



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 3 November 2024 – 4<sup>th</sup> 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.)*

**Collect:** Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; 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:**

Revelation Ch 21: v 1 - 6a; John Ch 11: v 32 - 44

**Hymns:**

197, 466, 396, 196 (128ii)

**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**

**10.00 am Village Communion**

Celebrant:

The Reverend Pene Kennedy

Preacher:

The Reverend Brenda Phillips

**Thursday 7 November 2024 – Choral Evensong – 5.30 pm**

Introit: A grateful heart, Mary Plumstead; Responses: Reading; Psalm: 41 vv 1–4, 9–13, Turle;

Canticles: Noble in A minor; Anthem: Gaelic Blessing, Rutter; Hymns: 385, 390 (493).

**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

## The Abbey – Weekday/Monthly Services continued

**1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month** at 9.00 am – Requiem Holy Communion - The Sepulchre Chapel (Fri 1 Nov will be an Ecumenical service due to **All Souls' Requiem on Saturday 2 November at 10 .00 am**; next Requiem: Friday 6 December.)

**3<sup>rd</sup> 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

Yesterday, the Church celebrated All Souls' Day. The Christian life is a journey that does not terminate at death. Some Christians believe that human souls go to purgatory after death. There we suffer punishment for the sins enacted in this life, and so prepare ourselves for heaven. Such a view has been criticized as being too harsh, but purgatory is also a place of hope, and therefore of growth and the possibility of fulfilment.

The Anglican view includes that of Archbishop Thomas Cranmer who preferred to speak of paradise rather than purgatory, and of its characteristics of joy and consolation rather than pain or torment. This view sees a growth towards God which involves being cleansed of all that would harm us.

On All Souls' Day, the Church prays for the Faithful Departed, both those known to us and also those known to God alone. In recent years, the Western Church has taken on board something that is quite natural and that has been long-believed by the Eastern Church - that those in Paradise *also* pray for us.

As All Souls' Day is a special time when we offer prayers to God for those whom we love, who have departed this life, how wonderful it is to believe that such prayer is mutual.

*The Reverend Hugh Bonsey*

## Sunday 10 November 2024 – Remembrance Sunday

### THE ABBEY

|  |                       |                                |
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| <b>8.00 am BCP Holy Communion</b>  | Celebrant:            | The Reverend Martin Lee        |
| <b>9.30 am Parish Eucharist</b><br><i>(no sermon)</i>  | Celebrant:            | The Reverend Martin Lee        |
|  | Deacon:               | The Reverend Rebecca McDonnell |
| <b>11.00 am Remembrance Service</b>  | Officiant & Preacher: | The Reverend Martin Lee        |
|  | Officiant:            | The Reverend Rebecca McDonnell |
| <i>(This service will start at the War Memorial at 11.00 am and then continue inside the Abbey.)</i> |                       |                                |
| <b>6.00 pm Choral Evensong</b>   | Officiant:            | The Reverend Martin Lee        |

### CASTLETON CHURCH

**10.45 am Remembrance Service** Officiant: Canon Charles Mitchell-Innes

### STPAULS@CHEAP STREET METHODIST CHURCH *(Theme: "All Age Remembrance")*

**10.45 am All Age Worship** Leaders: The Reverend Jim Edie  
The Reverend Kate Konrad

*(10.45 am start – or come & join us after the Parade & Act of Remembrance at the Memorial.)*

### LILLINGTON CHURCH

**10.45 am Remembrance Service** Officiant: The Reverend Hugh Bonsey

### LONGBURTON CHURCH

**10.50 am Remembrance Service** 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. *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 & Paul Upward. *The Departed:* Sylvia Brick, Ivan Oldaker (*'Ivan the Cobbler'*), Hilda Fitzmaurice, Michael Mowlam, Patrick Frampton, The Very Reverend Robert Willis, Robert Harris, John Dittrich. *Andrew Cross, Head Verger*

**Service Music (Sunday 3 November):** **Service Music (Sunday 3 November):** Sung by adult members of the Abbey Choir. *Parish Eucharist:* Setting: Mass for three voices Lotti; Motets: Almighty and everlasting God, Gibbons; Ubi caritas, Duruflé; Hymns: 197, 466, 396, 196 (128ii). *Choral Evensong:* Introit: Ubi caritas, Duruflé; Responses: Plainsong; Psalm: 22 vv 1–13 Plainsong; Canticles: Sumsion in G; Anthem: If ye love me Tallis; Hymns: 396, 251.

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

Monday 4 November 2024 – Magnus Williamson, Newcastle upon Tyne

Monday 11 November 2024 – Robert Costin, Head of Academic Music, Sherborne School

**Abbey Choirs:** 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](mailto:James.Henderson@sherborneabbey.com) *James Henderson, Director of Music*

**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](mailto:Rev.Becca.McDonnell@gmail.com) Thank you. *The Reverend Rebecca McDonnell*

**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.

**Tripadvisor Award:** The Abbey has been awarded a *2024 Travellers Choice Award* for destinations that consistently earn five star reviews and demonstrate a commitment to hospitality excellence. The award winners are among the top 10% of listings on Tripadvisor and the Abbey has been rated as the number one place to visit in the area. Our thanks must go to all our volunteer Guardians & tour guides and the staff for achieving this accolade. Well done and thank you! *Parish Office*

**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*

**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: Wed 13 November 2024, Lady Chapel, 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](mailto:musecretary@sherborneabbey.com))*

**Deliverers for SCT Christmas Card and Good Neighbours leaflet needed:** This year's cards need to be delivered in the period Wed 27 to Sat 30 Nov, ahead of Advent Sunday. Please email Eric Jager [ericjager56@gmail.com](mailto:ericjager56@gmail.com) (or phone Mike Hatch 01935 815806) if you can spare about an hour to take on one of our 64 routes of on average 85 addresses. We try to allocate routes as near to your home as possible. Card packs would be delivered to your home late pm Tuesday 26 November 2024, or latest by midday on Wednesday 27 November 2024. Thank you. *Eric Jager*

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

**Abbey Shop:** Do come and have a look at all our Christmas gifts, toys and huge range of cards in the shop. We have lots of new stock plus mugs, T-towels & bags due in before Christmas! You will find lots of items ideal for Christmas presents.  
*Chris Hamon*

**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

**Sherborne Abbey with Castleton & St Paul's, Lillington and Longburton:**

**Team Rector:** **The Reverend Martin Lee**

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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/>