



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 13 April 2025 – Palm Sunday

### THE ABBEY

<b>8.00 am BCP Holy Communion</b>	Celebrant:	The Reverend Martin Lee
<b>9.15 am Liturgy of the Palms Procession</b> ( <i>starts at The Green, down Cheap Street to the Abbey</i> )		
<b>9.30 am Parish Eucharist</b> ( <i>no sermon</i> )	Celebrant:	The Reverend Martin Lee
	Deacon:	The Reverend Rebecca McDonnell

**Collect:** Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; 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:** The Passion of Christ will be read.

**Hymns:** 511, 83, 88, 509

<b>6.00 pm Choral Evensong</b>	Officiant:	The Reverend Martin Lee
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### CASTLETON CHURCH

<b>11.15 am BCP Holy Communion</b>	Celebrant:	The Reverend Rebecca McDonnell
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### STPAULS@ST PAUL'S CHURCH (*Theme: 'Entry to Jerusalem'*)

<b>10.30 am All Age Worship</b>	Leader:	Sarah Fricker
	Speaker:	The Reverend Jim Edie

### LILLINGTON CHURCH

<b>9.30 am BCP Holy Communion</b>	Celebrant:	The Reverend John Townend
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### LONGBURTON CHURCH

<b>10.00 am Family Communion</b>	Celebrant:	The Reverend Lesley McCreadie
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## The Abbey – Weekday/Monthly Services

**Every Monday – Saturday** – 8.30 am – Morning Prayer - The Sepulchre Chapel

**Every Monday** – 9.00 am – CW Holy Communion - The Lady Chapel

**Every Tuesday** – 12 noon – CW Holy Communion - The Sepulchre Chapel

**Every Wednesday** – 10.30 am – Holy Communion with Homily (CW/BCP) – The Lady Chapel

**Every Thursday** – 12 noon – BCP Holy Communion - The Lady Chapel

**Every Friday** – 9.00 am – Ecumenical Holy Communion - The Sepulchre Chapel

**1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month** – 9.00 am – Requiem HC - The Sepulchre Chapel (Friday 2 May 2025)

**3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month** – 11.00 am – Remembering the Fallen (no service in April due to Easter; next service on Friday 16 May 2025)

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

# Thought for the Day

Today we have a quiet celebration of the donkey. In the story of the entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday the donkey may not be the chief player; yet he is there not simply to add local colour: in fact he performs a highly significant part in the action. Jesus, along with the crowds who gather to greet him, is well aware of the prophet Zechariah's words: "Rejoice, O daughter of Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey" (9: 9). This drama, then, is an acted parable, in which the sovereign approaches, not as a warlord, but as a servant-king, triumphant in his humility, for his "kingdom is not of this world." The donkey is the very emblem of that humility. In G.K. Chesterton's famous poem, he is "The tattered outlaw of the earth," who yet has the last word over those who despise and deride him: "Fools! For I also had my hour; one far fierce hour and sweet: There was a shout about my ears, and palms about my feet." He stands of course in sad contrast to the belligerence of many of the leaders of this world. But it is important to hold in mind Jesus' words on another occasion: "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God" (Matthew 5: 9). *Canon Charles Mitchell-Innes*

## Holy Week (w/c 14 April 2025)

**Monday 14 April 2025:** Music and Readings – 7.30 pm – The Abbey.

**Tuesday 15 & Wednesday 16 April 2025:** Compline (Said) – 7.30 pm – The Abbey.

**Maundy Thursday 17 April 2025:** Holy Eucharist – 12 noon; The Last Supper, Washing of Feet and Vigil, The Watch at the Altar of Repose - 7.30 pm – The Abbey.

**Good Friday 18 April 2025:** SCT Walk of Witness – 10.45 am from The Green, down Cheap Street.

**Good Friday 18 April 2025:** Devotional Services – 10.00 am – Castleton and Longburton.

**Good Friday 18 April 2025:** Walk of Witness – 10.45 am from The Green – St Paul's congregation.

**Good Friday 18 April 2025:** Readings and Reflection – 12 noon; The Good Friday Liturgy – 1.00 pm; The Last Hour of the Cross Devotion – 2.00 pm – The Abbey.

**Easter Eve Saturday 19 April 2025:** The Easter Liturgy – 8.00 pm – The Abbey.

(See posters in the porch or Services on website - <https://www.sherborneabbey.com/services/>)

## Sunday 20 April 2025 – Easter Sunday

### THE ABBEY

<b>8.00 am BCP Holy Communion</b>	Celebrant:	The Reverend Martin Lee
<b>9.30 am Parish Eucharist</b>	Celebrant & Preacher:	The Reverend Martin Lee
	Deacons:	The Reverend Rebecca McDonnell The Reverend Robert Green
<b>11.30 am Festal Mattins</b>	Officiant:	The Reverend Martin Lee
<b>6.00 pm Choral Evensong</b>	Officiant:	The Reverend Martin Lee

### CASTLETON CHURCH (*note earlier start time*)

**11.00 am Festal Mattins & BCP HC** Celebrant: The Reverend Hugh Bonsey

### STPAULS@THEGRYPHON (*Theme: 'He has risen!'*)

**10.30 am All Age Holy Communion** Leader & Speaker: The Reverend Jim Edie

### LILLINGTON CHURCH

**9.30 am Family Service & BCP HC** Celebrant: The Reverend Hugh Bonsey

### Longburton Church

**10.00 am Village Communion** Celebrant: The Reverend Lesley McCreadie

Preacher: The Reverend Pene Kennedy

# 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: Tuesday 22 April (1.00 pm). School Services: Thursday 24 April (9.15 am), Sunday 27 April (11.30 am). Music Festival: Thursday 1 – Wednesday 7 May.*

