



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 27 October 2024 – Last Sunday after Trinity

(PLEASE NOTE: Clocks go back one hour overnight Saturday 26 October into Sunday 27 October!)

THE ABBEY

8.00 am BCP Holy Communion

Celebrant:

The Reverend Martin Lee

9.30 am Parish Eucharist

Celebrant:

The Reverend Martin Lee

Preacher:

Canon Charles Mitchell-Innes

Deacon:

The Reverend Rebecca McDonnell

Collect: Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Readings: Hebrews Ch 7: v 23 – 28; Mark Ch 10: v 46 - 52

Hymns: 401, 378, 294, 436

6.00 pm Choral Evensong

Officiant:

The Reverend Martin Lee

CASTLETON CHURCH

11.15 am Mattins

Officiant:

The Reverend Hugh Bonsey

STPAULS@THEGRYPHON (*Theme: "Revelation Series: Jesus – The Ancient of Days"*)

10.30 am Morning Worship

Leader:

Sandra Cutting

Speaker:

Mark Greenstock

LILLINGTON CHURCH

9.30 am Morning Service

Officiant:

The Reverend Hugh Bonsey

LONGBURTON CHURCH

10.00 am 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 (CW/BCP) – The Lady Chapel

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 (Fri 1 Nov)

The Abbey – Weekday/Monthly Services continued

3rd Friday of the month at 11.00 am – Remembering the Fallen (next service Friday 15 Nov 2024)

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

Thought for the Day

To set the context, this Sunday's reading should be viewed in contrast to the text that precedes it. When compared, they outline a question posed to the reader that runs throughout Mark's Gospel. That is, who are those who understand who Jesus is and who are those who don't? In the preceding verses, Jesus gives the third prediction of his death (Mark Ch 10: v 32-34) and then the disciples are presented as lacking in understanding (verses 35-45). They had surely spent enough time with him and should therefore have known who he was, but they clearly don't and there is a certain amount of bickering within the group, ultimately about their own positions of power.

How often do we see this human trait of bickering/fighting over power lived out across our world? Jesus goes on to outline that positions of worldly power are not what God is interested in. He is interested in what it is to be a servant; one who acts with humility, one who takes on the cost of discipleship. In Mark, the disciples are almost always presented as people who don't really understand, but as the reader we know they should. For Mark, it is the outcasts and the demons who do recognise Jesus and today we meet Bartimus. As someone living on the street with a disability, he would certainly have been an outcast in Jewish society, an 'untouchable' in fact. Yet he knows who Jesus is. He must have heard something of a rumour of this travelling Rabbi and the wonders of his words and actions. Bartimus calls out in faith, he believes before he has even met him, he stands up in faith. According to Mark, Jesus didn't even lay hands on Bartimus, he simply spoke and healing came. Only one other person has this power in his 'word', God himself. So the question to us is, who do we call out to in faith? Those who jostle for and claim earthly powers, or Jesus?

The Reverend Jim Edie

Sunday 3 November 2024 – 4th Sunday before Advent/All Saints

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 12 noon.)

6.00 pm Choral Evensong

Officiant:

The Reverend Martin Lee

CASTLETON CHURCH

11.15 am Mattins

Officiant:

The Reverend Hugh Bonsey

STPAULS@THEGRYPHON *(Theme: "Revelation Series: The Dragon & the Beasts")*

10.30 am Morning Worship

Leader:

The Reverend Jim Edie

Speaker:

John Bradshaw

LILLINGTON CHURCH

9.30 am Family Service

Officiant:

The Reverend Hugh Bonsey

LONGBURTON CHURCH

Celebrant:

The Reverend Pene Kennedy

10.00 am Village Communion

Preacher:

The Reverend Brenda Phillips

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. *Funeral: Wednesday 30 October (midday), Friday 1 November (2.00 pm). Baptisms: Sunday 3 November & Sunday 24 November (midday). Wedding: Saturday 16 November (11.00 am). Choir Rehearsal: Saturday 30 November (1.30 pm).*

Prayer List: *The Sick:* Harry Bond, Chris Smallbone, Alan Gillard, Peter Dunkin, Rosie Taylor, Judith Spelman, Doreen Elderkin, Sally Hillcote & Ann Smart. *The Departed:* Sylvia Brick, Ivan Oldaker ('Ivan the Cobbler'), Hilda Fitzmaurice, Michael Mowlam, Patrick Frampton, The Very Reverend Robert Willis & Robert Harris. *Andrew Cross, Head Verger*

