



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 1 June 2025 – 7th Sunday of Easter

THE ABBEY

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| 8.00 am BCP Holy Communion | Celebrant: | The Reverend Martin Lee |
| 9.30 am Parish Eucharist | Celebrant: | The Reverend Martin Lee |
| | Preacher: | The Reverend Robert Green |
| <i>(Baptism in the Abbey, 12 noon.)</i> | Deacon: | The Reverend Rebecca McDonnell |
| Collect: O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen. | | |
| Readings: Acts Ch 16: v 16 – 34; John Ch 17: v 20 – end | | Hymns: 271, 349, 302, 296 (i) |
| 6.00 pm Choral Evensong | Officiant: | The Reverend Martin Lee |
| <i>'Choral Evensong with a celebration of the beginning of the Mayoral year.'</i> | | |

CASTLETON CHURCH

11.15 am Mattins Officiant: The Reverend Hugh Bonsey

STPAULS@THEGRYPHON *(Theme: Ascension)*

10.30 am Morning Worship Leader: The Reverend Jim Edie
Speaker: John Bradshaw

LILLINGTON CHURCH

9.30 am Family Service Officiant: The Reverend Hugh Bonsey

LONGBURTON CHURCH

10.00 am Village Communion Celebrant: The Reverend Lesley McCreadie

Thursday 5 June 2025 – Choral Evensong – 5.30 pm

Sung by Sherborne Abbey's Girls' Choir.

Introit: If ye love me, Tallis; Responses: Reading; Psalm: 46 from Luther; Canticles: Stanford in B flat; Anthem: Pray that Jerusalem, Stanford; Hymns: 353, 376.

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

The Abbey – Weekday/Monthly Services contd

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 6 June 2025)

3rd Friday of the month - 11.00 am – Remembering the Fallen (next service: Fri 20 June 2025)

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

Thought for the Day

There are occasions in the gospels when the veil between heaven and earth seems to be drawn back, and "the traffic of Jacob's ladder, pitched betwixt Heaven and Charing Cross" is revealed. ^[1] One such is that most intimate scene when the angel Gabriel visits Mary with the revelation of her destiny to bear God's Son: "Each reflects the other's face, till Heaven in hers and Earth in his shine steady there." ^[2] And now, at the Ascension, the opposite end of the story of Jesus' time on earth, heaven opens to receive him, as the disciples look on in wonder:

"We saw his light break through the cloud of glory
Whilst we were rooted still in time and place,
As earth became a part of heaven's story
And heaven opened to his human face." ^[3]

These scenes remind us how thin that veil is. The God who once took human form still walks unseen among us, the Holy Spirit giving us glimpses of the power of His glory and the grace of His Word. "Our part is to live in the heaven of God's invisible presence.....if we live in the truth of Jesus." ^[4]

Canon Charles Mitchell-Innes

^[1] Francis Thompson: *In No Strange Land*; ^[2] Edwin Muir: *The Annunciation*; ^[3] Malcolm Guite: *Ascension Day*; ^[4] Sister Wendy Beckett: *The Gaze of Love*

Sunday 8 June 2025 – Pentecost/Whit Sunday

THE ABBEY

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| 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 |
| | Deacon: | Canon Charles Mitchell-Innes |
| <i>(There are baptisms in the Abbey at 12 noon & 2.00 pm.)</i> | | |
| 6.00 pm Choral Evensong | Officiant: | The Reverend Martin Lee |

CASTLETON CHURCH

11.15 am BCP Holy Communion Celebrant: The Reverend Hugh Bonsey

STPAULS@THEGRYPHON *(Theme: 'The coming of the Holy Spirit')*

10.30 am Morning Worship Leader: The Reverend Jim Edie
Speaker: John Crossman

LILLINGTON CHURCH

9.30 am BCP Holy Communion Celebrant: The Reverend Hugh Bonsey

Longburton Church

10.00 am Family Communion Celebrant: 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. *Memorial Service: Tuesday 3 June (2.30 pm). Baptisms: Sunday 1 June (12 noon) & Sunday 8 June (12 noon & 2.00 pm). Funeral: Wednesday 11 June (1.30 pm).*

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:* Joyce Cowley, Hazel Ellis, Caroline Zvegintzov & Malcolm Shennan. *Andrew Cross*

Service Music: (Sunday 1 June): *Parish Eucharist:* Setting: Missa O quam gloriosum, Victoria; Anthems: Nolo mortem peccatoris, Morley; Lord, I trust thee, Handel; Hymns: 271, 349, 302, 296 (i). *Choral Evensong:* Introit: O Lord, give thy holy spirit, Tallis; Responses: Tomkins; Psalm: 67, Bairstow; Canticles: Dyson in F; Anthems: Let all the world, Vaughan Williams The Lord bless you and keep you, John Rutter; Hymns: 436, 391, 427.

