Beatrice Potter fabric) to sell in aid of charity. They are likely to sell out quickly so please come and check them out and see our Easter range of cards etc. Oh, and good luck for whatever you are giving up during Lent!
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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