



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 10 March 2024 – 4th Sunday of Lent/ Mothering Sunday

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: God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; 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:

Colossians Ch 3: v 12 – 17; Luke Ch 2: v 33 - 35

Hymns:

452, 66 (63), 272, 475

6.00 pm Choral Evensong

Officers:

The Reverend Martin Lee

A special service to mark the RNLI's 200th Anniversary.

The Reverend Rebecca McDonnell

(There will be a quarter peal at 4.30 pm.)

CASTLETON CHURCH

11.15 am BCP Holy Communion

Celebrant:

Canon Charles Mitchell-Innes

LILLINGTON CHURCH

9.30 am BCP Holy Communion

Celebrant:

The Reverend John Townend

LONGBURTON CHURCH

10.00 am Family Communion

Celebrants:

The Reverend Lesley McCreddie

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

10.30 am All Age Worship

Leader & Speaker:

The Reverend Jim Edie

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 5 April 2024)

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 17 March 2024 – 3rd Sunday of Lent/Passiontide

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
	Deacon:	The Reverend Rebecca McDonnell
6.00 pm Choral Evensong	Officiant:	The Reverend Martin Lee

CASTLETON CHURCH

11.15 am Mattins	Officiant:	The Reverend Robert Green
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LILLINGTON CHURCH

9.30 am Morning Service	Officiant:	The Reverend Lesley McCreadie
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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: Lent Series: Conflict & calling; "Jesus & unbelief")*

10.30 am All Age Worship	Leader:	The Reverend Jim Edie
	Speaker:	Harry Vincent, Youth4Christ

Thought for the Day

I wrote last month about the “solemn restraint” of Lent. Certainly it is a season for reflection more than festivity, and our services are in general subdued in tone. But, in case we should find this too monochrome, there are also moments of quiet rejoicing, and today is one of them. It combines two long-standing traditional celebrations of the Church. The first is Refreshment Sunday, when we are encouraged to relax our Lenten disciplines for a day – nothing *too* indulgent, but something to give us strength, energy and momentum for the final leg of the Lent journey. The second is, of course, Mothering Sunday, which gives us a lovely opportunity to remember our own mothers and give thanks to God for them and for our family life.

After this, things gather pace towards Passiontide, with the high drama of Palm Sunday and its cheering crowds, to the deepening shadows of Holy Week and the Last Supper, culminating in the seeming tragedy of Good Friday. But ever before us, in the distance for now, glows the light of resurrection; and the truth is that, without an awareness of the wilderness experience in Lent, we shall be largely unmoved by the explosive revelation of Easter.

*And though the last lights off the black west went
Oh, morning, at the brown brink eastward, springs –
Because the Holy Ghost over the bent
World broods with warm breast and with ah! bright wings.
(Gerard Manley Hopkins)*

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 – Sunday 17 March (11.30 am), Thursday 21 March (2.30 pm), Tuesday 26 March (10.30 am). Concert Rehearsal – Saturday 16 March (2.00 pm). Funeral – Wednesday 20 March (1.30 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, Ron Haynes & Nick Kettlewell. *Departed:* Mary Hatt, Sonia Batten & Margreta Andrews. *Andrew Cross, Head Verger*

Service Music: *Parish Eucharist:* Setting: Missa O quam gloriosum, Victoria; Anthems: Remember not, Lord, our offences, Purcell; Crux fidelis John IV, King of Portugal; Almighty and everlasting God, Gibbons; Hymns 452, 66 (63), 272, 475. *Choral Evensong* (RNLI 200th Anniversary Thanksgiving): Responses: Smith; Canticles: Dyson in F; Anthem: They that go down to the sea in ships, Sumsion; Hymns: 334, 354, 417, National Anthem. *James Henderson, Director of Music*

Girls' Choir Evensong: On Thursday 14 March 2024; 5.30 pm; Sherborne Abbey.

