



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



# MONTHLY BULLETIN – JUNE 2025

## *June Snapshots!*



**SCT Pentecost Picnic:** On **Saturday 7 June 2025**; from 2.30 pm; Pageant Gardens, Sherborne. Join us for a celebration of community and discipleship. There will be a short act of worship at 3.00 pm, then stay to enjoy food, fellowship and activities for kids. Please bring your own picnic and something to sit on. All welcome!  
*The Reverend Rebecca McDonnell*

**The Kings of Wessex Remembered Exhibition & Lectures:** From **Monday 2 June until Sunday 29 June 2025**; Sherborne Abbey. An exhibition and lecture series marking the Centenary of the 'Rediscovery' of King Æthelbert of Wessex by Francis Brown, PhD student, Exeter University – do please visit the Abbey to look at the exhibition (free entry).

To accompany the exhibition, the following talks will take place in the Abbey: **Sunday 1 June** at 8.00 pm: Talk by Tim Tatton-Brown (cathedrals archaeologist) on '*The Anglo-Saxon Cathedral, Monastery and City at Sherborne: A Reassessment*'. **Tuesday 3 June** at 7.30 pm: Talk by Professor Barbara Yorke (University of Winchester), entitled '*Æthelbald, Æthelbert, and Ælfred: Power and Politics in the Mid-Ninth Century*'. **Wednesday 4 June** at 12 noon: Talk by Francis Brown (University of Exeter), entitled '*A Skeleton in the Closet: The 'Rediscovery' of King Ethelbert of Wessex*' in 1925. If you wish to sign up to for any of the talks (free admission), please call the Parish Office on 01935 713777.

**Wessex Strings Concert:** On **Saturday 14 June 2025**; 7.30 pm; Sherborne Abbey. Conductor: John Jenkins, Leader: Shoko Middleton, Soloist: Charlie Gurnham (organ). Programme includes Purcell, Holst, Finzi, Handel, Ireland, Sibelius and Albinoni. Tickets £10.00 from Winstone Books, Sherborne (cash only) or £12.00 on the door (U18s free).  
*Gareth Price*

**Corpus Christi Service:** On **Thursday 19 June 2025**; 7.00 pm; Sherborne Abbey.

**St Paul's Community Fun Day:** On **Saturday 21 June 2025**; 11.00 am – 3.00 pm; St Paul's Church (St Paul's Close DT9 4DU). Crafts, face painting, fete, games, bouncy castle plus free hot dogs and refreshments. Free entry – just turn up! [www.spcs.church](http://www.spcs.church) *The Reverend Jim Edie*

**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 ([Sue.Lee@sherborneabbey.com](mailto:Sue.Lee@sherborneabbey.com)/01935 713777).  
*Harold Clarke*



**Mothers' Union:** This month's meeting is on **Friday 27 June 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 yesterday, today, tomorrow*' by Mrs Rosemary Allen. All welcome!  
*Jo Higgs* ([musecretary@sherborneabbey.com](mailto: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 3 & 17 June 2025;** 10.30 am – noon.

**The Arts Society Sherborne:** On **Wednesday 4 June 2025;** 3.00 pm & 7.00 pm; Digby Hall, Hound Street. 'A Tale of Vanity Fair: Constable's Treslove Portraits Rediscovered' presented by Sarah Cove, revealing a story of wealth, vanity, fashion and politics of the 'nouveau riche'. Members free; non-members £10.00. <https://theartsocietysherborne.org/> *Nicole Lyscom*

**Sherborne Steam & Waterwheel Centre:** Open Day on **Sunday 8 June 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](http://www.sswc.co.uk)

**Open Garden:** On **Sunday 8 June 2025;** 2.00 pm – 5.00 pm; Higher Orchard, Sandford Orcas DT9 4RP (by kind permission of Fiona & Roger Potter), raising money for Partners for Progress, for education projects in rural Nepal. Enjoy a beautiful lakeside garden with fine trees, lawns and mixed beds full of roses, shrubs and herbaceous plants. Art exhibition by Robert Innes, a plein-air landscape painter who trained at the Leith School of Art and Glasgow School of Art. Tea, homemade cakes and Pimms, as well as Nepali pashminas and jewellery, will be on sale. Admission: £6.00 (children free) cash only (well behaved dogs on leads) *Charlie Portlock*

