



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 31 March 2024 – Easter Day

(Remember: clocks gone forward overnight!)

THE ABBEY

8.00 am BCP Holy Communion

Celebrant:

The Reverend Martin Lee

9.30 am Parish Eucharist

Celebrant & Preacher:

The Reverend Martin Lee

Deacon:

The Reverend Rebecca McDonnell

Collect: Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity. Amen.

Readings: Acts Ch 10: v 34 – 43; John Ch 20: v 1 - 18

Hymns: 110 & 112, 113, 104 (omit *), 120

11.30 am Festal Mattins

Officials:

The Reverend Martin Lee

The Reverend Rebecca McDonnell

6.00 pm Choral Evensong

Officiant:

The Reverend Martin Lee

CASTLETON CHURCH *(please note earlier start time)*

11.00 am Festal Mattins

Celebrant:

The Reverend Hugh Bonsey

followed by shortened BCP HC

LILLINGTON CHURCH

9.30 am Family Service & HC

Celebrant:

The Reverend Hugh Bonsey

LONGBURTON CHURCH

10.00 am Village Communion

Celebrants:

The Reverend Pene Kennedy

The Reverend Brenda Phillips

STPAULS@THEGRYPHON *(Theme: Easter; He has risen)*

Easter Sunrise Gathering – meet at the Gryphon School car park by 5.50 am to leave for the Beacon, Corton Denham to celebrate the Son rising (Contact: Steve Drew 07980 854533).

10.30 am All Age Holy Communion 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 19 April 2024)

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

Sunday 7 April 2024 – 2nd Sunday of Easter

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 Christopher Huitson

(There is a baptism in the Abbey at 11.30 am.)

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 Lesley McCreadie

STPAULS@THEGRYPHON *(Theme: Easter; Death defeated)*

10.30 am Morning Worship

Leader:

Sandra Cutting

Speaker:

John Crossman

Thought for the Day

It might well be that by looking at the news and seeing endless scenes of gratuitous violence being committed around the world or just looking out of the window at what seems an almost unremitting rainy day, our hearts can sink and feel a little gloomy.

If that is where you are, then that is completely understandable. Listening to the broadcaster's endless endeavour to convey the broad picture of understanding is commendable, yet certain mindsets will only see one group of people responsible.

In so many ways, the events in that first Holy Week were not dissimilar. The Roman authority could not see anything good in Jesus but merely dismissed him as a threat, not only a threat but one that needed to be removed. Their mindset was clear: convict him like a criminal, execute him and once dead, all their troubles would be over.

As I write this on Maundy Thursday, it is the day when we see Jesus not only instructing the disciples about sharing bread and wine and remembering him but also demonstrating that he came to serve, not to be served, and so he washes their feet.

The Roman authorities could have seen the gruesome death that befell our Lord as the end, and well, it was, of an earthly life. Easter Day, when Jesus rose from the dead, conquered death, the most dreaded thing and showed those in authority that God's Son had walked among them if they did but comprehend it. The power of God through his Son had risen.

The context of our world can seem hard to understand and bring us to tears, but this Easter Day is a clear reminder that we see our hope and salvation in God's Son. *The Reverend Martin Lee*

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. *Wedding – Saturday 30 March (1.30 pm). Baptism – Sunday 7 April (11.30 am). Funerals – Tuesday 9 April (2.30 pm), Thursday 11 April (1.00 pm).*

Prayer List: *The Sick:* Harry Bond, Chris Smallbone, Alan Gillard, Florence Bachelor, Julie Mahony, Pam Dodge, Naomi Hennah, Josephine Vincent, Nick Kettlewell, HM The King & HRH The Princess of Wales. *Departed:* Ruth Brinsden, Owen Warr, Robin White, Sylvia Bragg & Ron Haynes.

Service Music: *Friday 29 March 2024, Good Friday (1.00 pm) The Liturgy of the Cross (sung by the adult members of the Abbey Choir):* Anthems: In the departure of the Lord, Bull; Crux fidelis John IV, King of Portugal; Hymns: 92, 95. *Saturday 30 March 2024, Holy Saturday (8.00 pm) The Great Vigil of Easter:* Anthem: The Easter Anthems; Hymns: 124, 105 (ii), 110.