**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:* Mary Balfour & Richard Bonnie. *Andrew Cross, Head Verger*

**Service Music (Sunday 13 April):** *Parish Eucharist:* Introit: Hosanna to the Son of David, Weelkes; Setting: Missa Brevis, Palestrina; Anthems: O taste and see, Vaughan Williams; O Lord, increase our faith, Loosemore; Hymns 511, 83, 88, 509. *Choral Evensong:* Introit: O Lord, increase our faith, Loosemore; Responses: Smith; Psalm: 119 vv 17–32, Barnby; Canticles: Stanford in C; Anthem: Ecce quomodo moritur Justus, Handl; Hymns: 84, 511.

**Music & Readings (Mon 14 April, 7.30 pm):** Miserere mei, Byrd; Crucifixus, Lotti; Hear my prayer O Lord, Purcell; Drop, drop slow tears, Gibbons; Almighty and everlasting God, Gibbons; Nolo mortem peccatoris, Morley; Out of the deep, Morley. **Maundy Thursday Eucharist (17 April, 7.30 pm):** Setting: Darke in F; Psalm: 22, Plainsong; Anthem: If ye love me, Tallis; Ubi caritas, Duruflé; Hymns: 280, 270 (419), 304, 302. **Good Friday Liturgy (18 April, 1.00 pm):** Anthems: In the departure of the Lord, Bull; Crux fidelis, John IV, King of Portugal; Hymns: 95, 84. **The Easter Liturgy (Sat 19 April, 8.00 pm):** Anthem: The Easter Anthems, Parisian Tone; Hymns: 124, 105 (ii), 110.

**Music News:** The Abbey Choir returns for our Palm Sunday services. This Sunday also marks the last weekend of services played by Peter Bray, our Assistant Organist of 25 years - there will be a reception after Evensong in the Lady Chapel to celebrate Peter's very long service.

**Organ Recitals:** Recitals will resume on Easter Monday 21 April 2025 with an hour's recital by Daniel Blaze, Organ Scholar, Clare College, Cambridge, from 1.30 pm – 2.30 pm (free entry, retiring collection, all welcome). *James Henderson, Director of Music*

**Electoral Roll:** The Electoral Roll for The Abbey, Castleton and St Paul's is being revised in advance of the APCM on Sunday 11 May 2025 (4.00 pm, Digby Memorial Church Hall). To be eligible to vote at the APCM, you must be on the roll but all are welcome to attend. **The Electoral Roll has to be fully revised every 6<sup>th</sup> year (this year!), which means deleting the previous version— everybody is removed! To be on the new Roll, and eligible to vote at the APCM, you will need to re-apply using the yellow forms which will be at the back of your church from Sunday.** All forms must be returned by Saturday 26 April 2025 if you wish to vote at the APCM. After this date, no additions can be made until after the APCM. After the revision, a copy of the roll will be published by the PCC for at least 14 days and/or will be available for inspection. *Chris Hamon*

**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](mailto:suzanne.short@sherborneabbey.com). *Suzanne Short, Head Welcomer*

**Message from Sue Morgan:** *"I should like to say how surprised and touched I was to receive such an amazingly kind and generous gift on the occasion of my retirement as Head Guardian. My very sincere thanks and appreciation to everyone involved. Thank you."* *Sue M*

**Parish Office:** Due to staff holidays, the office will close at 1.00 pm w/c 14 April 2025.

**Taizé Service:** Half an hour of prayer, meditation and music – on Sunday 13 April 2025; 6.30 pm, Cheap Street Church. Everyone welcome. [vicarlesley@outlook.com](mailto:vicarlesley@outlook.com). *Rev Lesley McCreadie*

**Longburton Village Café:** In St James's church, the café provides tea, coffee (free refills) & great cakes for just £2.50. Tuesdays 15 & 29 April 2025; 10.30 am – noon.

**Longburton Lent Lunches:** Raised £450.00 for Christian Aid. Thank you for all your support.

**Lent Project 2025:** Please support Confident Children out of Conflict, South Sudan and/or Hilfield Friary. Mark your gift Lent Project & gift aid if you can! Closes Monday 28 April 2025. If donating via the website, please select 'Lent Appeal 2025' from drop down menu. *FIAC*

**'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. *The Reverend David Marl*

**Sherborne Abbey Regular Guided Tours:** Tours are on Tues & Thurs (10.30 am) and Wed & Fri (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 Joanna in the Parish Office ([joanna.sams@sherborneabbey.com](mailto:joanna.sams@sherborneabbey.com) or 01935 713777). *Harold Clarke*

**Saying Goodbye Remembrance Service:** On Sunday 27 April 2025, 3.00 pm, at Wimborne Minster. A service for anyone who has lost a baby whether the loss was yesterday or 80 years ago; also for those grieving that they have never been able to have a child. All are welcome to attend this service held by Saying Goodbye, part of Mariposa. [www.sayinggoodbye.org](http://www.sayinggoodbye.org)

**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/>