**Taizé Service:** On **Sunday 8 June 2025;** 6.30 pm, Cheap Street Church. Half an hour of prayer, meditation & music. All welcome. [vicarlesley@outlook.com](mailto:vicarlesley@outlook.com) *The Reverend Lesley McCreadie*

**Julian Group:** On **Wednesday 11 June 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 12 June 2025;** 7.30 pm; Digby Hall, Hound Street. Talk by Jenny Short on *Fragrance in the Garden*. All welcome. Visitors: £3.00. More details from Richard Newcombe (01935 389375). *Angela Walmsley*

**The Brue Boys Concert:** On **Saturday 14 June 2025;** 7.30 pm; Cheap Street Church. Enjoy 'A Night Out with the Brue Boys', a choir for men who love to sing, who will be performing a selection of popular songs. All profits in aid of Rendezvous. Tickets: £10.00; pay with cash/card on the door or to book email [Fiona.Franklin@therendezvous.org.uk](mailto:Fiona.Franklin@therendezvous.org.uk).

**A Summer Soiree:** On **Saturday 14 June 2025;** 7.30 pm; King Arthur's School Hall. Wincanton Choral Society complete their 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations with a Summer Soiree. 'Songs and Sonnets' - music by George Shearing, words by Shakespeare - and 'The Sprig of Thyme' – a collection of folk song settings by John Rutter. Tickets: [www.ticketsource.co.uk/wincanton-choral-society](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/wincanton-choral-society) or on the door. Details: 01749 860457. *Sally Greenhalgh*

**The Sherborne Market:** On **Sunday 15 June 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!

Where can you find this carving in the Abbey? (You may need binoculars/have to zoom in on camera to see it!)

May's answer:

Sherborne means 'place of the clear stream'

If you have a question to pose for a future Bulletin please email: [parishsecretary@sherborneabbey.com](mailto:parishsecretary@sherborneabbey.com)



**Beaminster Festival of Music & Arts: Saturday 28 June until Sunday 6 July 2025;** festival of music, theatre, literature & arts. [www.beaminsterfestival.com](http://www.beaminsterfestival.com) Tickets: 0333 666 3366.

**Sherborne Flower Club: On Thursday 26 June 2025;** 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm; Digby Hall, Hound Street. Open Meeting with national demonstrator, Jacqui Arnold, entitled 'Bring me Sunshine'. Refreshments, raffle and sales tables. Tickets: £18.00 (pre-paid); £20.00 (on the door). Contact Club Secretary on 07967 609874 or email [sherborneflowerclub@gmail.com](mailto:sherborneflowerclub@gmail.com).

**Sherborne Chamber Choir Concert: On Saturday 28 June 2025;** 7.30 pm; Sherborne Abbey. 'O be joyful' - great choral settings of the psalms for a summer's evening, featuring John Rutter's *Psalmfest* and settings from the 16<sup>th</sup> century to the present day by composers including Gibbons, Mendelssohn, Handel, Purcell, Howells, Philip Moore, Janet Wheeler & Anna Thorvaldsdottir. Conductor: Paul Ellis, Organist: Charlie Gurnham. Tickets priced £7.00 - £20.00 from [www.sherbornechamberchoir.org.uk](http://www.sherbornechamberchoir.org.uk) or Ticketsource 0333 666 3366.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:Sue.Lee@sherborneabbey.com).

**Sherborne Stop the Litter Campaign:** Please help! **Tuesdays** 10.00 am - noon. High viz tabards, litter pickers, bags & gloves provided. **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 Simons Road (outside the stores); **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: 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday** each month (**16 June**); 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*):

**Monday 2 June 2025** – Ollie MacMullan, Organ Scholar, Sherborne School

**Monday 9 June 2025** – Archie White, Organ & Choral Scholar, Sherborne School

**Monday 16 June 2025** – Robert Costin, Head of Academic Music, Sherborne School

**Monday 23 June 2025** – Arthur Barton, Organ Scholar, Queen's College, Oxford

**Monday 30 June 2025** – Paul Ellis, Organist Emeritus

**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

**1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month** – Requiem Holy Communion – 9.00 am – The Sepulchre Chapel

**3<sup>rd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month,  
BCP Holy Communion on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday and Morning Service thereafter.

## ***St James the Great, Longburton***

Services are at 10.00 am with Village Communion on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month,  
and Holy Communion on the 4<sup>th</sup> 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.*)

**JULY BULLETIN – DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES: THURSDAY 19 JUNE 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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