



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 21 April 2024 – 4th 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 Robert Green

Deacon:

The Reverend Rebecca McDonnell

Collect: Almighty Father, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Readings: Acts Ch 4: v 5 – 12; John Ch 10: v 11 - 18

Hymns: 205, 105 (ii), 282, 457 (ii)

(There is a school service 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

STPAULS@THEGRYPHON *(Theme: The Resurrection and Us; Good Shepherd)*

10.30 am All Age Worship

Leader & Speaker:

Steve & Jane Drew

(St Paul's AGM will follow this service.)

LILLINGTON CHURCH

9.30 am Morning Service

Officiant:

The Reverend John Townend

LONGBURTON CHURCH

10.00 am Family Communion

Celebrant:

The Reverend Lesley McCreadie

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 3 May 2024)

3rd Friday of the month at 11.00 am – Remembering the Fallen (next service Friday 17 May 2024)

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

Sunday 28 April 2024 – 5th Sunday of Easter

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 Rebecca McDonnell

6.00 pm Choral Evensong

Officiant:

The Reverend Martin Lee

(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. All are welcome to attend. See item on p3.)

CASTLETON CHURCH

11.15 am Mattins

Officiant:

The Reverend Hugh Bonsey

STPAULS@THEGRYPHON *(Theme: The Resurrection and Us; Hope restored)*

10.30 am Morning Worship

Leader:

The Reverend Jim Edie

Speaker:

Mark Greenstock

LILLINGTON CHURCH

9.30 am Morning Service

Officiant:

The Reverend Hugh Bonsey

Longburton Church

10.00 am Said Holy Communion

Celebrant:

The Reverend Pene Kennedy

Thought for the Day

Good Shepherd Sunday is celebrated today in *Common Worship* (last Sunday in the *Book of Common Prayer*). As we listen to these well-loved words of Jesus, “I am the good shepherd,” it is easy for us to imagine a verdant pastoral landscape as their setting, perhaps with echoes of Psalm 23: “He shall feed me in a green pasture, and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.”

In fact the shepherds, then as now, lived a tough life in a rugged countryside; I remember seeing shepherds and goatherds from a distance in the Judean hill country and thinking of them as solitary figures somewhat removed from social comforts. But there has always been another side to their story: “We live closer to the earth than you do, and that means closer to heaven. We know every line of the earth’s face and every star by name” (Trevor Dennis: *The Shepherd’s Tale*). So it is not surprising that it was to shepherds that Christ’s birth was first announced; nor that he likened himself to one in his teaching - a constant source of comfort and assurance to us his followers, the sheep of his pasture; but for him it was an often lonely and exacting burden:

“The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.”

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 – Sunday 21 April (11.30 am), Sunday 19 May (11.30 am). Sherborne Abbey Festival – Thursday 2 May to Wednesday 9 May (various rehearsals/events/concerts during these dates in the Abbey).*

Prayer List: *The Sick:* Harry Bond, Chris Smallbone, Alan Gillard, Florence Bachelor, Julie Mahony, Pam Dodge, Josephine Vincent, Naomi Hennah, Peter Dunkin, HM The King & HRH The Princess of Wales. *Departed:* Ruth Brinsden, David Prichard, Richard Jackson, Madeleine Borrow & Katrina Caws. *Andrew Cross, Head Verger*

Service Music: *Parish Eucharist:* Setting: Missa aeterna Christi munera, Palestrina; Anthems: Alleluias Easter IV, Plainsong; O nata lux, Tallis; The Lord is my shepherd, Parisian Tone; Hymns 205, 105 (ii), 282, 457 (ii). *Choral Evensong:* Introit: Alleluias Easter IV, Plainsong; Responses: Smith; Psalm: 41, Woods; Canticles: Wood, in E flat number 2; Anthem: In pace in idipsum, Blitheman; Hymns: 124, 113.