Service Music (Sunday 27 October): *Parish Eucharist:* Setting: Missa Brevis, Matthew O'Donovan; Anthems: I will love thee, Kalinnikov; Justorum animae, Stanford; O most merciful, Wood; Hymns: 401, 378, 294, 436. *Choral Evensong:* Introit: O holy Jesu, James Henderson; Responses: Matthew Martin; Psalm: 41, Woods; Canticles: Jackson in G; Anthem: Geistliches Lied, Brahms; Hymns: 244, 245. *James Henderson, Director of Music*

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

Monday 28 October 2024 – David Turner, Edinburgh

Monday 4 November 2024 – Magnus Williamson, Newcastle upon Tyne

Abbey Choirs: The girls' choir is on Half Term break and will next sing Evensong on Thursday 7 November. The boys' choir continues this Sunday, then having a Sunday off at the beginning of November when the back rows will sing on their own. Meanwhile, do you know any good tenors or basses who would like to join the back rows? We're looking for skilled volunteer musicians with strong sight-reading abilities who relish a musical challenge. A brief audition will be part of the process to ensure the right fit for both parties. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office (01935 713777, option 2) or the Director of Music: James.Henderson@sherborneabbey.com

Christmas Tree Festival: The much loved Sherborne Churches Together Christmas Tree Festival is back at Cheap Street church from the 30 November 2024 ending with a carol service at 5.00 pm on 7 December 2024. We need volunteers to man the festival in hour slots during this time, welcoming and taking donations for our two charities. If you can help please see Rev Becca, or contact her at Rev.Becca.McDonnell@gmail.com Thank you. *The Reverend Rebecca McDonnell*

All Souls' Requiem List: The list is now on the table at the back of the Abbey for you to enter the names of those you wish to be remembered on All Souls' Day. The Requiem Eucharist will take place on Saturday 2 November 2024 at 10.00 am in the Abbey. (Due to this service, the normal 9.00 am Holy Communion service will not take place on this Saturday (2 Nov).) *The Rev Martin Lee*

City of Bristol Choir 'Sing we Merrily' Concert: On Tuesday 29 October 2024 in the Abbey at 1.30 pm. 50 members of the choir present a free hour long concert as part of their Autumn tour. Enjoy choral music by Stanford, Daley, Summers, Howells, Durufle, Gjeilo & Bruckner conducted by David Ogden. Retiring collection for local Sherborne charities. www.cityofbristolchoir.org.uk

Toy Sunday: On Sunday 24 November 2024, the Feast of Christ the King, is **Toy Sunday** throughout the Benefice. On this day, all five of our churches welcome gifts of toys (no toy guns please), books & games for children/young people, plus toiletries/PJs for the mums (for 'pamper hampers'), who would otherwise have a lean time of it at Christmas. The recipients will be the North Dorset Women's Refuge and other local charities. Everything now depends on gathering a wonderful array of gifts. **All** gifts must be **new** and **unwrapped** (except for original packaging). New single bedding also welcome. Please bring your gift to your church (on Sun 24 Nov) or drop off at the Parish Office.

Ride & Stride: Your generous donations have now topped £1,500.00 (with gift aid + £1,800) for Dorset Historic Churches Trust for which many thanks. And yet again thanks to Mike and Eric who deserve the credit for much of the sponsorship. *Hilary Leavey*

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 5 & 19 Nov 2024; 10.30 am – noon.

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. Next meeting: Wednesday 13 November 2024, Lady Chapel, Abbey, 4.00 pm – 4.30 pm.

Shirley Fry (01935 389124)

Mothers' Union: The next meeting is on Friday 22 November 2024 at 10.00 am in the Griffiths Room, Digby Memorial Church Hall. This month we shall have creative activities plus coffee and cake! All welcome!

Jo Higgs (musecretary@sherborneabbey.com)

Abbey Bellringers: There will be a quarter peal on Sunday 3 November 2024 from 4.30 pm.

St Paul's Fareshare Larder Volunteers Needed: The food larder that runs every Friday morning at St Paul's Church is in need of some additional helpers. There is a monthly rota and volunteers currently attend to suit their availability (from 0830 - 1100 depending on the role). Roles include setup/pack down, distribution or admin. If you think you could help, contact Sarah at the St Paul's Church Office on 01935 816444 or admin@spcsherborne.co.uk

Caroline Polley, SCT

Donations to Sherborne Abbey PCC - The running of our wonderful Abbey costs £5.00 per minute - not to mention our other churches! We rely on donations to help maintain them – if you could kindly '*spare a minute*' to make a donation please use this QR code or the card machine in the Abbey. Thank you so much.



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/>