



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 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

Collect: Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever. Amen.

Readings: Revelation Ch 4; Luke Ch 8: v 22 - 25

Hymns: 436, 339, 397, 466

6.00 pm Choral Evensong Officiant: The Reverend Martin Lee

CASTLETON CHURCH

11.15 am Mattins Officiant: The Reverend Hugh Bonsey

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

LONGBURTON CHURCH

10.00 am Holy Communion Celebrant: The Reverend David Marl

Thursday 27 February 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: Watson in E; Anthem: Te lucis ante terminum, Balfour Gardiner; Hymns: 250, 253.

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

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 services Friday 21 February & Friday 21 March 2025)

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

Thought for the Day

"Where is your faith?" Jesus' challenging question to his disciples, terrified as they were by a violent storm at sea, is one for us all, not just for them at that moment. It sounds like an accusation, but a closer reading of today's Gospel (Luke 8: 22-25) suggests that the question is framed in love, not annoyance. After all, their immediate reaction had been to wake Jesus up, which implies that they trusted him to help in this emergency; and so he did, using his power over nature to reveal his deep concern and love for his friends. They knew, as he did, that he would not let them down.

Love lies at the heart of Christian faith. That is the essential truth behind the poetry - and indeed the life - of George Herbert, humane and faithful parish priest of Bemerton in our diocese, in the early 17th century. Mark Oakley, now Dean of Southwark, has written of Herbert's "insistence that God is the loving friend of human beings and not some distant, overbearing tyrant. God is the one who takes Herbert's hand smiling....Herbert knows he is secure within the love of his friend and nothing will ever get in their way." The Anglican Church, which Herbert loved and served, will on Thursday celebrate this kind, honest priest, who wrote such powerful and beautiful poetry, which still speaks to us today. In his poem *The Agony* he binds together the Crucifixion and the Holy Communion with Love:

"Love is that liquor sweet and most divine,
Which my God feels as blood; but I, as wine."

Canon Charles Mitchell-Innes

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
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: 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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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. *Funeral: Friday 28 February (11.30 am). School Service: Wednesday 5 March (9.30 am), Sunday 9 March (11.30 am). Memorial Service: Sat 8 March (10.00 am).*

Prayer List: *The Sick:* Harry Bond, Chris Smallbone, Alan Gillard, Peter Dunkin, Rosie Taylor, Judith Spelman, Julie Godley, Curtis Handley, 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 23 February): *Parish Eucharist (sung by adult members of the Abbey Choir):* Setting: Mass for three voices, Lotti; Anthems: Ubi caritas, Duruflé; If ye love me, Tallis; Ave verum, Mozart; Hymns: 436, 339, 397, 466. *Choral Evensong (sung by adult members of the Abbey Choir):* Introit: In the beginning, Locke; Responses: Plainsong; Psalm: 23 Plainsong; Canticles: Sumsion in G ATB; Anthem: I will lift up mine eyes, Walker; Hymns: 246 (i), 252.

Music News: Whilst the choristers take a well-earned break, 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 24 February 2025 – Paul Ellis, Organist Emeritus

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

Shrove Lunch: 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! Tickets: £12.50 (children free!) includes Spanish chicken with rice (veg option), chocolate brownie or lemon polenta cake with ice cream plus wine, soft drinks, tea & coffee. Raffle in aid of Lent Projects - please bring any raffle contributions to the Parish Office. All welcome! *Frances Walker*

Palm Crosses: If you have any crosses for ashing, please hand them into the Parish Office before Ash Wednesday, 5 March 2025. *Vergers*

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*

Lenten Lunches (Wednesdays from 5 March 2025): The Catholic Church Parish CAFOD Group are holding lunches in the Sacred Heart & St Aldhelm Church Hall, Westbury DT9 3EL, from Ash Wednesday 5 March 2025. A modest lunch of soup, bread, cheese & fruit will be available for £3.50 plus tea/coffee between 11.30 am - 1.00 pm. All proceeds to CAFOD. Do join us – all in the Sherborne Churches Together area are welcome. *Paul J O'Hara (07801 475633)*

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'. *Jo Higgs (musecretary@sherborneabbey.com)*

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*

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*

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/>