



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 17 November 2024 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Advent

### THE ABBEY

8.00 am BCP Holy Communion	Celebrant:	The Reverend Martin Lee
9.30 am Parish Eucharist	Celebrant:	The Reverend Rebecca McDonnell
	Preacher:	The Reverend Robert Green
	Deacon:	The Reverend Martin Lee

**Collect:** Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

**Readings:** Daniel Ch 12: v 1 – 3; Mark Ch 13: v 1 - 8

**Hymns:** 439 (i), 353, 341, 486

6.00 pm Choral Evensong	Officiant:	The Reverend Martin Lee
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### CASTLETON CHURCH

11.15 am Mattins	Officiant:	Canon Charles Mitchell-Innes
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**STPAULS@THEGRYPHON** (*Theme: "Revelation – The Whore of Babylon"*)

10.30 am Holy Communion	Leader:	The Reverend Jim Edie
	Speaker:	John Crossman

### LILLINGTON CHURCH

9.30 am Morning Service	Officiant:	The Reverend John Townend
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### LONGBURTON CHURCH

10.00 am Family Communion	Celebrant:	The Reverend Pene Kennedy
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## Thursday 21 November 2024 – Choral Evensong – 5.30 pm

Sung by the Sherborne Abbey Girls' Choir

Introit: O nata lux. Tallis; Responses: Reading; Psalm: 23 Parisian Tone; Canticles: Howells.

Collegium Regale; Anthem: Like as the hart, Howells; Hymns: 244, 245.

## 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

**1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month** at 9.00 am – Requiem Holy Communion - The Sepulchre Chapel (next service Friday 6 December)

**3<sup>rd</sup> 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

Today is Safeguarding Sunday, which is fitting given the shocking news that has come to light over the last week. Our Archbishop, Justin Welby, has resigned over lack of action on reports of a predator working for a prominent Christian charity. It shows that we must keep re-committing ourselves to the cause of safeguarding; it is an area the Church of England has made big strides in but there is still so far to go.

The theme of this years Safeguarding Sunday is 'let's talk about it.' You don't need to be Archbishop of Canterbury, or anyone officially working in the church for that matter, to be a part of safeguarding. We should all be dedicated to fostering an environment of open and honest communication. Looking out for the most vulnerable in society, and challenging injustice structures and persons, is central to the message of the Gospel and the calling of Jesus to all Christians.

What is our safeguarding story? What is it that makes us a loving, faithful, and safe community, and what part do you have to play in that? In today's Gospel reading the disciples say 'look, teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!' Jesus replies 'all will be thrown down.' Let's hope not! But the heart of the church is not with the stones, but with the people who care for each other and their community.

*The Reverend Rebecca McDonnell*

## Sunday 24 November 2024 – Christ the King/Toy Sunday

### 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 baptism in the Abbey at midday.)*

**6.00 pm Choral Evensong**

Officiant:

The Reverend Martin Lee

### CASTLETON CHURCH

**11.15 am Mattins**

Officiant:

The Reverend Robert Green

**STPAULS@THEGRYPHON** *(Theme: "Revelation – The Church – Faithful Believers")*

**10.30 am Morning Worship**

Leader:

Sandra Cutting

Speaker:

The Reverend Jim Edie

### LILLINGTON CHURCH

**9.30 am Morning Service**

Officiant:

The Reverend John Townend

### LONGBURTON CHURCH

**10.00 am Holy 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. *Baptism: Sun 24 November (midday). Choir Rehearsal: Sat 30 November (1.30 pm).*

**Prayer List:** *The Sick:* Harry Bond, Chris Smallbone, Alan Gillard, Peter Dunkin, Rosie Taylor, Judith Spelman, Doreen Elderkin, Ann Smart & Julie Godley. *The Departed:* Patrick Frampton, The Very Reverend Robert Willis, Robert Harris, John Dittrich, Paul Upward & Sally Hillcote. *Andrew Cross*

**Service Music (Sunday 17 November):** *Parish Eucharist:* Setting: Missa Brevis, Palestrina; Anthems: Lead me Lord. Wesley; Let all mortal flesh, Bairstow; Hymns: 439 (i), 353, 341, 486. *Choral Evensong:* Introit: O holy spirit, Lord of grace, Tye; Responses: Shephard; Psalm: 84 Armstrong; Canticles: Bairstow in D; Anthem: For lo, I raise up, Stanford; Hymns 250, 363.

