



SHERBORNE ABBEY with CASTLETON,
SAINT PAUL'S, LILLINGTON and
LONGBURTON



MONTHLY BULLETIN – APRIL 2025

April Snapshots!

'Picturing Easter' – visual meditations on the Easter Story: An exhibition of paintings by The Reverend David Marl ARCA in the South Aisle near the Lady Chapel, Sherborne Abbey will take place from **Saturday 19 April 2025 until Wednesday 30 April 2025**. Do come in and view the paintings!
The Reverend David Marl



Easter Services - The Abbey:

Monday 14 April 2025 – Readings and Music – 7.30 pm

Tuesday 15 & Wednesday 16 April 2025 – Compline (Said) - 7.30 pm

Maundy Thursday 17 April 2025 – Holy Eucharist – 12 noon; The Last Supper, Washing of Feet & Vigil followed by The Watch at the Altar of Repose – 7.30 pm;

Good Friday 18 April 2025 – Readings & Reflection - 12 noon;
The Good Friday Liturgy - 1.00 pm; The Last Hour of the Cross Devotion - 2.00 pm

Easter Eve, Saturday 19 April 2025 – The Easter Liturgy – 8.00 pm

Easter Sunday 20 April 2025 – BCP Holy Communion - 8.00 am;
Parish Eucharist - 9.30 am; Festal Mattins - 11.30 am; Choral Evensong - 6.00 pm

St Mary Magdalene, Castleton, Sherborne:

Good Friday 18 April 2025 – Devotional Service – 10.00 am

Easter Sunday 20 April 2025 – Festal Mattins followed by short BCP HC – 11.00 am

St Martin of Tours, Lillington:

Easter Sunday 20 April 2025 – Family Service followed by Holy Communion – 9.30 am

St James the Great, Longburton:

Good Friday 18 April 2025 – Devotional Service – 10.00 am

Easter Sunday 20 April 2025 – Village Communion – 10.00 am

St Paul's@TheGryphon, Sherborne:

Good Friday 18 April 2025 – Reflective Service – 10.00 am

Easter Sunday 20 April 2025 – All Age Holy Communion – 10.30 am

Volunteer Welcomers Required: We are hoping to recruit several new Welcomers for the Abbey to meet and greet our many visitors. Just one fixed hour a fortnight. Training will be given. If you are interested or know someone who might be, please contact me via the Parish Office or email suzanne.short@sherborneabbey.com.
Suzanne Short, Head Welcomer



Mothers' Union: This month's meeting is on **Friday 25 April 2025** at 10.00 am for 10.30 am in the Griffiths Room, Digby Memorial Church Hall. This month's activity will be a quiz. All welcome!

Jo Higgs (musecretary@sherborneabbey.com)

Other Events and Notices

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 1, 15 & 29 April 2025;** 10.30 am – noon.

Sherborne The Arts Society: On **Wednesday 2 April 2025;** 3.00 pm & 7.00 pm; Digby Hall, Hound Street. *'Finn Juhl: The Rise & Fall of Denmark's Greatest Designer'* presented by James Vaux. One of the most celebrated architects & designers in the world in the 1950s but 30 years later Finn Juhl had fallen into obscurity. Members free; non-members £10.00.

<https://theartssocietysherborne.org/>

Nicole Lyscom

Wincanton Choral Society: On **Sunday 6 April 2025;** 7.30 pm; St Luke & St Teresa's Church, Wincanton. A performance of Bach's magnificent St John Passion. Tickets: on the door or from www.ticketsource.co.uk/wincanton-choral-society. Details: 01749 860457 *Sally Greenhalgh*

Longburton Lent Lunches: On **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.

