



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 22 December 2024 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of 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:** God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

**Readings:** Micah Ch 5: v 2 – 5a; Luke Ch 1: v 39 – 45 [46 – 55] **Hymns:** 21, 48, 376, 186

5.00 pm Abbey Festival of Lessons & Carols	Officiants:	The Reverend Martin Lee The Reverend Rebecca McDonnell
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### CASTLETON CHURCH

11.15 am Mattins	Officiant:	The Reverend Hugh Bonsey
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### STPAULS@THEGRYPHON *(Theme: "Advent – Mary's Song")*

10.30 am All Age Family Communion	Leader & Speaker:	The Reverend Jim Edie
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### LILLINGTON CHURCH *(eats/drinks after service)*

6.00 pm Carol Service	Officiant:	The Reverend Hugh Bonsey
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### LONGBURTON CHURCH

10.00 am Holy Communion	Celebrant:	The Reverend Pene Kennedy
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## Tuesday 24 December 2024 – Christmas Eve

### THE ABBEY

12 noon Holy Communion	Celebrant:	The Reverend Pene Kennedy
3.00 pm & 5.00 pm Crib Services	Officiants:	The Reverend Martin Lee The Reverend Rebecca McDonnell
11.30 pm Midnight Mass - The First Eucharist of Christmas	Celebrants:	The Reverend Martin Lee Canon Charles Mitchell-Innes
<b>Readings:</b> Isaiah Ch 52: v 7 – 10; John Ch 1: v 1 – 14		The Reverend Rebecca McDonnell

### STPAULS@ST PAUL'S CHURCH *(Theme: "Advent – Guide our feet into the way of peace")*

10.00 am Quieter Holy Communion	Leader & Speaker:	The Reverend Jim Edie <i>(followed by seasonal refreshments)</i>
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## Tuesday 24 December 2024 – Christmas Eve contd

<b>Longburton Church</b>	Celebrant:	The Reverend Lesley McCreadie
<b>4.00 pm Crib Service@theInn</b> ( <i>Rose &amp; Crown pub, Longburton</i> )		
<b>11.30 pm Midnight Mass</b>	Celebrant:	The Reverend Lesley McCreadie

## Wednesday 25 December 2024 – Christmas Day

### THE ABBEY

<b>8.00 am BCP Holy Communion</b>	Celebrant:	The Reverend Martin Lee
<b>9.30 am Parish Eucharist with Carols</b>	Celebrant & Preacher: Deacon:	The Reverend Martin Lee The Reverend Rebecca McDonnell
<b>Collect:</b> Almighty God, you have given us your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin: grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; 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.		
<b>Readings:</b> Isaiah Ch 9: v 2 – 7; Luke Ch 2: v 1 – 14 [15 – 20]	<b>Hymns:</b> 30, 21, 34, 26	
<b>11.30 am Festal Mattins</b>	Officiant:	The Reverend Martin Lee

### CASTLETON CHURCH (*please note earlier start time*)

<b>11.00 am Lessons &amp; Carols with BCP Holy Communion</b>	Celebrant:	The Reverend Hugh Bonsey
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### STPAULS@THEGRYPHON (*Theme: "Good news of great joy!"*) (*note earlier start time*)

<b>10.00 am Christmas Celebration</b>	Leader & Speaker:	The Reverend Jim Edie
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### LILLINGTON CHURCH

<b>9.30 am Family HC with Carols</b>	Celebrant:	The Reverend Hugh Bonsey
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### Longburton Church

<b>10.00 am Family Communion</b>	Celebrant:	The Reverend Pene Kennedy
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## Thursday 26 December 2024 - Feast of St Stephen – The Abbey

**10.30 am Feast of St Stephen Eucharist with Carols** - Celebrant: The Reverend Martin Lee

### Friday 27 December 2024 (St John) & Saturday 28 December 2024 (The Holy Innocents):

<b>10.30 am Holy Communion in the Abbey</b>	Celebrant:	The Reverend David Marl
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## Christmas Message

The arrival of Christmas has been eventful and, in many ways, very special. However, it is tinged with sadness as we look at our world, torn apart by warring factions. The message that the Christ child of Bethlehem brought, was of unconditional Love, Joy and Peace. The gifts God sends in the form of his only Son have the power to transform any situation in our world.

It is then, our prayer, that as we celebrate the enormity of God's generosity in sending his Son to us, those caught up in places of conflict may be transformed by the love and grace of the Christ Child of Bethlehem, and may his Love, Joy and Peace be in all our hearts wherever we spend this Christmas.

