



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 2 March 2025 – Sunday next before Lent

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

Collect: Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Readings: Exodus Ch 34: v 29 – end; Luke Ch 9: v 28 – 36 [37 – 43a]

Hymns: 205, 431, 407, 420

11.45 am Short Abbey Service - Join us for this half hour non-Eucharist service featuring the new Abbey Children's Choir.

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

11.15 am Mattins	Officiant:	The Reverend Hugh Bonsey
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STPAULS@THEGRYPHON (*Theme: Lent Series – Planetwise: 'Creation calls'*)

10.30 am Morning Worship	Leader & Speaker:	The Reverend Jim Edie
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LILLINGTON CHURCH

9.30 am Family Service	Officiant:	The Reverend Hugh Bonsey
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LONGBURTON CHURCH

10.00 am Village Communion	Celebrant:	The Reverend Lesley McCreadie
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Wednesday 5 March 2025 – Ash Wednesday – 7.00 pm

The Abbey - Holy Communion with Ashing - Psalm: 51 Stanford; Setting: Mass for four voices, Byrd; Anthem: The Lent Prose, Plainsong; Hymns: 67, 383 (ii), 70 (i).

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

1st Friday of the month at 9.00 am – Requiem HC - The Sepulchre Chapel (Friday 7 March 2025)

The Abbey – Weekday/Monthly Services contd

3rd Friday of the month at 11.00 am – Remembering the Fallen (next services Friday 21 February & Friday 21 March 2025)

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

Thought for the Day

Wednesday this week is Ash Wednesday: the first day of Lent. The following six and a half weeks is the time which runs up to Easter Day - and so Lent becomes the preparation time for Easter.

Lent is a time of study, when people meet in groups to share the Christian Faith. It is also a time of penitence, when we turn round to God. All times of penitence are sombre occasions, which are emphasised by the violet colours of the altar and pulpit hangings, and the absence of flowers. On Ash Wednesday there seems to be a stillness, rather like Good Friday.

We have the service of the Imposition of Ashes at the Eucharist, in which the Christian is marked on their forehead with the sign of the Cross using the ashes from the previous year's Palm Crosses. The words are awesome and dramatic, "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." These famous stark words remind us of our physical mortality and invite us to share in the new life of the spirit which Jesus gives; the words continue, "Turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ."

The time for us to repent - or turn to God - is now in this Season of Lent. Ash Wednesday tells us that we are "Children of Dust"; it also invites us to be "Children of God" forever.

The Reverend Hugh Bonsey

Thursday 6 March 2025 – Choral Evensong – 5.30 pm

The Abbey - Sung by the Sherborne Abbey Girls' Choir

Introit: Litany to holy spirit, Hurford; Responses: Ferial; Psalm: 6 Cooke; Canticles: Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis for Upper Voices James Henderson; Anthem: Drop, drop slow tears Gibbons; Hymns: 251, 67.

Sunday 9 March 2025 – 1st Sunday of Lent

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 Martin Lee
<i>(There is a school service in the Abbey at 11.30 am.)</i>		
6.00 pm Choral Evensong	Officiant:	The Reverend Martin Lee

CASTLETON CHURCH

11.15 am BCP Holy Communion	Celebrant:	The Reverend John Towend
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STPAULS@THEGRYPHON *(Theme: Lent Series – Planetwise: ‘Creation groaning’)*

10.30 am Holy Communion	Leader:	The Reverend Jim Edie
	Speaker:	Tabitha Smith

LILLINGTON CHURCH

9.30 am BCP Holy Communion	Celebrant:	The Reverend John Towend
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Longburton Church

10.00 am Family Communion	Celebrant:	The Reverend Lesley McCreadie
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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. *School Services: Wednesday 5 March (9.30 am), Sunday 9 March (11.30 am). Memorial Service: Sat 8 March (10.00 am). Rehearsal: Sat 15 March (1.30 pm).*

Prayer List: *The Sick:* Harry Bond, Chris Smallbone, Alan Gillard, Peter Dunkin, Rosie Taylor, Judith Spelman, Julie Godley, Miranda Broadhurst, David Hayes & Shirley Fooks. *The Departed:* David Balmford, Sir Edward Studd, Dr Peter John Perry, Mary Sidwell, John Loder & Liz Gilbert.
Andrew Cross, Head Verger

Service Music (Sunday 2 March): *Parish Eucharist:* Setting: Missa Brevis, O'Donovan; Anthems: O Lord give thy holy spirit, Tallis; Ave verum, Byrd; Nolo mortem peccatoris, Morley; Hymns: 205, 431, 407, 420. *Choral Evensong:* Introit: Nolo mortem peccatoris, Morley; Responses: Shephard; Psalm: 12 vv 1–9, Goss; Canticles: Dyson in F; Anthem: And I saw a new heaven, Bainton; Hymns: 376, 377.