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

Monday 18 November 2024 – Paul Ellis, Organist Emeritus

Monday 25 November 2024 – Simon Clarkson, Yeovil

**Wedding:** On Saturday 16 November 2024, Hazel and Olly, whom many of you will know from our congregation, are being married in the Abbey at 11.00 am. They would like to invite anyone who would like to, to attend the service. *The Reverend Rebecca McDonnell*

**Volunteer Sidesmen Required:** We would love to add to our sidesmen team for both Sundays & Thursday Evensongs (5.30 pm). If you can help welcoming people to services, giving out hymn books etc, even if only occasionally, please contact Etta Stickland via the Parish Office.

**Coffee Morning:** On Saturday 23 November 2024, 10.30 am – 12.30 pm, at the Vicarage in aid of the Ezo Christmas Appeal 2024. All welcome! Contributions of cake gratefully received! *Sue Lee*

**Toy Sunday:** 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.

**Advent Play Reading:** On Friday 29 November 2024; 7.30 pm; hosted by Mike Keatinge. *‘The King Born to be Man’* by Mark Greenstock. Open to anyone, no acting ability required. Drinks & nibbles from 7.00 pm, time for discussion after, over by 8.45 pm. No charge. Venue: Highbank, Marston Road DT9 4BL. Please give names to the Parish Office. *Mark Greenstock*

**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*

**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](mailto:atomkins1@gmail.com)) /07748 286837).

**Christmas Appeal for Sherborne Primary Schools’ Families:** A voucher scheme, expanded since 2020 with 196 families in Sherborne, Yetminster & Thornford having been identified as needing help in the 4<sup>th</sup> poorest electoral ward in Dorset. Donors welcome to the Launch Party: Friday 6 December 2024, 11.00 am, Sherborne County Primary School with guest, Julian Fellowes (Downton Abbey creator). To donate by BACS: Barclays a/c 00403733, 20-99-40, Friends of Sherborne County Primary School TA PTA. *David Birley* ([davidpfbirley@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:davidpfbirley@hotmail.co.uk)) /01935 509610

**Christmas Tree Festival:** The much loved Sherborne Churches Together Christmas Tree Festival is back at Cheap Street church from 30 November - 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 (email: [Rev.Becca.McDonnell@gmail.com](mailto:Rev.Becca.McDonnell@gmail.com)). Thank you.

**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 19 Nov, 3 & 17 Dec 2024; 10.30 am – noon.

**Mothers' Union:** Our next monthly meeting is on Friday 22 November 2024 at 10.00 am for 10.30 am in the Griffiths Room, Digby Memorial Church Hall. We shall have creative activities plus coffee & cake! All welcome!  
*Jo Higgs ([musecretary@sherborneabbey.com](mailto:musecretary@sherborneabbey.com))*

**SCT Christmas Day Lunch:** In the Digby Memorial Church Hall (12.30 pm - 3.00 pm) for anyone on their own or without family 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*

**Sherborne Chamber Choir Concert:** Saturday 30 November 2024, 7.30 pm, Sherborne Abbey. J S Bach Christmas Oratorio - Bach's magical setting of the Nativity. Tickets: Ticketsource on 0333 666 3366 [www.sherbornechamberchoir.org.uk](http://www.sherbornechamberchoir.org.uk).  
*Rachel Greaves*

**Sherborne Douzelage AGM:** On Thursday 21 November 2024, 7.00 pm, Catholic Hall, Westbury. All are welcome. Refreshments will be served.  
*Mary Clothier ([marydmc38@gmail.com](mailto:marydmc38@gmail.com))*

**Coffee Morning:** On Saturday 23 November 2024; 10.00 am – noon; Cheap Street Church Hall. Bacon butties, cakes & hot drinks in aid of Shelterbox. All welcome.  
*Cath Adam*

**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](mailto: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))

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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/>