



SHERBORNE ABBEY with CASTLETON,  
SAINT PAUL'S, LILLINGTON and  
LONGBURTON



# MONTHLY BULLETIN – JANUARY 2025

## *January Snapshots!*



**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity:** Sherborne Churches Together are supporting this week (18 – 25 January 2025). The theme is 'you shall love the Lord your God, and you shall love your neighbour as yourselves'. All are welcome to attend:

**Covenant Service:** On **Saturday 18 January 2025**; 4.00 pm; Cheap Street Church. An important service all Methodists celebrate at the start of the year to promise covenant faithfulness to God. Led by The Reverend Kate Konrad and The Reverend Rebecca McDonnell. **Reflection and Prayer:** On **Tuesday 21 January 2025**; 7.00 pm; Lady Chapel, Abbey. A contemplative service on the meaning of Christian Unity. Led by The Reverend Rebecca McDonnell. **Thought for the Day:** On **Thursday 23 January 2025**; 10.30 am; Cheap Street Church. Led by Phil Wield, Quakers. **Ecumenical Communion:** On **Friday 24 January 2025**; Sepulchre Chapel, Abbey. Led by The Reverend Lin Francis, Superintendent Minister of Yeovil & BMV Methodist Church. **Intercessions** will also be offered for Christian unity daily at Morning Prayer (8.30 am; Sepulchre Chapel, Abbey) during this week.

*The Reverend Rebecca McDonnell*

**Mothers' Union:** Our first meeting of 2025 is on **Friday 24 January 2025** at 10.00 am for 10.30 am in the Griffiths Room, Digby Memorial Church Hall. We will celebrate by sharing in the Eucharist followed by our AGM. All welcome!

*Jo Higgs ([musecretary@sherborneabbey.com](mailto:musecretary@sherborneabbey.com))*



**Thursday Choral Evensongs:** Don't forget that there is Choral Evensong every Thursday at 5.30pm. Primarily sung by the Abbey Girls' Choir, and frequently with our 'back rows', these services re-start on Thursday 9 January 2025.

*James Henderson, Director of Music*

**Friends of Sherborne Abbey:** Founded in 1930, one of the oldest organisations in the country, with members from all over the country, drawn to join by their love of our wonderful Abbey. The Friends are staunch supporters of every major project for repair, restoration and enhancement. Over the past 40 years they have provided grants totally over £1.7 million! They are vital to the present and future of this House of God. Why not become a Friend and help maintain this beautiful building? Friends can apply for reserved seats for the Advent Carol Service, attend coffee mornings, the annual outing and other social events plus the AGM! For more details pick up a leaflet from the Abbey or Parish Office or email the Membership Secretary, Chris Hamon ([chris.hamon@sherborneabbey.com](mailto:chris.hamon@sherborneabbey.com)).

*Chris Hamon*

**Remembering the Fallen:** On **Friday 17 January 2025**; Lady Chapel; 11.00 am. This short service takes places monthly (3<sup>rd</sup> Friday), at 11.00 am. Following prayers, a member of the Devonshire & Dorset Regimental Association reads the names from one page each of the two Dorset Regiment Books of Remembrance, the Sherborne Book of Remembrance and The Rifles Book of Remembrance. The service concludes with the Last Post, Two Minutes' Silence, Reveille and Blessing. All are welcome.

## Other Events and Notices

**Longburton Village Café:** Held in the village church of St James, the café provides tea, coffee (free refills) & great cakes for just £2.50. **Tuesdays 7 & 21 January 2025;** 10.30 am – noon.

**Julian Group:** Not a prayer group; an opportunity for silence & meditation with fellow Christians and let God speak to us. Meetings ecumenical & very refreshing. On **Wednesday 8 January 2025**, Lady Chapel, Abbey, 4.00 pm – 4.30 pm. *Shirley Fry (01935 389124)*

**Sherborne Historical Society:** On **Thursday 9 January 2025;** 8.00 pm; Digby Hall, Hound Street, Sherborne. 'Henry VI and the Origins of the Wars of the Roses' by Dr James Ross. How did Henry VI's priorities as king diverge from what was expected of medieval monarches, leading to the collapse of political society and the outbreak of the Wars of the Roses? Entrance £5.00 (members free). [www.sherbornehistoricalsociety.co.uk](http://www.sherbornehistoricalsociety.co.uk)