Music News: The choristers of both choirs returned this week and there is much to be rehearsed with Ash Wednesday and Lent fast approaching. A chorister surplice and at least one RSCM medal-ribbon will be being presented on Sunday morning as a result of the hard work put in by the young singers. The Children's Choir is making its first Sunday appearance this week in a "Short Abbey Service" at 11.45 am that will follow on from the Parish Eucharist. New members are always welcome in all of our choirs; the Abbey Choirs have auditioned places available for girl and boy choristers, and adult back row singers, whilst membership of the Children's Choir is non-auditioned and open to all under 14 year-olds, meeting on Monday afternoons at 4.00pm in the Almshouse with Charlie Gurnham (Assistant Director of Music).
James Henderson, Director of Music

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

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

Monday 10 March 2025 – Alexander Eadon, Director of Music, Sherborne School

Lent Project 2025: Sunday sees the launch of the Lent Projects at the Shrove Lunch. Full details including how to contribute, will be found in the leaflets in churches and on the Abbey website. This year we are supporting Confident Children out of Conflict, a small charity in Juba South Sudan which we know well; one of our committee has visited several times. Our home charity is Hilfield Friary to support their pioneering work on sustainability and environmental management. I do hope you will want to contribute generously to these two excellent causes: we are sure our money will be used wisely and effectively. This year there are even more ways to give and please **make sure you indicate your gift is for the Lent projects** and use gift aid if you are able! Many thanks.
John Crossman Chair FIAC

Memorial Service: This service, for the late Rosemary Goodden, will take place in the Abbey on Saturday, 8 March 2025 at 10.00 am. All are welcome to attend.
Robert Goodden

Longburton Lent Lunches: On Tuesday 11 March 2025 & Tuesday 8 April 2025; 12.30 pm; St James the Great Church, Longburton. Join us for a soup, bread and cheese lunch. Donations for Christian Aid.
The Reverend Lesley McCreadie

Year's Mind: Mark the Year's Mind of a loved one with a flower pedestal, with the name of the loved one displayed next to it. Please order at least two weeks before the Year's Mind date and it will be displayed for a week. Cost: £50.00 - £200.00 depending on size and flowers. Please contact the Parish Office.
Sue Lee, Parish Office

Lent Courses - "Plenty": From Thursday 6 March 2025, Lent groups organised by SCT will be available for all the Christian community in Sherborne. This course has been developed as part of Green Christian's 'Joy in Enough' project and will last for six weeks leading up to Easter. See [The Plenty! course – Joy in Enough](#) Do sign up for one of the following groups: **Group 1:** Lenthay Road, led by John & Margaret Crossman, Thursdays 2.30 pm, starting 6 March (07721 616003/john.crossman@btinternet.com). **Group 2:** Longburton, led by The Reverend Lesley McCreadie, Mondays 2.00 pm, starting 10 March (vicarlesley@outlook.com). **Group 3:** St Paul's Vicarage, led by Rev Jim Edie, Tuesdays 7.45 pm, starting 11 March (admin@spcsherborne.co.uk). **Group 4:** Cheap Street Church, led by Rev Kate Konrad, Wednesdays 10.00 am, starting 12 March (revkatekonrad@gmail.com) email or simply come along on the day. **Group 5:** St Paul's Church, led by Rev Jim Edie and others from St Paul's, Wednesdays 7.30 pm, starting Wednesday 12 March (admin@spcsherborne.co.uk).

Caroline Polley, Secretary, SCT

World Day of Prayer: To be held at the Sacred Heart & St Aldhelm Church on Friday 7 March 2025 at 11.15 am followed by tea/coffee in the hall. As we begin our Lenten preparation for celebrating the Passion, Death and Resurrection of the Lord, we will join in prayer and worship with Christians in thousands of churches around the world, using a liturgy developed by women in the Cook Islands in the Pacific.

Caroline Polley, SCT

Sherborne Chamber Choir Concert: On Saturday 15 March 2025, 7.30 pm, Sherborne Abbey. 'Eternal Light' – uplifting music for Lent, featuring Victoria's Requiem. Tickets: £7.00 - £20.00 (U18 free) from 0333 666 3366 or www.sherbornechamberchoir.org.uk *Rachel Greaves*

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/>