*The Reverend Martin Lee*

# The Abbey – Weekday/Monthly Services

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

*Please note that Morning Prayer will not take place from Mon 23 Dec – Wed 1 Jan 2025 inclusive.*

**Every Monday** at 9.00 am – CW Holy Communion - The Lady Chapel

*(Please note on Monday 30 January 2025, this service will be at 10.30 am.)*

**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

**1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month** at 9.00 am – Requiem HC - The Sepulchre Chapel (next service Fri 3 Jan)

**3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month** at 11.00 am – Remembering the Fallen (next service Friday 17 Jan 2025)

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

## Sunday 29 December 2024 – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Christmas

### THE ABBEY

<b>8.00 am BCP Holy Communion</b>	Celebrant:	The Reverend Martin Lee
<b>9.30 am Parish Eucharist</b>	Celebrant:	The Reverend Martin Lee
	Preacher:	The Reverend John Townend
<b>6.00 pm Said Evensong with hymns</b>	Officiant:	The Reverend Martin Lee

### CASTLETON CHURCH

<b>11.15 am BCP Holy Communion</b>	Celebrant:	The Reverend Hugh Bonsey
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**STPAULS@THEGRYPHON** (*Theme: "Looking for Jesus' - testimonies"*)

<b>10.30 am Reflective Communion Service</b>	Leaders:	Rev Jim Edie & Mark Greenstock
	Speakers:	Various testimonies

**LILLINGTON CHURCH & LONGBURTON CHURCH** – No service

## 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. *Please note that between Thursday 26 December 2024 – Wednesday 1 January 2025, visiting hours will be 10.00 am – 3.00 pm. School Service: Tuesday 7 January 2025 (9.15 am). 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, Julie Godley, Curtis Handley & Peter Perry. *The Departed:* Ann Smart, David Balmford, Peter Shaw, Mo Swaffield & Colin Wood. *Andrew Cross, Head Verger*

**Service Music (Sunday 22 December):** *Parish Eucharist:* Setting: Missa Brevis, Palestrina; Carols: I sing of a maiden, Berkeley; O little one sweet, J S Bach; Quem pastores laudavere, Praetorius; Hymns: 21, 48, 376, 186. *Festival of Lessons and Carols (5.00 pm):* Carols: A Heavenly Song, Cecilia McDowall; I sing of a maiden, Berkeley; The holly and the ivy, Matthew Owens; Christe, redemptor omnium, Matthew Martin; In the bleak midwinter, Darke; Silent Night, Ledger; Ding dong! Merryly on high, arr Stuart Nicholson; Hymns: 39, 42, 29, 36. **Christmas Eve (Tuesday 24 December):** *Midnight Mass:* Setting: Darke in E; Anthems: O little one sweet, J S Bach; Silent Night, arr. Ledger; In the bleak midwinter, Darke; I sing of a maiden, Hadley; Hymns: 32, 42, 29, 30 (2, 4, 6, 5 in service booklet). (contd ...)

**Service Music contd: Christmas Day (Wednesday 25 December):** *Parish Eucharist:* Setting: Darke in E; Carols: E'en so, Lord Jesus, Man; In the bleak midwinter, Darke; A Heavenly Song, Cecilia McDowall; Hymns: 30, 21, 34, 26. *Festal Matins (11.30 am):* Introit: The holly and the ivy, Matthew Owens; Responses: Shephard; Venite: Howes; Psalm: 98 Stanford; Te Deum: Stanford in C; Jubilate: Britten in E flat; Anthem: Ding dong! Merrily on high, arr Stuart Nicholson; Hymns: 30 (omit vv 4,5) 32 (omit\*), 26. **Thursday 26 December:** *Feast of St Stephen Eucharist with congregational carols (10.30 am):* Setting: Murray; Hymns: selected from Bethlehem Carol Sheet.

**Abbey Choir's CD:** It's not too late to buy the *ultimate Abbey Christmas present* from the Abbey Shop! The Abbey Choir's latest CD—*Missa Brevis: Choral Music from Sherborne Abbey*—is available at £8.00 per copy until Christmas Day when it has to become £10.00 per copy. Favourites such as Stanford's *Magnificat in G* and *Beati quorum via* complete a recording that includes O'Donovan's *Missa Brevis*.  
*James Henderson, Director of Music*

**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 the Covenant Service (Sat 18 Jan; 4.00 pm; Cheap Street Church), Reflection and Prayer (Tues 21 Jan; 7.00 pm; Lady Chapel, Abbey), Thought for the Day (Thurs 23 Jan; 10.30 am; Cheap Street Church); Ecumenical Communion (Fri 24 Jan; 9.00 am; Sepulchre Chapel, Abbey).  
*The Reverend Rebecca McDonnell*

**Parish Office:** Please note that the office will close at **12 noon** on Christmas Eve (Tuesday 24 December) through to Wednesday 1 January 2025 inclusive. The office will reopen on Thursday 2 January 2025.  
*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.



## The Benefice Team

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**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/>