Julian Group: On **Wednesday 9 April 2025,** Lady Chapel, Abbey, 4.00 pm – 4.30 pm. Not a prayer group; an opportunity for silence & meditation with fellow Christians and let God speak to us. Meetings ecumenical & very refreshing. *Shirley Fry (01935 389124)*

Sherborne & District Gardeners' Association: On **Thursday 10 April 2025;** 7.30 pm; Digby Hall, Hound. Our Spring Show! Visitors (£3.00) are most welcome. Details from Richard Newcombe (01935 389375). *Angela Walmsley*

Sherborne Travel Writing Festival: From **Friday 11 April to Sunday 13 April 2025;** Powell Theatre, Abbey Road DT9 3AP. Twelve talks over three days. Tickets available from Winstone's Bookshop, Sherborne or www.sherbornetravelwritingfestival.com.

Easter Messy Church: On **Saturday 12 April 2025,** 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm, Digby Memorial Church Hall. Easter themed art & craft activity session; all ages from 4+ (to be accompanied by an adult); no charge. *Sue Lee, Parish Office*

Taizé Service: On **Sunday 13 April 2025;** 6.30 pm, Cheap Street Church. Half an hour of prayer, meditation & music. All welcome. vicarlesley@outlook.com *The Reverend Lesley McCreadie*

Sherborne Museum Lecture: On **Saturday 19 April 2025;** 2.00 pm (doors open 1.30 pm); Digby Memorial Hall, Digby Road, Sherborne DT9 3NL. The Jim Gibb Memorial Lecture: *'Tithe Barns'* with Joseph Rogers. Admission £5.00 (members free). www.sherbornemuseum.com

Year's Mind: Mark the Year's Mind of a loved one with a flower pedestal in The Abbey, 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*

The Sherborne Market: On **Sunday 20 April 2025;** 10.00 am – 3.00 pm; Cheap St, Abbey Rd, Half Moon St, Digby Rd & Pageant Gardens; 170 stalls, all local artisans & food producers.

JUST FOR FUN!

Since which year has Sherborne Abbey been a site of Christian worship?

March's answer: St James the Great, Longburton

If you have an item for a future Bulletin please email:

Joanna.Sams@sherborneabbey.com



Sherborne Walks: On **Tuesday 22 April 2025**; meet at The Conduit; 10.15 am. The walk will include a visit the curious and rarely visited Grade 1 listed Shell House in Sherborne. Price: £20.00pp. Contact: paul@sherbornewalks.co.uk or 07989 453966. *Paul Birbeck*

Wine Tasting Event: On **Tuesday 22 April 2025**; 7.30 pm; St James Church, Longburton. We shall be sampling five wines accompanied by a continental cold plate and there will be quiz too. Tickets: £25.00 per person. Contact: Alyson Edwards (alysonaedwards@gmail.com or 07585 338150) for tickets or more information. *Alyson Edwards*

Sherborne Museum: We are looking for volunteers to join our wonderful Front of House team! A three hour shift once a fortnight can make a real and positive contribution to the important work that we do. Please contact info@sherbornemuseum.com *Elisabeth Bletsoe*

Friends of Sherborne Abbey: The Friends are vital to the present and future of this House of God. Why not become a Friend and help maintain this beautiful building? Friends can apply for reserved seats at the Advent Carol Service, attend the annual outing and social events plus the AGM! Pick up a leaflet in the Abbey or email chris.hamon@sherborneabbey.com

Sherborne Stop the Litter Campaign:, Please help! **Tuesdays**; 10.00 am - noon. High viz tabards, litter pickers, bags & gloves provided: **15 April:** Area 3: Junc of Castleton/Newland/New Road/Long Street; **6 May:** Area 2: Simons Road (outside the stores); **17 Jun:** Area 4: West End Hall Car Park; **15 Jul:** Area 1 Junc of Coombe/Blackberry Lane; **12 Aug:** Area 3; **23 Sept:** Area 2; **14 Oct:** Area 4; **18 Nov:** Area 1; **16 Dec:** Area 3. *Anthony Vosper (07977 241305)*

Sherborne Digby Hall Monthly Market: Large indoor market of up to 70 stalls; café; free entry; parking & toilets; **1st Saturday of every month**; 10.00 am – 3.00 pm, Mar – Dec; Digby Hall, Hound Street. <https://www.facebook.com/SherborneDigbyHallMonthlyMarket>

