



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 4 May 2025 – 3rd Sunday of Easter

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

Deacon:

The Reverend Robert Green

Collect: Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; 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: Acts Ch 9: v 1 – 6, [7 – 20]; John Ch 21: v 1 - 19

Hymns: 271, 107, 287, 485

6.00 pm Choral Evensong

Officiant:

The Reverend Martin Lee

CASTLETON CHURCH

11.15 am Choral Mattins

Officiant:

The Reverend John Townend

Sung by the Becket Consort (*part of the Sherborne Music Festival*)

STPAULS@THEGRYPHON (*Theme: Calling Series: 'Worthy of our calling'*)

10.30 am Morning Worship

Leader:

Kathy Pinsent

Speaker:

Mark Greenstock

LILLINGTON CHURCH

9.30 am Family Service

Officiant:

The Reverend Hugh Bonsey

LONGBURTON CHURCH

10.00 am Village Communion

Celebrant:

The Reverend Pene Kennedy

Thursday 8 May 2025 – VE80 Service – 5.30 pm

Responses: Reading; Magnificat: Stanford in C; Anthems: He delivered the poor, Parry;
O how amiable are thy dwellings, Vaughan Williams;

Blessing: The Lord bless you and keep you, John Rutter; Hymns: 334, National Anthem.

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

The Abbey – Weekday/Monthly Services contd

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 (next service: Fri 16 May 2025)

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

Thought for the Day

This week the Sherborne Abbey Festival brings us a feast of music, both sacred and secular, in churches and halls throughout the town, involving a large number of singers and players, both professional and amateur: what connects them is the love of music-making which they share and the delight they give to those who come to listen. It seems to me that all music is a divine gift; it has certainly always played a vital and dynamic role in worship, particularly in the Jewish and Christian traditions.

The Psalms are full of it: "O sing unto the Lord a new song," bids the psalmist, "for He hath done marvellous things." We are all called to join in: "O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands" - "the round world and all that dwell therein." In a further, daring perception, God animates His whole creation, which responds in its various voices: "Let the floods clap their hands, and let the hills be joyful together before the Lord;" the heavenly bodies too, sun, stars and planets, as in Addison's hymn 'The spacious firmament on high': "For ever singing as they shine, 'the hand that made us is divine'." Indeed both "heaven and earth are full of the majesty of [God's] glory."

We are privileged in this benefice - not just at Festival time, but throughout the year - to have fine musicians, especially our organists and choirs, to lead us in our worship, and to enable us to make music to glory of God.

Canon Charles Mitchell-Innes

Sunday 11 May 2025 – 4th Sunday of Easter

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 John Townend
	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 Hugh Bonsey
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STPAULS@THEGRYPHON (*Theme: Calling Series: 'Remembering our calling'*)

10.30 am Holy Communion	Leader & Speaker:	The Reverend Jim Edie
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St Paul's AGM follows this service – please stay as we look back on 2024 and forward to the future.

LILLINGTON CHURCH

9.30 am BCP Holy Communion	Celebrant:	The Reverend Hugh Bonsey
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Longburton Church

10.00 am Family Communion	Celebrant:	The Reverend Pene Kennedy
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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. *Sherborne Music Festival: Until Thursday 8 May (various rehearsals and concerts). Baptism: Saturday 10 May (11.00 am). Choral Day Rehearsals: Tuesday 13 May (from 1.00 pm). School Service: Sunday 18 May (11.30 am).*

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:* Richard Bonnie. *Andrew Cross, Head Verger*

Service Music (Sunday 4 May): *Parish Eucharist:* Setting: Missa Aeterna Christi munera, Palestrina; Anthem: Salvator mundi. Tallis; Ave verum, Byrd; Hymns 271, 107, 287, 485. *Choral Evensong:* Introit: Hail gladdening light, Wood; Responses: Shephard; Psalm: 150 Stanford; Magnificat: Howells in G; Nunc Dimittis: Collegium Regale, Howells; Anthem: Give unto the Lord, Elgar; Hymns: 124, 338 (omit *).

Music News: 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*

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

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

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

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

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM): The APCM for the Parish of Sherborne with Castleton & St Paul's will take place on Sunday 11 May 2025, 4.00 pm, Digby Memorial Church Hall. Nomination forms etc for Churchwardens, elected members of the PCC (4 representatives are needed to serve for 3 years, one for two years & one for a year) and the Deanery Synod (4 representatives are needed to serve for 1 year) are available at the churches. Please return completed forms etc to the Parish Office. The Annual Report, Financial Statements & the 2024 APCM Minutes will be emailed to all on the Electoral Roll & hard copies will be available at all three churches 7 days before the APCM. The APCM is open to all Parishioners. However, only those who are on the Church Electoral Roll are eligible to vote. Nomination forms, copies of the Report and Accounts may also be collected from the back of the Abbey or from the Parish Office once available. *David Fifield, lay Vice-Chair, PCC*

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

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') in between to welcome you to the meeting. *Chris Hamon*

VE80 Service: On Thursday 8 May 2025 at 5.30 pm in the Abbey, a special Evensong, sung by the Sherborne Abbey Choir. The Abbey bells will be rung from 6.30 pm. The Town Council event starts at 8.00 pm (Beacon, Jubilee Copse, Terrace Playing Fields) when The Reverend Martin Lee will give an address followed by wreath laying, Sherborne Town Band playing from 8.30 pm, the Mayor at 9.25 pm with the Beacon being lit at 9.30 pm.

Longburton Village Café: In St James's church, the café provides tea, coffee (free refills) & great cakes for just £2.50. Tuesdays 6 & 20 May 2025; 10.30 am – noon. *Rev Lesley McCreadie*

Taizé Service: Half an hour of prayer, meditation and music – on Sunday 11 May 2025; 6.30 pm, Cheap Street Church. Everyone welcome. vicarlesley@outlook.com. *Rev Lesley McCreadie*

Julian Group: On Wednesday 14 May 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. *Shirley Fry (01935 389124)*

Sherborne Abbey Regular Guided Tours: On Tues & Thurs (10.30 am) and Wed & Fri (2.00 pm). Just turn up and our guide will be waiting for you in the porch. Tours are free of charge (donations appreciated). For larger groups or a bespoke tour, contact the Parish Office (joanna.sams@sherborneabbey.com/01935 713777). *Harold Clarke, Head Tour Guide*

The Abbey Shop: Are you interested in being a volunteer Abbey Shop Assistant (training will be 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

Alpha Course (run by St Paul's): Starts Wednesday 7 May 2025; 7.45 pm; for ten weeks. Open to everyone, no previous knowledge required; come & ask questions, join in or just listen. For details & to sign up contact St Paul's Office: 01935 816444/admin@spscherborne.co.uk

Mothers' Union: On Friday 23 May 2025; 10.00 am for 10.30 am; Digby Memorial Church Hall. Talk on the MU in Melanesia by Ms Katie Drew. All welcome! *Jo Higgs, MU Secretary*

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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St Mary Magdalene, Castleton & St James the Great, Longburton - Contact *Sue Lee* at the Parish Office (Sue.Lee@sherborneabbey.com) for enquiries about these two churches.

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

Email: Joanna.Sams@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/>