



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 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	Celebrant:	The Reverend Martin Lee
<i>(Sherborne Music Festival)</i>	Preacher:	The Reverend Christopher Huitson
	Deacon:	The Reverend Rebecca McDonnell

Collect: God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; 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: Acts Ch 10: v 44 – end; John Ch 15: v 9 -17

Hymns: 271, 107, 282, 485

6.00 pm Festal Evensong	Officiant:	The Reverend Martin Lee
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CASTLETON CHURCH *(with the Beckett Consort (part of the Sherborne Music Festival))*

11.15 am Choral Mattins	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

The Abbey Choir will sing On The Close at 7.15 am (Anthem: God is gone up, Croft).

Ascension Day Service – The Abbey – 7.00 pm

Sung by the Abbey Girls' Choir and back rows: Setting: Darke, in F; Anthems: Ave verum, Mozart; Ave verum, Elgar; Hymns: 130 (i), 134, 271, 332.

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)

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 7 June 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

Every Thursday at 12 noon – BCP Holy Communion - The Lady Chapel

Every Friday at 9.00 am – Ecumenical Holy Communion - The Sepulchre Chapel

Sunday 12 May 2024 – 7th Sunday of Easter

THE ABBEY

8.00 am BCP Holy Communion Celebrant: The Reverend Martin Lee

9.30 am Festal Eucharist Celebrant: The Reverend Martin Lee

Preacher: The Reverend Robert Green

6.00 pm Choral Evensong Officiant: The Reverend Martin Lee

CASTLETON CHURCH

11.15 am BCP Holy Communion Celebrant: The Reverend Hugh Bonsey

STPAULS@THEGRYPHON (*Theme: The Resurrection and Us; Jesus ascended*)

10.30 am Morning Worship Leader: The Reverend Jim Edie

Speaker: The Reverend Rebecca McDonnell

LILLINGTON CHURCH

9.30 am BCP Holy Communion Celebrant: The Reverend Hugh Bonsey

LANGBURTON CHURCH Celebrant: The Reverend Lesley McCreadie

10.00 am Family Communion (*Longburton's APCM follows this service; all are welcome to attend.*)

Thought for the Day

In our Easter journey, today we arrive at the Sunday before Jesus ascends into heaven. We remember how his earthly journey concludes and he physically leaves the earth and returns to his Father's presence. The journey of Easter is always one of great joy and celebration, our services each Sunday begin with the proclamation, Alleluia Christ is Risen. We are an Easter people, whose belief in the resurrection of Jesus is complete.

I suspect that many of us, have a feeling of dread each time we look at the news and see more and more reports of acts of gratuitous violence. Watching how a man acted out a frenzied attack this week in London, leaving an innocent young 14 year old boy dead, senselessly and brutally murdered as he stood waiting to go to school. There are no words which I can write that adequately expresses the deep sadness of this act. Our hearts go out to his family and indeed to the other people involved who face life changing injuries.

Our Gospel passage this week speaks so clearly into our world. In the gospel of John, he recalls the command that Jesus gave to us, **that you love one another as I have loved you**. I could express sentiments about a world which has lost its way and forgotten the command. Or we could turn this around and be reminded that as Christians living as Easter people, that we must exemplify this commandment in everything that we do. In the words we speak, in the judgements which we make, and the actions that we perform. For if we live out this command, then we are truly Easter people, who can and will pray for the soul of this innocent little lad and for his parents for whom life is devastated beyond all words.

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. *Sherborne Abbey Festival – Until Thursday 9 May (various rehearsals/events/concerts during these dates in the Abbey). School Service – Sunday 19 May (11.30 am). Visiting Choir rehearsals – Saturday 25 May & Sunday 26 May (2.00 pm). Baptism – Sunday 26 May (11.30 am).*

Prayer List: *The Sick:* Harry Bond, Chris Smallbone, Alan Gillard, Florence Bachelor, Julie Mahony, Pam Dodge, Josephine Vincent, Naomi Hennah, Peter Dunkin, Vivien Best, HM The King & HRH The Princess of Wales. *Departed:* Katrina Caws, Wendy Laid & Elsie Lancaster. *Andrew Cross*

Service Music: *Parish Eucharist:* Setting: Missa Brevis, Palestrina; Anthems: If ye love me, Tallis; Ubi caritas, Durufé; O taste and see, Vaughan Williams; Hymns 271, 107, 282, 485. *Choral Evensong:* Introit: We wait for thy loving kindness, McKie; Responses: Clucas; Psalm: 150, Stanford; Canticles: Wood, in F; Anthem: *Hail, gladdening light* Wood; Hymns: 124, 338 (omit *); Te Deum: Stanford in B flat. *James Henderson, Director of Music*

Organ Recitals: On Mondays at 1.30 pm, free entry (not 6 May), retiring collection, all welcome:

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

Monday 13 May 2024 – Stephen Binnington, Marnhull

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM): The revised date for the APCM for the Parish of Sherborne with Castleton and St Paul's is Sunday 26 May 2024, 4.00 pm, Digby Memorial Church Hall (with a cream tea to be served afterwards and attendees are then encouraged to walk up to the Abbey for Evensong). The Annual Report, draft Financial Statements & the 2023 APCM Minutes are available at the back of the Abbey. The APCM is open to all Parishioners. However, only those who are on the Church Electoral Roll are eligible to vote. *The Reverend Martin Lee*

Sherborne Abbey Festival: The festival, in its 25th anniversary, lasts until Thursday 9 May and features a superb line-up of concerts and events including our very own Abbey Choir on Monday at 7.30 pm (Renaissance church music sung between plainchant transcribed from the Sherborne Missal), Leia Zhu, Ruth Rogers, Ex Cathedra, the Academy of Ancient Music and many more. Held in many venues, for tickets www.ticketsource.co.uk/sherborneabbeyfestival (some are free entry) ring 0333 666 3366.

St Paul's Men's Breakfast: On Saturday 18 May 2024; 9.30 am; @The Mermaid, Blackberry Lane DT9 4JD; £9.00 per person (vegetarian option available); to book: 01935 816444 or email admin@spscsherborne.co.uk *The Reverend Jim Edie*

Friends of Sherborne Abbey AGM: On Sunday 19 May 2024 in The Abbey at 7.00 pm. The AGM will follow a Friends' Evensong at 6.00 pm & there will be a short reception (drink & nibble) between the two events to welcome you to the meeting. *Also, save the date!* On Thursday 20 June 2024 there will be a Friends' Afternoon Tea with music in the Digby Memorial Church Hall from 3.30 pm followed by the Abbey Girls' Choir Evensong at 5.30 pm. All are welcome to both the AGM and/or Afternoon Tea even if you are not a Friend of Sherborne Abbey. *Dr Chris Hamon*

FIAC: If you receive this Pewsheet by email, please read '*Sudan Update – One Year On*' also attached, outlining how FIAC has helped the Episcopal Church of Sudan and Bishop Kondo since the fighting in April 2023. See also poster in the porch and on the board by the font in the Abbey.

Abbey Servers Required: Our team needs more volunteer servers for our services etc. Would you be interested in becoming a server? We would welcome young people or adults to come forward and be part of the serving team. No experience necessary as appropriate training would be given. Please speak to the vergers for more information or contact the Parish Office. Thank you.

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 (10.30 am) 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/>