



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 8 December 2024 – 2nd Sunday of Advent

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 school service in the Abbey at 11.30 am.)

Collect: O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Readings: Malachi Ch 3: v 1 – 4; Luke Ch 3: v 1 - 6

Hymns: 7, 12, 170 (i), 466

2.45 pm Dorset Provincial Grand Lodge Carol Service (Officiant: The Reverend Martin Lee)

(There will be a quarter peal rung from 4.30 pm.)

6.00 pm Choral Evensong Officiant: The Reverend Martin Lee

CASTLETON CHURCH

11.15 am BCP Holy Communion Celebrant: The Reverend Hugh Bonsey

STPAULS@THEGRYPHON *(Theme: "Revelation – Prepare the way!")*

10.30 am Holy Communion Leader & Speaker: The Reverend Jim Edie

3.00 pm – 5.00 pm Craft & Carols @ St Paul's Church – all welcome!

LILLINGTON CHURCH

9.30 am BCP Holy Communion Celebrant: The Reverend Hugh Bonsey

LONGBURTON CHURCH

10.00 am Family Communion Celebrant: The Reverend Lesley McCreadie

Thursday 12 December 2024 – Choral Evensong – 5.30 pm

Sung by the Sherborne Abbey Girls' Choir (see service music on page 3)

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 – Sat 28 Dec 2024.)

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

Every Tuesday at 12 noon – CW Holy Communion - The Sepulchre Chapel

The Abbey – Weekday/Monthly Services continued

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

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

3rd 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

On Friday, the Church celebrates the life and death of St Lucy, who is one of the most admired and venerated saints in the Church, especially within the Anglican, Roman Catholic, Lutheran and Orthodox traditions.

St Lucy lived in the second and third centuries, in a time of intense persecution of Christians. Born into a rich family, Lucy chose the path of virginity and complete dedication to Jesus. She was betrothed to a pagan, who, in his anger, reported her to the Roman authorities. Lucy was condemned to death, and, after being tortured, died as a Christian martyr.

The word 'Lucy' or 'light' has a huge significance for us in the Northern Hemisphere. Lucy's feast day of 13th December is only 8 to 10 days before the Winter Solstice. In Scandinavia, St Lucy's Day is the beginning of the Christmas season, with all its hope and vision of new life.

According to tradition, Lucy's eyes were removed, either by herself or her Roman torturers. Lucy is the patron saint of the blind, and those who have difficulty with eyesight. So, whether we are experiencing darkness in our lives, or are waiting for the light promised by the Winter Solstice, St Lucy can be our inspiration for living in hope and assurance in the time ahead.

The Reverend Hugh Bonsey

Sunday 15 December 2024 – 3rd Sunday of Advent

THE ABBEY

8.00 am BCP Holy Communion Celebrant: The Reverend Rebecca McDonnell

9.30 am Parish Eucharist Celebrant: The Reverend Martin Lee
Preacher: Canon Charles Mitchell-Innes

1.30 pm & 2.30 pm Shoppers' Carols (*part of Sherborne Market Day*)

5.00 pm Christingle Officiant: The Reverend Martin Lee

CASTLETON CHURCH

11.15 am Mattins Officiant: The Reverend Hugh Bonsey

STPAULS@THEGRYPHON (*Theme: "Advent – Nativity"*)

10.30 am All Age Nativity Service Leaders & Speakers: COSMIC Team

LILLINGTON CHURCH

9.30 am Morning Service Officiant: The Reverend Hugh Bonsey

LONGBURTON CHURCH

6.00 pm Carol Service Officiants: The Reverend Lesley McCreadie
The Reverend Pene Kennedy

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). *Please note that between Monday 23 – Saturday 28 December 2024, visiting hours will be 10.00 am – 3.00 pm.*

The Abbey may close when private services are taking place. *School Rehearsals: Monday 9 December (2.30 pm), Tuesday 10 December (10.30 am, 12.45 pm & 4.30 pm), Wednesday 11 December (3.00 pm), Thursday 12 December (2.30 pm). School Services: Tuesday 10 December (2.00 pm), Thursday 12 December (4.00 pm), Friday 13 December (2.00 pm), Saturday 14 December (11.00 am & 2.30 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 & Julie Godley. *The Departed:* Rosalind Moore, Ann Smart & David Balmford. *Andrew Cross, Head Verger*

