



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 1 December 2024 – Advent Sunday

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: Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Readings: Jeremiah Ch 33: v 14 – 16; Luke Ch 21: v 25 - 36

Hymns: 11, 6, 16, 9

1.30 pm, 2.30 pm, 3.30 pm Shoppers' Carols *(part of Sherborne Festive Shopping Day)*

5.00 pm Advent Carol Service

Officiants:

The Reverend Martin Lee

The Reverend Rebecca McDonnell

CASTLETON CHURCH *(Fellowship Sunday)*

11.15 am Mattins

Officiant:

Canon Charles Mitchell-Innes

STPAULS@THEGRYPHON *(Theme: "Revelation – Getting Closer!")*

10.30 am Morning Worship

Leader:

The Reverend Jim Edie

Speaker:

Mark Greenstock

LILLINGTON CHURCH

9.30 am Family Service

Officiant:

The Reverend John Townend

LONGBURTON CHURCH

10.00 am Advent Service with HC

Celebrant:

The Reverend Pene Kennedy

Preacher:

The Reverend Lesley McCreadie

Thursday 5 December 2024 – Choral Evensong – 5.30 pm

Sung by the Sherborne Abbey Girls' Choir

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

The Abbey – Weekday/Monthly Services continued

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 (next service Friday 6 December)

3rd Friday of the month at 11.00 am – Remembering the Fallen (next service Friday 20 Dec 2024)

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

Thought for the Day

Advent is here! The shops in town have well and truly adopted the fact that Christmas is on its way, in fact this Sunday is the first of this year's Sherborne Festive Shopping Days. For many, it is now go, go, go to the run up to Christmas Day. Certainly, the conversations on our family WhatsApp groups have gone viral with conversations about how to fit in family meet ups, what people want for Christmas and who will buy the turkey this year.

The hype around Christmas has the opportunity to distract us from what Advent is really all about, but today's Gospel reading should refocus our minds. Luke says to us 'Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day (that is Jesus' return) does not catch you unexpectedly'. The Church this Christmas will of course focus on Mary and Joseph, the angels, baby Jesus, the stable, God incarnate, God's love, but Christmas is not the end of the story (and nor is Easter for that matter). Our Gospel reading today reminds us that the story of God's love culminates at Jesus' return when Heaven will be joined with Earth and all things will be renewed. Our Gospel reading reminds us that as we prepare to remember Jesus' first coming, we should also prepare to embrace Jesus now in anticipation of His return. Our Gospel reading today, *should* say to us in this season of Advent, be ready for Jesus. So, the question is "Are you ready?"

The Reverend Jim Edie

Sunday 8 December 2024 – 2nd Sunday of Advent

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 Rebecca McDonnell

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

2.45 pm Dorset Provincial Grand Lodge Carol Service (Officiant: The Reverend Martin Lee)

(There will be a quarter peal rung from 4.30 pm.)

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: "Revelation – Prepare the way!")

10.30 am Holy Communion

Leader & Speaker:

The Reverend Jim Edie

3.00 pm – 5.00 pm Craft & Carols @ St Paul's Church – all welcome!

LILLINGTON CHURCH

9.30 am BCP Holy Communion

Celebrant:

The Reverend Hugh Bonsey

Longburton Church

10.00 am Family Communion

Celebrant:

The Reverend Lesley McCreadie

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 Service: Thursday 5 December (11.00 am). Memorial Service: Friday 6 December (11.00 am). School Rehearsal: Saturday 7 December (10.00 am). Rehearsal & Concert: Saturday 7 December (from 12.30 pm). Please see poster in porch for Christmas services & events.*

Prayer List: *The Sick:* Harry Bond, Chris Smallbone, Alan Gillard, Peter Dunkin, Rosie Taylor, Judith Spelman, Doreen Elderkin, Ann Smart & Julie Godley. *The Departed:* The Very Reverend Robert Willis, Rosalind Moore, Timon Quinnell & Rosemary Dodd. *Andrew Cross, Head Verger*

Service Music (Sunday 1 December): *Parish Eucharist:* Setting: Mass for four voices, Byrd; Anthems: Almighty and everlasting God, Gibbons; Christe, redemptor omnium, Matthew Martin; Hymns: 11, 6, 16, 9. *Advent Carol Service (5.00 pm):* Anthems: Matin Responsory, Palestrina; Advent Antiphons; Let all mortal flesh, Bairstow; Christe, redemptor omnium, Matthew Martin; And the glory (from Messiah), Handel; Magnificat in G, Howells; O thou, the central orb, Wood; Hymns: 19 (ii), 11, 5, 12, 3 (ii), 9 (service booklet). **Choral Evensong (Thursday 5 December, 5.30 pm):** Introit: Advent Antiphons; Responses: Ferial; Psalm: 27; Canticles: Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis for Upper Voices, James Henderson; Anthem: Sans Day Carol, John Rutter; Hymns: 7, 10.