Sunday 31 March, Parish Eucharist (9.30 am): Setting: Mass for four voices, Byrd; Anthems: This joyful Eastertide, Ledger; Rise, heart, thy Lord is risen, Vaughan Williams; Hymns: 110 & 112, 113, 104 (omit *), 120. *Festal Mattins (11.30 am):* Introit: This joyful Eastertide, Wood; Responses: Matthew, Martin; Psalm: 118 vv1–23, Davy; Te Deum: Stanford in C; Jubilate: Wells Service, Bednall; Anthem: Rise, heart, thy Lord is risen, Vaughan Williams; Hymns: 103, 107, 119. *Choral Evensong (6.00 pm):* Introit: This joyful Eastertide, Wood; Responses: Clucas; Psalm: 118 vv1–23, Davy; Canticles: Wood in F; Anthem: Blessed be the God and Father, S S Wesley; Hymns: 117, 124.

Abbey Choirs: The Abbey Choir will sing its last services before their break on Easter Day. There is no choral music on Sunday 7 April 2024 but there will be an adult choir of back row singers on Sunday 14 April 2024, with the choir returning on Sunday 21 April 2024. The Girls' Choir will resume its Thursday evening services in May.

James Henderson, Director of Music

Longburton Lenten Lunches: Many thanks to all who have supported our lunches. Thanks to your generosity, we have been able to send £325.00 to Christian Aid to support their work in Gaza.

Longburton Village Café: Held in the village church of St James, the café provides tea, coffee (free refills) & great cakes for just £2.00. Tuesdays 9 & 23 April 2024 from 10.30 am until noon.

Exhibition of Paintings: From Friday 5 – Friday 19 April 2024, Ambulatory, Lady Chapel, by The Reverend David Marl ARCA. Paintings that celebrate the Annunciation – that moment when the angel appears to Mary to announce the arrival of Jesus. All are welcome to come into the Abbey to view the paintings. This will be accompanied by two *Meditation & Discussion Sessions* on Wednesdays 10 & 17 April 2024, 2.30 pm - 3.30 pm, Sepulchre Chapel, Sherborne Abbey where we will look at how different painters have interpreted this momentous event (Fra Angelico & Dante Gabriel (10th) & Maruice Denise 1870-1943 (17th)). If you wish to attend one or both, please let myself or the Parish Office know as it would help with preparation. Contact: *David Marl* 01935 389673 or burgoyne.marl@gmail.com

The Reverend David Marl ARCA

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 10 April 2024 and will be held in the Lady Chapel, Sherborne Abbey, from 4.00 pm – 4.30 pm.

Shirley Fry (01935 389124)

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

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 14 April 2024. *Lesley McCreadie*

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM): The APCM for the Parish of Sherborne with Castleton and St Paul's will take place on Sunday 28 April 2024, 4.00 pm, Digby Memorial Church Hall. Nomination forms etc for Churchwardens, elected members of the PCC (4 representatives are needed to serve for 3 years) and the Deanery Synod (four representatives are needed to serve for 2 years) are available at the churches. Please return completed forms etc to the Parish Office. The Annual Report, Financial Statements & the 2023 APCM Minutes will be emailed to all on the Electoral Roll & hard copies will be available at all three churches. The APCM is open to all Parishioners. However, only those who are on the Church Electoral Roll are eligible to vote. Nomination forms, copies of the Report and Accounts may also be collected from the back of the Abbey or from the Parish Office once available.

David Fifield, PCC Chairman

'Swifts Over Sherborne' (SOS): On Thursday 11 April 2024; 7.00 pm, Sherborne Abbey. The official launch of SOS with special guest speaker, Hannah Bourne-Taylor, author of Fledgling, and wildlife campaigner. All welcome to attend – free entry! www.swiftsoversherborne.co.uk Steve Day

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.

Mike Keatinge, Chairman, Fabric Committee

Abbey Shop: We have new stock of cards for every occasion at great value prices! Don't miss out!

Mark Prideaux, Shop Manager

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/>