



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 19 January 2025 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany

### THE ABBEY

8.00 am BCP Holy Communion	Celebrant:	The Reverend Rebecca McDonnell
9.30 am Parish Eucharist	Celebrant:	The Reverend Martin Lee
	Preacher:	The Reverend Robert Green

*(There is a school service in the Abbey at 11.30 am.)*

**Collect:** Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; 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:** Isaiah Ch 62: v 1 – 5; John Ch 2: v 1 - 11

**Hymns:** 473(ii), 337, 299(i), 280

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

11.15 am Mattins	Officiant:	The Reverend Rebecca McDonnell
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### STPAULS@THEGRYPHON *(Theme: "Water into wine")*

10.30 am All Age Worship	Leader & Speaker:	The Reverend Jim Edie
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### LILLINGTON CHURCH

9.30 am Morning Service	Officiant:	The Reverend John Townend
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### LONGBURTON CHURCH

10.00 am Family Communion	Celebrant:	The Reverend Lesley McCreadie
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## Thursday 23 January 2025 – Choral Evensong – 5.30 pm

Sung by the Sherborne Abbey Girls' Choir

Introit: Oculi omnium, Wood; Responses: Reading; Psalm: 119 vv 145–152, Turle; Canticles: Stanford in B flat; Anthem: Expectans expectavi, Wood; 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

**Every Friday** at 9.00 am – Ecumenical Holy Communion - The Sepulchre Chapel

# The Abbey – Weekday/Monthly Services contd

**1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month** at 9.00 am – Requiem Holy Communion - The Sepulchre Chapel (next service Friday 7 February 2025)

**3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month** at 11.00 am – Remembering the Fallen (next service Friday 21 Feb 2025)

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

## Thought for the Day

How are the New Year's resolutions going? Given up already? Managing to keep going?

There are things in life that take courage to start and keep going, and perhaps it is the case for you that, when it comes to some activities, starting is the biggest challenge.

This Sunday, in John's Gospel we read of 'the first of his signs'; the miracle of Jesus turning water onto wine at the wedding in Cana and as a result the initiation of his public ministry. When I read this story, I am often struck by Jesus' perceived reluctance of Jesus to help. A slightly alternative version of the conversation might be Mary says to Jesus "There is no wine", Jesus responds "What has that got to do with me, I am not ready!", Mary knows better and says to the servants "Do whatever he says". One might read into this scene the common phrase 'Mum knows best' and on this occasion she obviously did. I do wonder though whether Jesus needed a bit of encouragement or simply the courage to get going with the next season in his earthly life and therefore the courage to initiate his public ministry. He would have known where it was going to lead (that is clear from the Gospels) and if any of us were in that position we too would be pretty reluctant to start. Maybe it is difficult to think of Jesus needing courage, but for me it highlights his humanity. It highlights that God Himself; the one with the power to create the universe with a word, now knows what it is to doubt, what it is to wonder if a task set before us can be completed, what it is to face and overcome fear.

There may be things that you need courage for at the moment, things God is asking you to start or pursue. If you find yourself in a place of doubt and fear, know that Jesus understands and that God says to you "Have courage and go for it."

*The Reverend Jim Edie*

## Sunday 26 January 2025 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany

### 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 Choral Evensong</b>	Officiant:	The Reverend Martin Lee

### CASTLETON CHURCH

<b>11.15 am Mattins</b>	Officiant:	The Reverend Hugh Bonsey
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### STPAULS@THEGRYPHON (*Patronal Festival*)

<b>10.30 am Morning Worship</b>	Leader:	The Reverend Jim Edie
	Speaker:	The Reverend Paul Harris

### LILLINGTON CHURCH

<b>9.30 am Morning Service</b>	Officiant:	The Reverend Hugh Bonsey
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### Longburton Church

<b>10.00 am Holy Communion</b>	Celebrant:	The Reverend Rebecca McDonnell
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# Notices

**Visiting Hours:** The Abbey is open to visitors (free of charge) on Mondays to Saturdays (8.00am – 5.00pm) and on Sundays (11.00 am – 5.00 pm). The Abbey may close when private services are taking place. *Funeral: Wednesday 22 January (2.00 pm). School Services: Sunday 19 January (11.30 am), Saturday 1 February (11.00 am) & Sunday 2 February (11.30 am).*