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

Monday 2 December 2024 – Dr Charlie Gurnham, Assistant Director of Music, Sherborne Abbey

Monday 9 December 2024 – James Henderson, Director of Music, Sherborne Abbey

(last recital in the series; restarts on Monday 13 January 2025)

Railway Touring Company Carol Service: On Wednesday 4 December 2024; 2.30 pm; Abbey. Why not join in this traditional Christmas Carol Service specially arranged for The Railway Touring Company tour with travellers arriving at Sherborne on their special train hauled by Merchant Navy class steam locomotive No. 35028 Clan Line. All are welcome to attend!

Sherborne Good Neighbours AGM: On Thursday 5 December 2024, midday – 1.30 pm, Roman Catholic Church Hall, Westbury. All welcome! Do come to find out more about volunteering and/or being a driver (eg transport to surgeries/hospital; help with shopping; check on the house bound etc). Contact: Fiona Ashley Miller (07989 238309/ashleymiller.mf@gmail.com). *Mike Hatch*

The late Robert Harris: There will be a Memorial Service in the Abbey at 11.00 am on Friday 6 December 2024. All are welcome to attend. *Katherine Harris*

Christmas with the Rifles: Back by popular demand, the Salamanca Band of the Rifles Regiment returns to the Abbey on Saturday 7 December 2024 at 2.00 pm to perform their annual Christmas Concert. All are welcome; free entry; retiring collection for a military charity and the Abbey.

Ezo, South Sudan Christmas Appeal: *“Over 700 children now attend Masumbu Church Primary School, Ezo in crowded conditions. Please help us to provide better and more classrooms. £5,000 will help us repair, with bricks and windows, four currently unusable classrooms.”* (Bishop Isaac). Gifts by BACS to ‘Sherborne Deanery Synod Account’, A/C No 97819735, Sort Code 60-19-12. Further details from *Andrew Tomkins* (atomkins1@gmail.com /07748 286837).

Coffee Morning in aid of Ezo Appeal: Thank you to all who came out in such awful weather to the Coffee Morning. A fantastic £500.45 was raised for the Appeal. Thank you. *Sue Lee*

Christmas Appeal for Sherborne Primary Schools’ Families: A voucher scheme with 196 Sherborne, Yetminster & Thornford families needing help in the 4th poorest Dorset electoral ward. Donors welcome to Launch Party: Fri 6 Dec 2024, 11.00 am, Sherborne County Primary School with guest, Julian Fellowes. Donate: BACS: Barclays 00403733, 20-99-40, Friends of Sherborne County Primary School TA PTA. *David Birley* (davidpfbirley@hotmail.co.uk /01935 509610)

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 3 & 17 Dec 2024; 10.30 am – noon.

Lime Tree Avenue: The replanting of the lime tree avenue in the Close commenced this last week. We recognise some regrets about removing the six heavily decayed survivors but two have already been removed this year having become unsafe, and most people have supported the planting of a complete new avenue. We are most grateful for donations received and would welcome any more.
Mike Keatinge

SCT Christmas Tree Festival: Festival starts on Saturday 30 November 2024 in Cheap Street Church, raising money for SHARES and Rendezvous. Everyone is invited to the closing carol service on Saturday 7 December 2024 at 5.00 pm amongst the trees. I also need an Abbey representative to do a reading, if you are happy to read please contact me at Rev.Becca.Mcdonnell@gmail.com. Many thanks.
The Reverend Rebecca McDonnell

SCT Christmas Day Lunch: In the Digby Memorial Church Hall (12.30 pm - 3.00 pm) for anyone on their own at Christmas. Traditional lunch – turkey and all the trimmings followed by Christmas pudding (vegetarian option) – no charge. To join us and/or volunteer please fill in the form(s) at the Parish Office and we will contact you in due course. Volunteers required for Christmas Eve and on Christmas Day.
Jill Warburton/Kathy Pinsent, SCT

Parish Office: Due to staff holidays, please note that the office will close early at 1.00 pm on Tuesday 3, Wednesday 4 & Thursday 5 December and at 12.30 pm on Friday 6 December 2024.
The Reverend Martin Lee

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.



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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/>