The Rendezvous Community Cuppa: **3rd Monday** each month (**28 Apr** (late due to Easter); **19 May**); 10.30 am – 12.30 pm; Cheap Street Church Hall (accessible). Join us for a chat, cuppa (£1.00) & cake (£2.00). Support/advice from local surgery, pharmacist & Age UK plus have your blood pressure checked! Profits to Rendezvous. *Fiona Franklin, Rendezvous*



'Music Corner' & The Abbey Choirs

Organ Recitals



(Mondays; The Abbey; 1.30 pm; free entry; retiring collection)

Easter Monday 21 April 2025 – Daniel Blaze, Organ Scholar, Clare College, Cambridge
(Please note: this is a one hour recital for Easter Monday.)

Monday 28 April 2025 – Arthur Hope Barton, Organ Scholar, The Queen's College, Oxford

The new organ recital series that starts on Monday 21 April 2025 continues to showcase the magnificent organ in the Abbey, built originally by Gray & Davidson in 1856 and restored to something approaching that original concept, after several different iterations in between, by the late Kenneth Tickell during 2004. All are welcome at these free half hour recitals on Mindays during school terms.

The Abbey Choirs are having the first half of April off, returning on Palm Sunday for the beginning of Holy Week. The choir will then be singing 'Music and Readings for Holy Week' on Monday 14 April 2025; 'The Last Supper, Washing of the Feet & Vigil, the Watch' on Maundy Thursday; the 'Good Friday Liturgy' in the middle hour of the three on Good Friday; the 'Easter Liturgy' on Easter Eve; and then Sung Eucharist, Choral Mattins and Choral Evensong on Easter Day itself. *James Henderson, Director of Music*

Church Services

Sherborne Abbey

Monday to Saturday - Morning Prayer - 8.30 am – The Sepulchre Chapel

Mondays – CW Holy Communion - 9.00 am – The Lady Chapel

Tuesdays (CW) and **Thursdays** (BCP) – Holy Communion - 12 noon – Sepulchre/Lady Chapel

Wednesdays – HC with Homily (alternates CW/BCP) – 10.30 am – The Lady Chapel

Fridays – Ecumenical Holy Communion – 9.00 am – The Sepulchre Chapel

1st Friday of the month – Requiem Holy Communion – 9.00 am – The Sepulchre Chapel

3rd Friday of the month – Remembering the Fallen – 11.00 am – The Lady Chapel

Saturdays – CW Holy Communion – 9.00 am – The Sepulchre Chapel

Sundays – BCP Holy Communion 8.00 am/Parish Eucharist 9.30 am/Choral Evensong 6.00 pm

St Mary Magdalene, Castleton, Sherborne

Services are at 11.15 am and take the form of Mattins

except on the 2nd Sunday of the month when the service is a BCP Holy Communion.

St Paul's@The Gryphon, Sherborne

Services are at 10.30 am and alternate between Morning Worship,
Holy Communion, All Age Worship and Family Worship.

St Martin of Tours, Lillington

Services are at 9.30 am with a Family Service on the 1st Sunday of the month,
BCP Holy Communion on the 2nd Sunday and Morning Service thereafter.

St James the Great, Longburton

Services are at 10.00 am with Village Communion on the 1st Sunday of the month,
and Holy Communion on the 4th Sunday with Family Communion on the other Sundays.

Sherborne Quakers: Sundays; 10.30 am; Raleigh Hall, Digby Road (*note change of venue*); an hour of quiet prayer/meditation followed by coffee. All welcome! *Nick Jackman 07870 192599*

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.



Sherborne Abbey Visiting Hours - The Abbey is open to visitors on Mondays to Saturdays from 8.00 am – 5.00 pm and on Sundays from 11.00 am – 5.00 pm; free entry. (*Please be aware that The Abbey may close when private services are taking place.*)

MAY BULLETIN – DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES: THURSDAY 17 APRIL 2025 (9.00 AM)

Parish Office – 01935 713777 (open Monday – Friday 9.00 am – 3.00 pm (closes 1.00 pm Mondays))
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