



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 17 March 2024 – 5th 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

Collect: Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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: Hebrews Ch 5: v 5 – 10; John Ch 12: v 20 - 33

Hymns: 63 & 64, 342 (178), 275, 391

6.00 pm Choral Evensong	Officiant:	The Reverend Martin Lee
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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, Youth 4 Christ

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 5 April 2024)

The Abbey – Weekday/Monthly Services continued

3rd Friday of the month at 11.00 am – Remembering the Fallen (next service Friday 19 April 2024)

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

Sunday 24 March 2024 – Palm Sunday

THE ABBEY

8.00 am BCP Holy Communion	Celebrant:	The Reverend Martin Lee
9.15 am Liturgy of the Palms Procession (<i>starting from The Green, top of Cheap Street, processing down Cheap Street to the Abbey</i>)		
9.30 am Parish Eucharist	Celebrant:	The Reverend Martin Lee
	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
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9.30 am Morning Service	Officiant:	The Reverend Hugh Bonsey
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LONGBURTON CHURCH

10.00 am Said Holy Communion	Celebrant:	The Reverend Lesley McCreadie
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STPAULS@THEGRYPHON (*Theme: Easter; The King enters Jerusalem*)

10.30 am All Age Worship	Leader:	The Reverend Jim Edie
	Speaker:	Dan Crooke

Thought for the Day

A very happy St Patrick's Day to all those with Irish blood running through your veins. I will not mention rugby or England's victory last weekend! (Oh sorry, I just did!) Patrick is, of course, one among many Irish saints, Brigid and Columba being just two others, but dating from the 5th century, he is the one saint most closely associated with Ireland. He had an interesting life being captured and taken to Ireland from where he was eventually able to escape and journeyed back to his home in Cumbria. Ironically once he was ordained, he was sent back to Ireland as a missionary where he achieved great things for God. Probably the most popular legend, is that of the shamrock, which Patrick used to explain the concept of the Holy Trinity, three persons in one God, to an unbeliever by showing the example of the three-leaved plant with one stalk. Many shamrocks will be worn today, I am sure.

Today is the 5th Sunday of Lent also referred to in some places as Passion Sunday. During Passiontide we are called to reflect on the suffering of Christ, and this time helps us to prepare for Palm Sunday, where the account of Christ's passion will be read, and Holy Week and the important events of that week which are so central to our faith and practice. I hope your Lenten discipline is going well but please spare a thought for those already starving in Gaza who now in the holy month of Ramadan, are called upon to fast during the daylight hours.

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. *School Services/Events* – Sunday 17 March (11.30 am), Thursday 21 March (2.30 pm), Tuesday 26 March (10.30 am). *Funerals* – Wednesday 20 March (1.30 pm), Tuesday 9 April (2.30 pm). *Wedding* – Saturday 30 March (1.30 pm). *Baptism* – Sunday 7 April (11.30 am).

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, Owen Warr, Robin White & Maurice Fox. *Andrew Cross, Head Verger*

Service Music: *Parish Eucharist:* Setting: Sumsion in F; Anthems: Out of the deep, Morley; Lord Jesus, think on me, Daman; Nolo mortem peccatoris, Morley; Hymns 63 & 64, 342 (178), 275, 391. *Choral Evensong:* Introit: Lord Jesus, think on me, Daman; Responses: Byrd; Psalm 90 vv 1–10, Turle; Canticles: Second Service, Gibbons; Anthem: Surely he hath born our griefs, Handel; And with his stripes, Handel; Hymns: 92, 91. *James Henderson, Director of Music*

Girls' Choir Evensong: On Thursdays 4, 11, 18 & 25 April 2024; 5.30 pm; Sherborne Abbey.

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

Monday 18 March 2024 – Daniel Baker, Organ Scholar, Christ Church, Oxford
(*Recitals resume after Easter from Monday 8 April 2024.*)

Funeral for the late Mary Hatt: Mary's funeral will take place at Sherborne Abbey on Wednesday 20 March 2024 at 1.30 pm. Mary's goddaughter, Susan Sparrow, would like to invite you for refreshments at Castle Gardens after the service. Please RSVP to Susan on 07902 256261 or sms@dorset@gmail.com by Monday 18 March. Thank you. *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 Tuesday 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*
(*Please note this was incorrectly advertised last week as October – it is on 27 March.*)

Farming Community Network (FCN) Coffee Morning: Calling all farmers, their spouses/partners to a Coffee Morning for the farming community on Saturday 20 April 2024, 11.00 am – 1.00 pm, at The Vicarage, Abbey Close. Do come and meet fellow farmers. Please pass on to any farming friends. RSVP: Sue Lee 01935 713777 or Sue.Lee@sherborneabbey.com. *Tony Lumby, FCN*

Easter Messy Church: 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! All are welcome to the Messy Church on Saturday 23 March 2024, 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm, Digby Memorial Church Hall. Easter themed art & craft activity session; all ages from 4+ (to be accompanied by an adult); no charge.
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.

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

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

Abbey Shop: Easter cards are selling fast, so please don't miss out! Also, we have some new Alison Gardiner mugs and tea towels which make the perfect gift. Look forward to seeing you soon!
Mark Prideaux, Shop Manager

Parish Office: On Monday 18 March 2024, the office will be closed from 10.15 am – approximately 11.45 am due to a meeting.
The Reverend Martin Lee

The Benefice Team

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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/>