Service Music (Sunday 8 December): *Parish Eucharist:* Setting: Missa Aeterna Christi munera, Palestrina; Anthems: I sing of a maiden, Berkeley; Adam lay ybounden, Ord; Lord, I trust thee, Handel; Hymns: 7, 12, 170 (i), 466. *Choral Evensong:* Introit: Adam lay ybounden, Ord; Responses: Tomkins; Psalm: 41 Woods; Canticles: Fifth Service, Tomkins; Anthem: And the glory, Handel; Hymns: 3 (ii), 6. **Choral Evensong (Thursday 12 December, 5.30 pm):** Introit: Silent Night, arr James Henderson; Responses: Radcliffe Psalm: 65 vv 1–8, Walmisley; Canticles: Noble in A minor; Anthem: Shepherd's Pipe Carol, John Rutter; Hymns: 15, 18.

Children's Choir: The Children's Choir rehearses at 4.00 pm on Mondays in the Digby Memorial Hall. Please contact charlie.gurnham@sherborneabbey.com, our Assistant Director of Music, to join—or simply turn up and enjoy some carol singing. *James Henderson, Director of Music*

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

Monday 9 December 2024 – James Henderson, Director of Music, Sherborne Abbey
(last recital in the series; restarts on Monday 6 January 2025)

Christmas with the Rifles: Back by popular demand, the Salamanca Band of the Rifles Regiment returns to the Abbey this Saturday 7 December 2024 at 2.00 pm to perform their annual Christmas Concert. All are welcome; free entry; retiring collection for a military charity and the Abbey.

St Paul's Crafts & Carols: On Sunday 8 December 2024; 3.00 pm – 5.00 pm; at St Paul's Church (St Paul's Close, Sherborne, DT9 4DU). Fun for all the family, crafts, seasonal refreshments & carols. All are very welcome. *The Reverend Jim Edie*

Mothers' Union Carol Service: On Friday 13 December 2024 in the Lady Chapel, Sherborne Abbey at 10.30 am. All are welcome to attend. Members of the MU will be staying after the service to make up the Christingles (for the service on Sunday 15 December 2024) over coffee. *Jo Higgs*

Sherborne Churches Together – Carol Singing: All are warmly welcomed to join us carol singing near Waitrose on Saturday 14 December 2024 at 11.00 am. We will sing for about 45 minutes, or until we get cold, and words will be provided. We hope you can join us. *Caroline Polley, SCT*

Christmas Concert: Carols, music and song! On Monday 16 December 2024 in the Abbey at 7.30 pm featuring the Abbey Choirs, Sherborne Town Band and local music groups. Free entry (not ticketed), all welcome! *James Henderson, Director of Music*

Longburton Village Café: Held in the village church of St James, the café provides tea, coffee (free refills) & great cakes for just £2.00. Tuesday 17 December 2024; 10.30 am – noon.

Facilities Project: The proposals for toilets and a new Vestry have now been formally published. Details are available in the Vestry. After 30 days, provided there are no unresolved objections, the Chancellor of the Diocese will be asked to issue a Faculty. *Mike Keatinge*

Shoppers' Carols: On Sunday 15 December 2024 at 1.30 pm and 2.30 pm in the Abbey. All are welcome to attend these short services. Come and sing some carols! (*Sherborne Market Day*)

Christingle Service: On Sunday 15 December 2024 at 5.00 pm in the Abbey.

A Quieter Christmas Service: On Thursday 19 December 2024 at 7.00 pm in The Lady Chapel. A delightfully quiet, reflective time just before Christmas for those who find the busyness of this season a struggle. You may be thinking of a loved one at this time or feel that a little oasis may benefit you and put Christmas into its right perspective. This service allows us all to draw near to God to steady, refresh and still our hearts for the coming of Christ. *The Reverend Lesley McCreadie*

SCT Christmas Day Lunch: In the Digby Memorial Church Hall (12.30 pm - 3.00 pm) for anyone on their own 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, SCT

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 /07748 286837).

Coffee Morning in aid of Ezo Appeal: Thank you to all who came out in such awful weather to the Coffee Morning. A fantastic £500.45 was raised for the Appeal. Thank you. *Sue 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.



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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/>