



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 10 August 2025 – 8th Sunday after Trinity

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 Martin Lee

Collect: Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Readings: Hebrews Ch 11. 1-3, 8-16; Luke Ch. 12 v 32-40, **Hymns:** 185,431,296(i),478.

6.00 pm Said Evensong	Officiant:	The Reverend Martin Lee
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Choral Evensong on Thursdays will resume – Thursday 18 September.

CASTLETON CHURCH

11.15 BCP Holy Communion	Celebrant:	The Reverend John Townend
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STPAULS@THEGRYPHON *(Theme: Power of Prayer)*

10.30 am Family Communion:	Leader:	The Reverend Jonathan Triffitt
	Speaker:	The Reverend Jonathan Triffitt

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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The Abbey – Weekday/Monthly Services

Saturday 26 July 5.30 pm Choral Evensong – Holy Trinity Utrecht

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

Every Monday – 9.00 am – CW Holy Communion - The Sepulchre 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

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

Thought for the Day

In a life full of adventure, as described in his *Autobiography of a Super-Tramp*, W.H. Davies also wrote poems. Perhaps his best known is *Leisure*, which ends:

"A poor life this if, full of care, we have no time to stand and stare."

The two saintly people whom the Church remembers tomorrow would no doubt have agreed with Davies' general sentiment, even if they did not think of themselves as "starers". Clare of Assisi, founder of the Poor Clares, the sister order to St Francis' Brothers, was one of the great medieval contemplatives, who served her community for her whole adult life with great joy and in devotion to Christ. John Henry Newman began his church life as an Anglican curate, but famously converted to Roman Catholicism, eventually becoming a cardinal. Halfway through his long life, which spanned the 19th century, he founded the Birmingham Oratory, which still exists as the centre of a religious community. Each of these remarkable people, by their lives and examples, showed that a balance can be found between the life of prayer and meditation on the one hand and Christ-inspired activity on the other, though they would not have made such a distinction themselves.

Newman, as a young man, gravely ill and fearing for his life, wrote the hymn *Lead, kindly light, amid the encircling gloom*, which has been an inspiration and a comfort to many facing peril or confronting disaster in the years since; it is 392 in our *New English Hymnal*, and repays reading in full. It ends with a moving image of Resurrection:

"And with the morn those angel faces smile, which I have loved long since, and lost awhile."

Canon Charles Mitchell-Innes

Sunday 17 August 2025 9th Sunday after Trinity

THE ABBEY

8.00 am BCP Holy Communion	Celebrant:	The Reverend Martin Lee
9.30 am Parish Eucharist	Celebrant:	The Reverend Martin Lee
	Preacher:	Canon Charles Mitchell-Innes
6.00 pm Choral Evensong	Officiant:	The Reverend Martin Lee

CASTLETON CHURCH

11.15 BCP Holy Communion	Officiant:	The Reverend Hugh Bonsey
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STPAULS@THEGRYPHON

(Theme: Power of Prayer)

10.30 am Family Communion:	Leader:	Sue Bradshaw
	Speaker:	John Bradshaw

LILLINGTON CHURCH

9.30 am BCP Holy Communion:	Officiant:	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.

Prayer List: *The Sick:* Harry Bond, Chris Smallbone, Alan Gillard, Peter Dunkin, Miranda Broadhurst, Mervyn Davies, Shirley Fooks, Jo Gem, Toby Wright, Gilly Gibbons.

The Departed: Mark Phillp & Angus Macwatt.

Alex Morley-Smith

Service Music:

(Sunday 10 August): *Parish Eucharist:* Setting: *Murray (congregational)*; Hymns: 185, 431, 296(i), 478.

Said Evensong with hymns; Psalm: 53 & 54 (*said*); Magnificat 186: Nunc Dimittis 44 (282); Hymns; 145, 146.

Music News: This Sunday there is no choral singing so the Murray will be sung in the morning and for Evensong there will be hymns in place of the Magnificat and the Nunc Dimittis.

James Henderson, Director of Music

Organ Recitals: Monday Organ Recitals will resume on Monday 8 September 2025

Lift required: Please can anyone provide transport to enable Sandra Taft to attend the 9.30 am Parish Eucharist on a regular basis. Tel: 01935 817625.

Parish Office

Taizé Service: The next Taizé Service will take place on 14 September.

Revd Lesley McCreadie

Sherborne Museum Messy Monday: 11 August 11.00 am-1.00 pm Corn Dolly Workshop
Learn some secrets of this red listed craft and create your very own dolly. Booking essential, £5 admission payable on the door. Contact: www.sherbornemuseum.com Suitable for age 7+ to adult.

Sherborne Museum Messy Monday: 18th August 10.30 am-12.30 pm. Mural Making Creature Feature. Design your own creature to help create a community mural. Free, family- friendly, drop-in event.

Parish Office

31st Anniversary Concert in aid of Save the Children: 7 pm, Friday 12th September at Cheap Street Church. 7 Choral Scholars and an Organ Scholar from St John's College, Cambridge. Tickets will shortly be available from Winstone's Book Shop (cash only) Adult £20, Student £10.

Parish Office

Opera in Osborne: Tosca, 6,8,9 August 7.30 pm, A night at the silent movies 7 August 7.30 pm, Trouble in Tahiti, 9 August 3.00 pm, Opera in the Park Sun 10 August 3.00 pm. Contact Jon Fletcher at The Grange 01935 813463.

Parish Office

Mothers' Union Quiet Morning - this will take place on Saturday August 9th (Mary Sumner Day) in the vicarage garden. Coffee at 10.00 am and beginning at 10.30 am. Leading our quiet morning is Barbara Priest, and her theme is 'The Three Marys'. If you would like to join us, please contact Jo Higgs or Lesley McCreadie.

Revd Lesley McCreadie

Friends' Outing to Exeter Cathedral: Tuesday 16 September 2025. A tour of Exeter Cathedral, afternoon cream tea and Evensong. Only £35 each. Details and booking form The Parish Office. 01935 713777 email Chris.Hamon@sherborneabbey.com. All welcome, you do not need to be a 'Friend'.
Chris Hamon

Gaia Exhibition: Luke Jerram's 'Gaia' Exhibition opens in the Abbey on 29th August until 12th September. A stunning two-week exhibition including author events, discussions, workshops, musical performances and educational programmes. For further information and event bookings, please visit Sherborne-tc.gov.uk/gaia-luke-jerram

Revd Rebecca McDonnell

A Glimpse Behind Bars: On 29 August at The Exchange, Sturminster Newton from 5pm to 8pm the trustees of The Friends of Guys Marsh Prison along with staff and ex-prisoners will be showcasing what goes on at Guys Marsh prison in an event called "A Glimpse Behind Bars." It is an opportunity to see for yourselves the dedication and hard work that goes to ensure those men coming out integrate and contribute to society, and how they are committing to amend for their choices. Please come along to this event, you will get a warm welcome, a free drink and nibbles, and the opportunity to see for yourself what life is really like inside; "A Glimpse Behind Bars."

Parish Office

Charity Cake Sale in aid of the Rendezvous: Saturday 6 September, Parsons Yard, Cheap Street, Sherborne. 10am – 2-pm. A selection of home-made cakes will be on sale to raise funds for this local youth charity. Cash or card accepted, all proceeds will go towards the Rendezvous.

Parish Office

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

Sherborne Abbey with Castleton & St Paul's, Lillington and Longburton:

Team Rector: [The Reverend Martin Lee](#)

The Vicarage, Abbey Close, Sherborne, Dorset DT9 3LQ.