



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 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

Collect: Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Readings: Acts Ch 8: v 26 – end; John Ch 15: v 1 – 8

Hymns: 112, 315 (288), 113, 120

6.00 pm Choral Evensong

Officiant:

The Reverend Martin Lee

(The APCM for the Parish of Sherborne with Castleton and St Paul's, due to take place this Sunday 28 April 2024, has been postponed (see item on page 3).)

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

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 5 May 2024 – 6th Sunday of Easter

THE ABBEY

8.00 am BCP Holy Communion	Celebrant:	The Reverend Martin Lee
9.30 am Festal Eucharist <i>(Sherborne Music Festival)</i>	Celebrant:	The Reverend Martin Lee
	Preacher:	The Reverend Christopher Huitson
	Deacon:	The Reverend Rebecca McDonnell
6.00 pm Choral Evensong	Officiant:	The Reverend Martin Lee

CASTLETON CHURCH

11.15 am Choral Mattins with the Beckett Consort <i>(Sherborne Music Festival)</i>	Officiant:	Canon Charles Mitchell- Innes
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STPAULS@THEGRYPHON *(Theme: The Resurrection and Us; Body transformed)*

10.30 am Morning Worship	Leader:	John Crossman
	Speaker:	The Reverend Hugh Bonsey

LILLINGTON CHURCH

9.30 am Family Service	Officiant:	The Reverend Jim Edie
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Longburton Church

10.00 am Village Communion	Celebrant:	The Reverend Pene Kennedy
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Thursday 9 May 2024 – Ascension Day Service – The Abbey – 7.00 pm

Celebrants: The Reverend Martin Lee & The Reverend Robert Green

Deacon: The Reverend Rebecca McDonnell

Thought for the Day

Eastertime is the oldest season of the Christian Year. Originally, the season was celebrated as one great feast incorporating the resurrection and ascension of Jesus, the gift of the Spirit and the birth of the Church - all these themes were seen as showing us different aspects of the same mystery. It was often referred to as 'Pascha'.

Since the late 1960s the Church has begun to re-establish the practice of seeing the Easter season as starting with Easter Day and finishing on Pentecost Sunday. Now, the unity of the Easter Season is restored.

"This most joyous space": so wrote Tertullian, the 3rd century Christian theologian. He describes the period of the Fifty Days as being a "space" in which we can experience the boundless freedom and joy of resurrection life.

As we celebrate the Easter season this year, I hope that you will see these Fifty Days as our ancient Christian brothers and sisters did - not as a series of isolated days with their different themes and expressions of belief, but as one event in which we celebrate all that God the Father has done for us through Christ.

The Reverend Hugh Bonsey

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 Service – Sunday 19 May (11.30 am). Sherborne Abbey Festival – Thursday 2 May to Thursday 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, Katrina Caws & Wendy Laid. *Andrew Cross*

Service Music: *Parish Eucharist:* Setting: Missa Brevis, Palestrina; Anthems: Alleluias Easter V, Plainsong; The Call, Vaughan Williams; Come, my way, my truth, my life, Smith; Hymns 112, 315 (288), 113, 120. *Choral Evensong:* Introit: We wait for thy loving kindness, McKie; Responses: Clucas; Psalm: 22 vv 25–31, Camidge; Canticles: Stanford in A; Anthem: Ye choirs of new Jerusalem, Stanford; Hymns: 118, 336. *James Henderson, Director of Music*

Organ Recitals: On Mondays at 1.30 pm, free entry (not 6 May), retiring collection, all welcome:
Monday 29 April 2024 – Paul Cheater, Leweston

Monday 6 May 2024 – Sherborne Abbey Festival - Robert Quinney, New College, Oxford
(tickets £15.00 online www.ticketsource.co.uk/sherborneabbeyfestival or 0333 666 3366).

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM): Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances the APCM, due to be held on Sunday 28 April 2024, has been postponed due to the fact that the Audited Accounts will not be signed off in time. A new date for the APCM will be communicated to all interested parties in due course. We have received a draft version of the Annual Report and Accounts, and we are assured by the Auditors that the figures will not be changed, however they still have to do their final checks to show due diligence. A copy of the Draft Annual Report and Accounts, along with the APCM minutes for 2023 have been placed at the back of the Abbey for perusal and these documents have been sent out to all the members of the PCC. Please be assured that we are making every conceivable effort to produce the Audited Accounts as soon as possible.

The Reverend Martin Lee

Walk to Rome: We are on our walk to Rome following the ancient pilgrim trail, the Via Francigena! The walk of 110kms begins in Viterbo and ends at St Peters' Basilica. Please pray for 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

Sherborne Abbey Choir Concert: The Choir would love support for their concert on Monday 6 May 2024. Tickets (£6.00 - £12.00) are available on 0333 6663366 or the 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 Churches Together (SCT) AGM: On Tuesday 30 April 2024, 7.30 pm, Cheap Street Church. Theme: Becoming Greener. Following a short AGM, we will spend time listening, thinking and talking together about becoming greener as a Christian Community. Speakers: Brother Hugh (Hillfield Friary), Julia Findlater (Planet Planet) & Bridget Joslin (Repair Café). All members of Sherborne's Christian community are welcome to join! Coffee from 7.00 pm. *Caroline Polley*

Sherborne Abbey Festival: From Thursday 2 – Thursday 9 May 2024; a fantastic line-up of concerts and events featuring Leia Zhu, Ruth Rogers, Ex Cathedral, 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

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*

Electoral Roll: The Electoral Roll for The Abbey, Castleton and St Paul's has been revised in advance of the APCM. A copy of the updated roll is now available in the Abbey, at Castleton & St Paul's.

Julian Group: Not a prayer group; an opportunity to share ½ hour's silence & meditation with fellow Christians and let God speak to us. Meetings are ecumenical & very refreshing - why not give it a try? Wednesday 8 May 2024, Lady Chapel, Abbey, 4.00 pm – 4.30 pm. *Shirley Fry (389124)*

Bellingring: 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*

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 7 & 21 May 2024 from 10.30 am until noon.

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.

An ECO Nudge! In February 2020, the Church of England voted to recognise that the global climate emergency is a crisis for God's creation. It called on each of us to do what we can to help. 'No Mow May' is Plantlife's annual campaign calling gardeners to resist mowing part of their lawn during May. A healthy lawn with long grass and wildflowers benefits wildlife, tackles pollution and locks away additional carbon below ground. Let your daisies and dandelions flower to provide important food for our bees and butterflies. You'll be amazed what will appear. *Sue Bradshaw*

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

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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.

Website: <https://www.sherborneabbey.com/>