



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 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.)*

**Collect:** Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

**Readings:** Revelation Ch 1: v 4b – 8; John Ch 18: v 33 - 37

**Hymns:** 345 & 398 (395), 452, 272, 373 (Coe Fen)

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

11.15 am Mattins	Officiant:	The Reverend Robert Green
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**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
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### LONGBURTON CHURCH

10.00 am Holy Communion	Celebrant:	The Reverend Lesley McCreadie
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## Thursday 28 November 2024 – Choral Evensong – 5.30 pm

Sung by the Sherborne Abbey Girls' Choir

Introit: Ave verum, Elgar; Responses: Ferial; Psalm: 119 vv 145–152, Turle; Canticles: Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis for Upper Voices, James Henderson; Anthem: The Call, Vaughan Williams  
Hymns: 377, 252.

## 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



# 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. *Choir Rehearsal: Sat 30 November (1.30 pm). 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, John Dittrich, Sally Hillcote, Rosalind Moore, Timon Quinnell & Rosemary Dodd.

*Andrew Cross, Head Verger*

**Service Music (Sunday 24 November):** *Parish Eucharist:* Setting: Darke in E; Anthems: I sat down, Bairstow; Christus factus est, Bruckner; O Lord, increase our faith, Loosemore; Hymns: 345 & 398 (395), 452, 272, 373 (Coe Fen). Choral Evensong: Introit: O most merciful, Wood; Responses: Matthew Martin; Psalm: 114 Turle; Canticles: Brewer in D; Anthem: Christus factus est, Bruckner; Hymns: 376, 378.

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

Monday 25 November 2024 – Simon Clarkson, Yeovil

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

**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.

**Lime Tree Avenue:** The replanting of the lime tree avenue in the Close will be done in the coming 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*

**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](mailto:238309/ashleymiller.mf@gmail.com)).

*Mike Hatch*

**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* ([davidpbirley@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:davidpbirley@hotmail.co.uk) /01935 509610)

**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

**Christmas Tree Festival:** The much loved Festival is back at Cheap Street Church (30 Nov - 7 Dec 2024). We need volunteers to man the festival in hour slots, 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)).

**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.

**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

**Parish Office:** Please note that the office will close early at 12.30 pm on Monday 25 November 2024.

**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))

Email: [Joanna.Sams@sherborneabbey.com](mailto: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/>