



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 16 February 2025 – 3rd Sunday before Lent

THE ABBEY

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

(There is a baptism in the Abbey at midday.)

Collect: Almighty God, who alone can bring order to the unruly wills and passions of sinful harmony: give your people grace so to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, among the many changes of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; 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: 1 Corinthians Ch 15: v 12 – 20; Luke Ch 6: v 17 - 26

Hymns: 333, 390 (493), 302, 296 (i)

6.00 pm Choral Evensong Officiant: The Reverend Martin Lee

CASTLETON CHURCH

11.15 am Mattins Officiant: The Reverend Hugh Bonsey

STPAULS@THEGRYPHON (*Theme 'Listening to Jesus'*)

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

LILLINGTON CHURCH

9.30 am Morning Service Officiant: The Reverend John Townend

LONGBURTON CHURCH

10.00 am Family Communion Celebrant: The Reverend Rebecca McDonnell

Thursdays – Choral Evensong – 5.30 pm

Sung by the Sherborne Abbey Girls' Choir

Due to half term, there is not a service on Thursday 20 February 2025;
the next Choral Evensong will take place on Thursday 27 February 2025.

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

The Abbey – Weekday/Monthly Services contd

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 7 March 2025)

3rd 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

Many often jest that Jesus' greatest miracle was being able to teach a great many people in the open without a microphone. Certainly, our Gospel reading for today tells of how a multitude came from all around, to be healed and listen to him preach on a level place.

The importance of teaching and in turn listening to scripture and the jewels of Christian knowledge and faith has not changed or diminished in 2,000 years. We all continue a long journey of discipleship in our walk with Christ throughout our lives that never reaches a conclusion, there is always more to learn, to sit at Jesus' feet but also be illuminated by the great minds that have gone before us.

Saturday saw the commemoration of Thomas Bray (1730) who founded the Society for the Propagation of Christian Knowledge, known simply as SPCK today. He was dedicated to making theological books available to all, and his efforts led to the founding of almost 100 libraries in America and more than 200 in England, as well as doing much for the poor in the UK and abroad. SPCK was founded in 1698 and for over 300 years has sought to increase awareness of the Christian faith in the UK and worldwide, making it the oldest Anglican mission organisation in the world. Today they aim to inspire Christians to grow in faith and to share the news of Christ with others. There is always more to hear.

The Reverend Rebecca McDonnell

Sunday 23 February 2025 – 2nd Sunday before Lent

THE ABBEY

8.00 am BCP Holy Communion	Celebrant:	The Reverend Rebecca McDonnell
9.30 am Parish Eucharist	Celebrant & Preacher:	The Reverend Martin Lee
6.00 pm Choral Evensong	Officiant:	The Reverend Martin Lee

CASTLETON CHURCH

11.15 am Mattins	Officiant:	The Reverend Hugh Bonsey
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STPAULS@THEGRYPHON (*Theme 'Loving and giving'*)

10.30 am Morning Worship	Leader:	John Crossman
	Speaker:	Mark Greenstock

LILLINGTON CHURCH

9.30 am Morning Service	Officiant:	The Reverend Hugh Bonsey
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Longburton Church

10.00 am Holy Communion	Celebrant:	<i>(to be confirmed)</i>
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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. *Baptism: Sunday 16 February (midday). Funeral: Friday 28 February (11.30 am). School Service: Wednesday 5 March (9.30 am). Memorial Service: Saturday 8 March (10.00 am).*

Prayer List: *The Sick:* Harry Bond, Chris Smallbone, Alan Gillard, Peter Dunkin, Rosie Taylor, Judith Spelman, Julie Godley, Liz Gilbert, Curtis Handley, Miranda Broadhurst & David Hayes. *The Departed:* David Balmford, Sir Edward Studd, Dr Peter John Perry & Sheila Richardson.

Service Music (Sunday 16 February): *Parish Eucharist:* Setting: Missa Aeterna Christi munera, Palestrina; Anthems: Beati quorum via, Stanford; Geistliches Lied, Brahms; Hymns: 333, 390 (493), 302, 296 (i). *Choral Evensong:* Introit: Oculi omnium, Wood; Responses: Ayleward; Psalm: 82 Goss; Canticles: Stanford in B flat; Anthem: Justorum animae, Stanford; Hymns: 353, 407.

Music News: This weekend is the last of the Abbey Choir's singing before the choristers take a well-earned break the following weekend, effectively giving them a full week off for their Half Term. There will therefore also not be a Choral Evensong on Thursday as the Girls' Choir will be on Half Term. Some of the adults of the back rows will be singing the Sunday services on 23 February, and it is for the back rows that a recruitment programme continues. In order to join the pool of occasional singers (known as 'deps'), tenors and basses need to be good sight-readers, confident enough to hold a part on their own, and able sometimes to commit to Thursday evenings for Evensong with a rehearsal from 4.40 pm, or Friday evenings for a Choir Practice 7.30 pm – 9.00 pm for the two Sunday services. Deps would generally be asked to sing about three times a term, most often as part of an adult back row choir such as that singing next weekend. *James Henderson, Dir of Music*

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

Monday 17 February 2025 – Charlie Gurnham, Assistant Director of Music, Sherborne Abbey

Monday 24 February 2025 – Paul Ellis, Organist Emeritus

Monday 3 March 2025 – Andrew Johnstone, Trinity College, Dublin

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 18 February, 4 & 18 March 2025; 10.30 am – noon.

Mothers' Union: Our next meeting will be held on Friday 28 February 2025 at 10.00 am for 10.30 am in the Griffiths Room, Digby Memorial Church Hall. Speaker: The Reverend Martin Lee on 'The Almshouse Past & Future'. All welcome! *Jo Higgs (musecretary@sherborneabbey.com)*

Shrove Lunch: Our lunch will take place on Sunday 2 March 2025, 12.30 pm for 1.00 pm, in the Digby Memorial Church Hall. Please get your tickets from the Parish Office in good time so the cooks have plenty of notice for catering purposes - it really does help & saves unnecessary waste. Tickets: £12.50 (children free!) to include Spanish chicken with rice (vegetarian alternative), followed by chocolate brownie or lemon polenta cake with ice cream plus wine, soft drinks, tea & coffee. There will be a raffle in aid of this year's Lent Projects which will be announced at the lunch. Please bring any raffle contributions to the Parish Office. We look forward to seeing you!

Frances Walker, Social Committee

Abbey Flowers: 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. 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, Parish Office*

World Day of Prayer: The next World Day of Prayer will be held in Sherborne at the Sacred Heart & St Aldhelm Church on Friday 7 March 2025. Sherborne Churches Together used to run this every year, but it has not been run since COVID. We would like one or two volunteers from each church to jointly organise this for 2025, with a view to holding this event annually in different churches around Sherborne. If you are interested in volunteering, please email Jonathan Simon at jonathan.simon@prcdtr.org.uk or phone on 01935 873100. *Jonathan Simon*

Taizé Service: Half an hour of prayer, meditation and music – On Sunday 9 March 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. *The Reverend Lesley McCreadie*

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 12 March 2025, Lady Chapel, Abbey, 4.00 pm – 4.30 pm. *Shirley Fry (01935 389124)*

Sherborne Abbey Guided Tours: Our regular guided tours will re-start from 1 April 2025 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) to arrange a convenient date/time. *Harold Clarke, Head Tour Guide*

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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St Mary Magdalene, Castleton & St James the Great, Longburton - Contact Sue Lee at the Parish Office (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

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/>