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

Monday 22 April 2024 – Robert Costin, Head of Academic Music, Sherborne School

Monday 29 April 2024 – Paul Cheater, Leweston

Monday 5 May 2024 – Sherborne Abbey Festival - Robert Quinney, New College, Oxford
(tickets £15.00 online www.ticketsource.co.uk/sherborneabbeyfestival or 0333 666 3366).

James Henderson, Director of Music

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 23 April, 7 & 21 May 2024 from 10.30 am until noon.

Mothers' Union: Unfortunately, our Cake Stall planned for this Sunday, 21 April 2024 has been postponed – we hope to hold one later in the year. Our next meeting is on Friday 26 April 2024 at 10.00 am for 10.30 am in the Griffiths Room, Digby Memorial Church Hall. Coffee, cakes and a quiz. All welcome!
Jo Higgs, MU Secretary (musecretary@sherborneabbey.com)

Walk to Rome: On Tuesday 23 April 2024, 16 people, from the Benefice and beyond, fly to Rome to begin their walk into Rome following the ancient pilgrim trail, the Via Francigena. The walk of 110kms begins in Viterbo and ends at St Peter's Basilica. Please pray for us! We are Lesley & Stuart McCreadie, Jo Higgs, Ruth Thomas, Heather & Douglas Fuller, Ros English, Helen Isbell, Christine Byfield, Jane Billington, Patsie Ainslie, Christina Lightfoot, Sally Loven, Andrew Vincent and Clifford Stride. We return on 1 May 2024.
The Reverend 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, lay Vice-Chair of the PCC*

Electoral Roll: The Electoral Roll for The Abbey, Castleton and St Paul's has been revised in advance of the APCM on 28 April 2024 (4.00 pm, Digby Memorial Church Hall). A copy of the updated roll is now available at the back of the Abbey, and at Castleton & St Paul's. *Dr Chris Hamon*

Sherborne Abbey Tours: Regular guided tours take place on Tuesdays & Thursdays (10.30 am) and on Wednesdays & Fridays (2.00 pm). Just turn up and our guide will be waiting for you in the porch! Tours take between 45 mins – an hour. There is no charge – but any donation you may wish to give is much appreciated. Guided Tours will also take place between 6 July – 8 September 2024 on Saturdays (10.30am) and Sundays (11.15 am) (2.00 pm if a Sunday morning baptism is taking place). If you have a larger group wanting a tour, please contact Joanna in the Parish Office (01935 713777) to arrange a convenient date/time. We look forward to providing a tour! (Note: Tours sometimes have to be cancelled due to services taking place; see our website.) *Harold Clarke*

Sherborne Abbey Choir Concert: The Choir would love support for their concert on Monday 6 May 2024 that includes some of the most beautiful sixteenth century choral music ever written. Tickets (£6.00 - £12.00) are available on 0333 6663366 or from the Abbey Festival website. Music includes *Parsons Ave Maria*, *Victoria O quam gloriosum* mass movements and there is a rare opportunity to hear some of the repertory from the *Sherborne Missal*. www.sherborneabbeyfestival.org

Sherborne Abbey Festival: From Thursday 2 – Thursday 9 May 2024; a fantastic line-up of concerts and events featuring Leia Zhu, Ruth Rogers, Ex Cathedra, the Academy of Ancient Music and many more. Held at various venues including Sherborne Abbey. For tickets (though many events are free entry) ring 0333 666 3366 or go online www.ticketsource.co.uk/sherborneabbeyfestival

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 8 May 2024 and will be held in the Lady Chapel, Sherborne Abbey, from 4.00 pm – 4.30 pm. *Shirley Fry (01935 389124)*

Bellringing: We are delighted to welcome the Southampton City Ringers on Saturday 11 May 2024 who will be ringing the bells from midday. *Tim Phillips, Tower Captain*

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 12 May 2024. *Lesley McCreadie*

Abbey Shop: We have cards for all occasions at fantastic prices! So please come in and see us.

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/>