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

Monday 11 March 2024 – Arthur Hope-Barton, Organ Scholar, Sherborne Abbey

Monday 18 March 2024 – Daniel Baker, Organ Scholar, Christ Church, Oxford

Funeral for the late Mary Hatt: Mary's funeral will take place at Sherborne Abbey on Wednesday 20 March 2024 at 1.30 pm. *The Reverend Martin Lee*

Longburton Lent Lunch: On Tuesday 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 12 & 26 March 2024 from 10.30 am until noon. *The Reverend Lesley McCreadie*

Lent Project 2024: We are appealing again for your support and incredible generosity for: The Church Mission Society & our Mission Partner, Sam Malish: Sam works in a refugee camp bringing Christ's peace to traumatised refugees displaced from South Sudan – he is our new mission partner. Sherborne Food Bank: Our local food bank, entirely volunteer-run, supporting those in deep poverty who cannot meet all their needs; providing free emergency food deliveries and working with others to ensure nobody in our community needs to go hungry. Project Leaflet can be found at the Abbey, Castleton & St Paul's; see video <https://youtu.be/f9DLeRHTpY> or the Abbey's website <https://www.sherborneabbey.com/groups/#faith>. *John Crossman, Chair FIAC*

Coffee Morning: You are invited to the Friends' Coffee Morning on Wednesday 27 March 2024, 10.30 am - 1.00 pm, Digby Memorial Hall. An informal opportunity to meet over tea or coffee with a slice of cake! Do join us and bring a friend, or friends! It would be helpful, for catering purposes, if you could RSVP to Francesgd49@gmail.com. Thank you. *Frances Gomme-Duncan*

Taizé Service: Half an hour of prayer, meditation and music - 2nd Sunday each month, 6.30 pm, Cheap Street Church. Everyone welcome. Next services: Sunday 10 March & 14 April 2024. vicarlesley@outlook.com. *The Reverend Lesley McCreadie*

Easter Messy Church (Sat 23/03/24 – 2-4 pm): If you would like to take part by running or helping with an activity, please come to a meeting on Saturday 16 March 2024 at 10.30 am in the Vicarage. We look forward to seeing you then! *Sue Lee, Parish Office*

Electoral Roll: The Electoral Roll for The Abbey, Castleton and St Paul's is being revised in advance of the APCM on 28 April 2024 (4.00 pm, Digby Memorial Church Hall). To be eligible to vote at the APCM, you must be on the roll but all are welcome to attend. Those currently on the roll need do nothing! If you are 16+, a communicant member of a church in communion with the Church of England and wish to be added, please complete a blue Electoral Roll form (available from the back of the Abbey and the Parish Office) and return it by Friday 12 April 2024. After the revision, a copy of the roll will be published by the PCC for at least 14 days and/or will be available for inspection.

Chris Hamon

Toilet Project: We are pleased that our project to convert the vestry block to toilets and to create a new vestry under the organ has been approved by the Diocesan Advisory Committee. It now enters into a 42-day consultation period. This will be followed by the 30-day Public Notice Period before, hopefully, we receive Faculty Approval.

www.sherborneabbey.com/new-facilities

Mike Keatinge, Chairman, Fabric Committee

Sherborne Chamber Choir Concert: Saturday 16 March 2024, 7.30 pm, Sherborne Abbey. *Durufle Requiem* - an atmospheric & uplifting concert for Lent, featuring Durufle's famous setting of the Requiem, with its use of Gregorian chant set within sumptuous 20th century French harmonies plus motets by Poulenc and Bruckner & music by Victoria and Byrd. Conductor: Paul Ellis; Organist: Simon Clarkson. Tickets: £5.00 - £18.00 on 0333 666 3366 or www.sherbornechamberchoir.org.uk.

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)

Mothers' Union: The next meeting will take place on Friday 22 March 2024 at 10.00 am in the Griffiths Room, Digby Memorial Church Hall. Nick Pascoe, a retired prison Governor will talk about prisons. All welcome! musecretary@sherborneabbey.com

Jo Higgs, MU Secretary

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St Mary Magdalene, Castleton & St James the Great, Longburton - Contact Sue Lee at the Parish Office (Sue.Lee@sherborneabbey.com) for enquiries about these two churches.

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

Email: Joanna.Sams@sherborneabbey.com

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/>