**Jazz Concert:** On **Wednesday 8 January 2025;** 7.30 pm; Cheap Street Church. The Sunset Café Band in tribute to three great bandleaders "Tiny, Jelly and the Duke!". Tickets £18.00; to book email [Fiona.Franklin@therendezvous.org](mailto:Fiona.Franklin@therendezvous.org) or pay with cash/card on the door. *Fiona Franklin*

**Sherborne & District Gardeners' Association:** On **Thursday 9 January 2025;** 2.30 pm; Digby Hall, Hound Street. A member of the Castle Gardens team will give us a talk on 'Pests and Disease Control'. All are welcome. Visitors £3.00. Further information from Richard Newcombe (01935 389375). *Angela Walmsley*

**Taizé Service:** Half an hour of prayer, meditation and music – On **Sunday 12 January 2025;** 6.30 pm, Cheap Street Church. Everyone welcome. This informal, ecumenical service, based on the Taize Community's worship founded by Br Roger in the 1940's in Burgundy, France, now attracts thousands of young people each summer. Taize music has become part of the worshipping life of churches worldwide. [vicarlesley@outlook.com](mailto:vicarlesley@outlook.com). *Rev Lesley McCreadie*

**Sherborne Museum Talk:** On **Thursday 16 January 2025;** 2.00 pm; Digby Memorial Church Hall DT9 3NL. Talk by Diana Churchill, Museum volunteer, on 'The Sherborne Singers'. England has a rich tradition of folk music and this talk focuses on two brothers, Henry & Robert Hammond, who came to Dorset and collected around 900 songs from the Sherborne Singers. Museum members free; non-members £5.00. *Eve Lloyd*

**Sherborne Good Neighbours:** Offer friendly assistance to all of the local community, of any age, registered with either the Grove or Apples Surgeries, who need and would welcome help. Essential transport, occasional shopping, collecting prescriptions, taking garden waster for recycling, letter writing & form filling, reading to the elderly/household or just visits to those who would like company. Pick up a leaflet in the Abbey/Parish Office. If you would like to discuss volunteering, please contact Fiona Ashley Miller (07989 238309). *SGN*

**SCT Christmas Tree Festival:** £2,838.79 was raised for Rendezvous & SHARES. A fantastic amount! – thank you so much! Thanks must go to the organisers, the tree sponsors, all the volunteers and the choirs who made this possible. *The Reverend Kate Konrad*

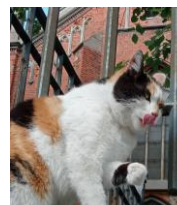
### JUST FOR FUN!

**What is the link between this cat in front of a church in Latvia and Sherborne Abbey?** (Contributor: Shaun Leavey)

*December's answer:* St James the Great, Longburton.

If you have an item to submit for a future Bulletin please email:

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**The Sherborne Market: No market Jan-Mar; restarts in April;** 10.00 am – 3.00 pm; Cheap Street, Abbey Road, Half Moon Street, Digby Road & Pageant Gardens; 170 stalls, all local artisans & food producers.  
*Jules Bradburn*

**Sherborne Stop the Litter Campaign:**, Please help! **Tuesdays;** meet 10.00 am - noon. High viz tabards, litter pickers, bags & gloves provided: **21 Jan:** Area 2 Simons Road (outside the stores); **18 Feb:** Area 4 West End Hall Car Park; **18 Mar:** Area 1 Junction of Coombe/Blackberry Lane; **15 Apr:** Area 3 Junction of Castleton/Newland/New Road/Long Street; **6 May:** Area 2; **17 Jun:** Area 4; **15 Jul:** Area 1; **12 Aug:** Area 3; **16 Sept:** Area 2; **14 Oct:** Area 4; **18 Nov:** Area 1; **16 Dec:** Area 3.  
*Anthony Vosper (07977 241305)*

**Sherborne Digby Hall Monthly Market:** Large indoor market of up to 70 stalls; café; free entry; parking & toilets; **1st Saturday of every month;** 10.00 am – 3.00 pm, Mar – Dec; Digby Hall, Hound Street. <https://www.facebook.com/SherborneDigbyHallMonthlyMarket>

**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@spscherborne.co.uk](mailto:admin@spscherborne.co.uk).

**Sherborne Abbey Guided Tours:** Our regular guided tours will re-start in April but if you have a group (small or large) and would like a guided tour of the Abbey in the meantime, please contact Joanna in the Parish Office (01935 713777/[joanna.sams@sherborneabbey.com](mailto:joanna.sams@sherborneabbey.com)) to arrange a convenient date/time.  
*Harold Clarke, Head Tour Guide*