**Prayer List:** *The Sick:* Harry Bond, Chris Smallbone, Alan Gillard, Peter Dunkin, Rosie Taylor, Judith Spelman, Doreen Elderkin, Julie Godley, Liz Gilbert, Curtis Handley, Peter Perry & Matthew Bray. *The Departed:* David Balmford, Colin Wood, Brian Meaby, Helen Molly Parker, Coryndon Luxmoore & Maureen Hawkins. *Andrew Cross, Head Verger*

**Service Music (Sunday 19 January):** *Parish Eucharist:* Setting: Mass for four voices, Byrd; Anthems: Salvator mundi, Tallis; Thou knowest Lord, Purcell; Hymns: 473(ii), 337, 299(i), 280. *Choral Evensong:* Introit: Love of love, James Henderson; Responses: Tomkins; Psalm: 36 vv 1–10 Goss; Canticles: Stanford in G; Anthem: Lighten our darkness, Stanford; Hymns: 251, 239.

**Music News:** The Abbey Children's Choir saw an increase in number last week and new members continue to be very welcome. The new rehearsal venue is the Almshouse and it's on Mondays at 4.00 pm with Charlie Gurnham (our Assistant Director of Music). The Abbey Choir's new CD recording, *Missa Brevis*, is available from the Abbey Shop (£10.00) and includes old favourites like *Stanford in G Magnificat* and *Nunc Dimittis*, Wesley's mighty *Blessed be the God and Father*, Matthew O'Donovan's Eucharist setting that you hear two or three times a year on Sunday mornings, and some organ solos (Bach and Vierne). Do pick up some copies!

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

Monday 20 January 2025 – Paul Cheater, Leweston

Monday 27 January 2025 – Ollie MacMullan, Organ Scholar & Choral Scholar

*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 *'Do you believe this?'*. All are welcome to attend the following:

**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; 9.00 am; 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).

**Christingle Collections:** As a result of our Christingle Service and the collection boxes returned by the pupils at Sherborne Abbey Primary School a total of £625.00 has been sent to The Children's Society. Thank you. *The Reverend Lesley McCreadie*

**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 21 January, 4 & 18 February 2025; 10.30 am – noon.

**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))*

**Taizé Service:** Half an hour of prayer, meditation and music – On Sunday 9 February 2025; 6.30 pm, Cheap Street Church. Everyone welcome. [vicarlesley@outlook.com](mailto:vicarlesley@outlook.com). *The Rev Lesley McCreadie*

**Sherborne Snowdrop Service Remembrance & Thanksgiving Service:** Everyone is most welcome to attend this service on Friday 7 February 2025 at 11.00 am in Sherborne Abbey. The Sherborne Book of Remembrance will be available and there will be an opportunity to add the names of a loved one to this book at the end of the service. Refreshments available. *Sue Hawkett, SCT*

**Abbey Flowers:** From January 2025, we are offering the opportunity to mark the Year's Mind of a loved one with a flower pedestal, with the name of the loved one displayed next to it. The flower pedestal should be ordered at least two weeks in advance of the Year's Mind date and will be displayed for a week beginning on a Sunday. The price options will be £50.00 - £200.00 depending on size and flowers. Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to place an order. *Sue Lee*

**The Rendezvous Community Cuppa:** On Monday 20 January 2025; 10.00 am - noon; Cheap Street Church Hall. We will be joined by Social Prescribers who can offer advice on anything non-medical, including finance, plus one of their Wellbeing Team for support; the Pharmacy Team will offer Blood Pressure checks and answer questions on medication; Wessex Water & The Town Council will be there to take questions! Join us for a chat, cuppa (£1) & cake (£2) every 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month. All welcome. Profits to Rendezvous. *Fiona Franklin, Rendezvous*

**SCT Christmas Lunch:** We wanted to write and say a huge final THANK YOU for all your help with the Christmas Lunch 2024. We could not have done it without you. So many people have been in touch to say how much they appreciated it all and enjoyed themselves. It really gave me a renewed sense of appreciation for what a lovely community we live in - with so many people willing to give up their time to show care for others. *Kathy Pinsent, SCT*

**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/>