



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



MONTHLY BULLETIN – MAY 2025



May Snapshots!

Sherborne Abbey Music Festival: From Thursday 1 – Thursday 8 May 2025. A fantastic line-up of concerts and events featuring:

Sherborne Festival Chorus, Sherborne School's Chamber Ensembles, Swing Band & Chamber Choir, Florilegium, Natalie Clein & Iuventus Chamber Orchester, Armonico Consort, Ben Goldscheider, James Gilchrist, Anna Tilbrooke, Wessex Strings, Words of Women, Sherborne Town Band, Sherborne Abbey Choir, Thomas Trotter (organist), Leweston School Chamber Ensembles & Schola Cantorum, Sherborne Girls' Madrigal Society & Chamber Ensembles, Arturo Serna & Ana Laura Manero recital, The Becket Consort and The Gryphon School with the Bournemouth University Choir plus 'Opera at The Plume'! To be held at various venues including Sherborne Abbey. Programmes available from The Abbey or Parish Office.

For tickets (though many events are free entry) ring 0333 666 3366 or go online www.ticketsource.co.uk/sherborneabbeyfestival www.sherborneabbeyfestival.org

Friends of Sherborne Abbey AGM: On **Sunday 18 May 2025** in The Abbey at 7.00 pm for a 7.15 pm start. The AGM will follow a Friends' Evensong at 6.00 pm & there will be a short reception (drink & nibbles) between the two events to welcome you to the meeting. *Also, save the date!* On Thursday 19 June 2025 there will be a Friends' Afternoon Tea with music in the Digby Memorial Church Hall from 3.30 pm followed by the Abbey Girls' Choir Evensong at 5.30 pm. All are welcome to both the AGM and/or Afternoon Tea even if you are not a Friend of Sherborne Abbey. But why not become a Friend and help maintain this beautiful building? Pick up a leaflet in the Abbey or email chris.hamon@sherborneabbey.com *Dr Chris Hamon*

Castle Cary Choir Concert: On **Saturday 31 May 2025**, the choir presents its 60th Jubilee Concert in Sherborne Abbey; doors open 7.00 pm; 7.30 pm start. Proceeds in aid of the Maple Unit, Yeovil Hospital. Featuring Tom Toomey (guitar), Adelaide Brown (flute), & Marta Fontanals-Simmons (mezzo soprano). Tickets £10.00 from the Parish Office, Bailey Hill Bookshop (Castle Cary BA7 7BG) or on the door. www.castlecarychoir.org.uk

Sherborne Abbey Regular Guided Tours: Tours are on **Tuesdays & Thursdays (10.30 am)** and **Wednesdays & Fridays (2.00 pm)**. Tours will also take place between 5 July – 28 Sept 2025 on Sat (10.30am) & Sun (11.15 am) (2.00 pm if a Sunday morning baptism is taking place). Just turn up and our guide will be waiting for you in the porch. Tours take about an hour and are free of charge (although donations are much appreciated). For larger groups or a bespoke tour, contact the Parish Office (joanna.sams@sherborneabbey.com/01935 713777). *Harold Clarke*



Mothers' Union: This month's meeting is on **Friday 23 May 2025** at 10.00 am for 10.30 am in the Griffiths Room, Digby Memorial Church Hall. This month we have a talk on the MU in Melanesia by Ms Katie Drew. All welcome!

Jo Higgs (musecretary@sherborneabbey.com)

Other Events and Notices

St Cuthbert's Way: On Tuesday 29 April 2025, a group of ten people from the Sherborne Benefice started walking from Melrose to Holy Island, aiming to reach Lindisfarne on **Sunday 4 May 2025**. Please would you include them in your prayers as they meet this pilgrimage challenge.

Ros English

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 6 & 20 May 2025**; 10.30 am – noon.

Longburton Lent Lunches: Raised £450.00 for Christian Aid. Thank you to all those who supported this venture.

The Reverend Lesley McCreadie

Sherborne The Arts Society: On **Wednesday 7 May 2025**; 3.00 pm & 7.00 pm; Digby Hall, Hound Street. 'Life on a Harp String', the history, design & music of this unique instrument presented by Margaret Watson. This lecture will cover the harp's 5,000-year history with its 1,400+ working parts and Margaret will also play for this unique musical journey. Members free; non-members £10.00. <https://theartsocietysherborne.org/>

Nicole Lyscom

St Paul's Alpha Course: Starts **Wednesday 7 May 2025**; 7.45 pm; for ten weeks. Open to everyone, a safe place, no previous knowledge required; come & ask questions, join in or just listen. Details from Sarah: 01935 816444/admin@spcsherborne.co.uk

The Reverend Jim Edie

Jazz Concert: On **Wednesday 7 May 2025**; 7.30 pm; Cheap Street Church. 'Talking the Talk, Walking the Walk' with Mike Denham and The Sunset Café Band. Tickets £18.00; pay with cash/card on the door or to book email Fiona.Franklin@therendezvous.org.uk. Next concert on Wednesday 2 July 2025.