**Chatty Café Scheme:** On **Mondays;** Pear Tree Café, Half Moon Street DT9 3LS; 2.00 pm – 3.45 pm. A Chatter & Natter table is a place where customers can sit if they are happy to talk to other customers. Look for the table with the yellow sign, take a seat, stay for five minutes or longer if you're enjoying chatting! [www.thechattycafescheme.co.uk](http://www.thechattycafescheme.co.uk)



## **'Music Corner' – The Abbey Choirs**

### **Organ Recitals** (*Mondays in The Abbey at 1.30 pm*)

**Monday 6 January 2025 – Charlie Gurnham, Assistant Director of Music**

**Monday 13 January 2025 – Charlie Gurnham**

**Monday 20 January 2025 – Paul Cheater, Leweston**

**Monday 27 January 2025 – Ollie Macmullan, Organ & Choral Scholar**

*(free entry, retiring collection, all welcome)*

After all of the extra rehearsing for Christmas, January can often feel a little light chorally. There is some wonderful Epiphany music to be heard in the Abbey, of course, and the big news just before Christmas was the launch of the Abbey Choir's latest **CD *Missa Brevis***. There is another CD, recorded at the time of the 2024 Abbey Festival, to come out in the first quarter of 2025, but meanwhile on *Missa Brevis* there are some really effective recordings of well-known favourites like Stanford in G (the Magnificat with its wonderful treble solo and the Nunc Dimittis with its rich baritone solo), *Beati quorum via, Justorum animae* and the mighty Easter anthem *Blessed be the God and Father*. The title of the CD is from Matthew O'Donovan's Eucharistic setting of about ten years ago, and which one regular member of the congregation said of the Kyrie that it was the most beautiful ever heard in the Abbey.

*James Henderson, Director of Music*

# ***Church Services***

## ***Sherborne Abbey***

**Monday to Saturday** - Morning Prayer - 8.30 am – The Sepulchre Chapel

**Mondays** – CW Holy Communion - 9.00 am – The Lady Chapel

**Tuesdays** (CW) and **Thursdays** (BCP) – Holy Communion - 12 noon – Sepulchre/Lady Chapel

**Wednesdays** – HC with Homily (alternates CW/BCP) – 10.30 am – The Lady Chapel

**Fridays** – Ecumenical Holy Communion – 9.00 am – The Sepulchre Chapel

**1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month** – Requiem Holy Communion – 9.00 am – The Sepulchre Chapel

**3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month** – Remembering the Fallen – 11.00 am – The Lady Chapel

**Saturdays** – CW Holy Communion – 9.00 am – The Sepulchre Chapel

**Sundays** – BCP Holy Communion 8.00 am/Parish Eucharist 9.30 am/Choral Evensong 6.00 pm

## ***St Mary Magdalene, Castleton, Sherborne***

Services are at 11.15 am and take the form of Mattins

except on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month when the service is a BCP Holy Communion.

## ***St Paul's@The Gryphon, Sherborne***

Services are at 10.30 am and alternate between Morning Worship,  
Holy Communion, All Age Worship and Family Worship.

## ***St Martin of Tours, Lillington***

Services are at 9.30 am with a Family Service on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month,  
BCP Holy Communion on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday and Morning Service thereafter.

## ***St James the Great, Longburton***

Services are at 10.00 am with Village Communion on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month,  
and Holy Communion on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday with Family Communion on the other Sundays.

**Sherborne Quakers: Sundays;** 10.30 am; Griffiths Room, Digby Memorial Hall; an hour of quiet prayer/meditation followed by coffee. All welcome! *Nick Jackman* (07870 192599)

**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.



**Sherborne Abbey Visiting Hours** - The Abbey is open to visitors on Mondays to Saturdays from 8.00 am – 5.00 pm and on Sundays from 11.00 am – 5.00 pm; free entry.  
*(Please be aware that The Abbey may close when private services are taking place.)*

**FEBRUARY BULLETIN – DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES: THURSDAY 23 JANUARY 2025 (9.00 AM)**

Parish Office – 01935 713777 (open Monday – Friday 9.00 am – 3.00 pm (closes 1.00 pm Mondays))  
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