Music News: New CD! *The Sherborne Missal* (recorded by the Abbey Choir in June 2024) has been released! 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

Organ Recitals: On Mondays at 1.30 pm, free entry, retiring collection, all welcome:

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

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

Annual Church Census 2025: The census continues every Sunday until 8 June 2025. Please could you fill in the slip which will be given to you as you enter the Abbey and place it in the box in the porch on your way out. Thank you.
The Reverend Martin Lee

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*

The Kings of Wessex Remembered Exhibition & Lectures: From Monday 2 - Sunday 29 June 2025; Sherborne Abbey; marking the Centenary of the 'Rediscovery' of King Æthelbert of Wessex by Francis Brown, PhD student, Exeter University (free entry to the exhibition).

Lectures: Sun 1 June 8.00 pm: By Tim Tatton-Brown (cathedrals archaeologist) on '*The Anglo-Saxon Cathedral, Monastery and City at Sherborne: A Reassessment*'. **Tues 3 June** 7.30 pm: By Professor Barbara Yorke (University of Winchester), entitled '*Æthelbald, Æthelbert, and Ælfred: Power and Politics in the Mid-Ninth Century*'. **Wed 4 June** 12 noon: By Francis Brown (University of Exeter), entitled '*A Skeleton in the Closet: The 'Rediscovery' of King Ethelbert of Wessex*' in 1925. To sign up (free admission), please call the Parish Office on 01935 713777.

Volunteers' Week (1 – 8 June 2025): The Sherborne Benefice churches would not be able to run without a huge army of volunteers, so we should like to take this opportunity with Volunteers' Week next week to give a 'huge' vote of thanks to all our volunteers in whatever capacity you help, big or small, for all your help, support, time and hard work. Thank you.

SCT Pentecost Picnic: Sherborne Churches Together are hosting a Pentecost Picnic on Saturday 7 June 2025 in Pageant Gardens, with a 3.00 pm act of worship followed by bring-your-own picnic and time together. It is an opportunity to bring together people from all of the churches in Sherborne in fellowship. All welcome!
The Reverend Rebecca McDonnell

Friends' Afternoon Tea: The Friends of Sherborne Abbey invite you & your guest(s) to Afternoon Tea on Thursday 19 June 2025 in the Digby Memorial Church Hall at 3.30 pm. This will be a proper 'English' tea with sandwiches, scones, cakes etc accompanied by our pianist on the piano. After you have had tea, we should like you to join us in the Abbey for Choral Evensong at 5.30 pm. For catering purposes, RSVP to chris.hamon@sherborneabbey.com by Monday 16 June 2025 please. Donations appreciated from Friends' members on the day to cover costs (non-Friends £10.00 per person). All welcome! *Dr Chris Hamon, Friends*

Taizé Service: Half an hour of prayer, meditation and music – on Sunday 8 June 2025; 6.30 pm, Cheap Street Church. Everyone welcome. vicarlesley@outlook.com. *Lesley McCreddie*

Julian Group: On Wednesday 11 June 2025; 4.00 pm – 4.30 pm; Lady Chapel. Not a prayer group; an opportunity for silence & meditation with fellow Christians and let God speak to us. Meetings ecumenical & very refreshing. Do join us! *Shirley Fry (01935 389124)*

Longburton Village Café: In St James's Church, the café provides tea, coffee (free refills) & great cakes for just £2.50. Tuesdays 3 & 17 June 2025; 10.30 am – noon.

Mothers' Union: On Friday 27 June 2025; 10.00 am for 10.30 am; Digby Memorial Church Hall. 'MU yesterday, today, tomorrow' by Rosemary Allen. All welcome! *Jo Higgs, MU Secretary*

Abbey Welcomers: There are a few vacant slots in the rota waiting to be filled by willing volunteers. Should anybody be interested in doing an extra duty or know of anyone interested in joining, please contact us, or notify the Parish Office. Suzanne.Short@sherborneabbey.com

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.



The Benefice Team

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

Email: Sue.Lee@sherborneabbey.com

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/>