Fiona Franklin, Rendezvous

St Nicholas Church, Sandford Orcas: 'An Evening with Kate Adie OBE' on **Friday 9 May 2025**; 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm; Village Hall (DT9 4SE). Join us for a Question & Answer event with one of the world's most renowned war correspondents & celebrated author with wit, insight and storytelling who never fails to engage and entertain. Tickets: £12.50 from The Mitre or ring 07734 088958/07770 721201. Cash bar will be available. All welcome.

Philippa Sherwin

Sherborne Benefice APCM: The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place on **Sunday 11 May 2025** at 4.00 pm in the Digby Memorial Church Hall.

The Reverend Martin Lee

Taizé Service: On **Sunday 11 May 2025**; 6.30 pm, Cheap Street Church. Half an hour of prayer, meditation & music. All welcome. vicarlesley@outlook.com

The Reverend Lesley McCreadie

Sherborne Steam & Waterwheel Centre: Open Day on **Sunday 11 May 2025**; 11.30 am – 3.30 pm (Osborne Road DT9 3RX). Free entry (donations welcome); Visitor Centre; displays; picnic area. New members & volunteers welcome. www.sswc.co.uk

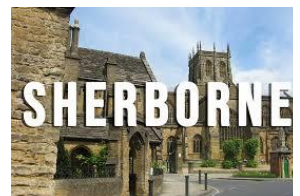
Spirit of the Water Flower Festival: From **Tuesday 13 – Sunday 18 May 2025**, Salisbury Cathedral. More than 30,000 blooms in stunning floral displays. Please support Ann, Eileen, Ali & Philippa of the Sherborne Abbey Flower Arrangers who are taking part. Tickets: £17.00 (ages 5-18 £7.00; U5s free). See: <https://www.salisburycathedral.org.uk/flower-festival/>

JUST FOR FUN!

What is the meaning/origin of the word 'Sherborne'?

April's answer: AD 705

If you have a question to pose for a future Bulletin please email: Joanna.Sams@sherborneabbey.com



Julian Group: On **Wednesday 14 May 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)*

The Sherborne Market: On **Sunday 18 May 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.

Ascension Day: On **Thursday 29 May 2025** the Abbey Choir will sing on Abbey Close at 7.15 am and the Ascension Day Service will take place in The Abbey at 7.00 pm. *Rev Martin Lee*

Sherborne in Bloom: Sherborne in Bloom is blooming again with a Summer Front Garden Competition! Judging starts w/c 7 July, 2025. No need to officially enter, but if you are worried the judges may miss you and/or for further information, send your address to sherborne.in.bloom.info@gmail.com. Open to all Sherborne residents so get your garden however big or small looking good! *Julie Preece*

Year's Mind: Mark the Year's Mind of a loved one with a flower pedestal in The Abbey for a week, with the loved one's name displayed next to it. Please order at least two weeks before. Cost: £50.00 - £200.00 depending on size/flowers. Contact Sue.Lee@sherborneabbey.com.

The Abbey Shop: Are you interested in being a volunteer Abbey Shop Assistant (training given)? Commitment only needs to be two hours a week. We specifically need someone available on a Saturday or every other Tuesday. Or would you be prepared to be a reserve who could be called upon at short notice? 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. **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 Junc of Castleton/Newland/ New Road/Long Street; **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 (**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):

Bank Holiday Monday 5 May 2025 – Thomas Trotter (this recital is part of the Music Festival; tickets £15.00 - 0333 666 3366/ www.ticketsource.co.uk/sherborneabbeyfestival)

Monday 12 May 2025 – Charlie Gurham, Assistant Director of Music, Sherborne Abbey

Monday 19 May 2025 – Daniel Baker, Organ Scholar, Grosvenor Chapel

Bank Holiday Monday 26 May 2025 – Andrew Millington, Exeter

New CD! *The Sherborne Missal* (recorded by the Abbey Choir in June 2024) is released on Friday 2 May 2025. Included with fresh transcriptions of the Missal plainsong is full-bodied choral music by Victoria, Gibbons, Blitheman and Parsons. Available from the Sherborne Abbey Shop! *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.*)

JUNE BULLETIN – DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES: THURSDAY 22 MAY 2025 (9.00 AM)

Parish Office – 01935 713777 (open Monday – Friday 9.00 am – 3.00 pm (closes 1.00 pm Mondays))
Email: Joanna.Sams@sherborneabbey.com Website: <https://www.sherborneabbey.com/>