



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 6 April 2025 – 5th Sunday of Lent/Passiontide

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: Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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: Isaiah Ch 43: v 16 – 21; John Ch 12: v 1 - 8

Hymns: 63 & 64, 342 (178), 275, 391

6.00 pm Choral Evensong	Officiant:	The Reverend Martin Lee
<i>(A visiting choir, Hild Consort, will sing at the Parish Eucharist and Choral Evensong.)</i>		

CASTLETON CHURCH (*Castleton's AGM follows this service.*)

11.15 am Mattins	Officiant:	The Reverend Hugh Bonsey
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STPAULS@ST PAUL'S CHURCH (*Theme: Lent Series – Planetwise: 'New Creation'*)

10.30 am Morning Worship	Leader:	The Reverend Jim Edie
	Speaker:	Mark Greenstock

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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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

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

3rd 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

Over the last four weeks, the Church has invited us to enter into the process of repentance. Based on the Greek word 'metanoia', we have been encouraged to change the direction of our lives, and focus our priority on God's will for his Kingdom.

On this Passion Sunday, we are invited to meditate on the suffering endured by Jesus on Good Friday. In this action, we are encouraged to link our own struggles with his ultimate sacrifice. Jesus said to his disciples: 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.' (Matthew Ch 16: v 24). The Church calls us to do the same: we must take up our Cross and follow Jesus, who leads us into life.

We can express our faith in terms of the victory of the Cross on Good Friday being revealed to us in the glory of the Resurrection. Our own spiritual journeys can be shaped by the story of Christ's suffering and death. This movement has given us the opportunity of sharing Jesus' risen life in the Paschal Mystery: the life of Easter. It involves an experience of the heart – both our hearts and our entering into the heart of God.

The Reverend Hugh Bonsey

Sunday 13 April 2025 – Palm Sunday

THE ABBEY

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

CASTLETON CHURCH

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

10.30 am All Age Worship	Leader:	Sarah Fricker
	Speaker:	The Reverend Jim Edie

LILLINGTON CHURCH

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

10.00 am Family Communion	Celebrant:	The Reverend Lesley McCreadie
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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: Reflective Service – 10.00 am – St Paul's.

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/>)

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: Thursday 24 April (9.15 am), Sunday 27 April (11.30 am). Funeral: Tuesday 22 April (1.00 pm). 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 & Nicholas Kynaston. *Andrew Cross, Head Verger*

Service Music (Sunday 6 April): *Parish Eucharist:* Setting: Missa secunda, Hassler; Anthems; Tantum ergo, Mel Bonis; In manus tuas, Byrd; Hymns: 63 & 64, 342 (178), 275, 391. *Choral Evensong:* Introit: With prayer & supplication Amy Beach; Responses: Ayleward; Psalm: 35 vv 1–9 Turle; Canticles: Dorian Service. Amner; Anthem: Vexilla Regis, Bruckner; Hymns: 92, 91.

Music News: This Sunday the visiting choir is “*Hild Consort*”—a vocal quartet that will be led by Assistant Director of Music, Charlie Gurnham. Next Sunday, the Abbey Choir returns for the Palm Sunday services, including the procession down Cheap Street with the donkey. Palm Sunday also marks the last weekend of services played by Peter Bray, our Assistant Organist of 25 years, and there will be a reception after Evensong in the Almshouse to celebrate Peter’s very long service. On Saturday 12 April 2025, there is a concert in the Abbey at 7.30 pm given by *Hemiola*, an octet led by one of our previous choral scholars, Alicia Hunt.

Organ Recitals: Recitals finished for Easter with Peter Bray’s recital last Monday and 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 6th 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. *Suzanne Short, Head Welcomer*

Longburton Lent Lunch: 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)*

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! Appeal closes Monday 28 April 2025. If donating via the website, please select ‘*Lent Appeal 2025*’ from the drop down menu.

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. *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.

Easter Messy Church: All are welcome to the Messy Church on Saturday 12 April 2025, 10.00 am – midday, 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*

'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 Guided Tours: Regular guided tours re-start from 1 April 2025 (Tues & Thurs 10.30 am; 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). If you have a larger group or want a bespoke tour, please contact Joanna in the Parish Office (joanna.sams@sherborneabbey.com or 01935 713777) to arrange a convenient date/time. *Harold Clarke, Head Tour Guide*

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

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/>