



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 12 October 2025- 17th 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 Becca McDonnell

Collect: Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; 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: 2 Timothy 2.8-15. Luke 17.11-19.

There is a Baptism at 12 noon

6.00 pm Evensong

Officiant:

The Reverend Martin Lee

Choral Evensong Thursday 16 October 5.30pm

CASTLETON CHURCH

11.15 am BCP Holy Communion

Celebrant:

The Reverend Hugh Bonsey

STPAULS@THEGRYPHON

(The U-Shaped Bible)

10.30 am Holy Communion

Leader:

The Reverend Jim Edie

Speaker:

Kim Dunning

LILLINGTON CHURCH

9.30 am BCP Holy Communion:

Celebrant:

The Reverend Hugh Bonsey

LONGBURTON CHURCH

10.00 am Family Communion

Celebrant:

The Reverend Lesley McCreadie

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 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 Chapel

1st Friday of the month – 9.00 am – Requiem HC - The Sepulchre Chapel (Friday Nov 7 2025)

3rd Friday of the month – 11.00 am – Remembering the Fallen (next service: Fri 17 Oct 2025)

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

Thought for the day

And so, finally, we see a possibility of peace in Gaza, after the last few years of conflict, which has devastated a country and torn apart so many families. The desolation left behind is beyond all imagining, and yet, there is a glimmer of hope for peace. I am confident that in all our prayers, this will be a peace that lasts, marking a new beginning where people can live without fear and begin to see a new way forward.

We are reminded today in the gospel passage of the lepers who came to Jesus and asked him to help them. It is the way in which Jesus cares for the lepers that is, of course, restorative, for such a leper was an outcast from society, just left to die. And so, as Jesus healed these lepers, it was not just a healing of their physical condition. Still, it allowed them to see once again those they loved, to work and provide for themselves and their loved ones again, and to feel once again part of a society that would accept them.

It serves as a reminder to us of a world where many feel alienated from society due to no fault of their own. It is my prayer that the transforming power of God may fill the hearts and minds of those who commit acts of violence and that God's peace, which is full of love, tolerance, and compassion, will be in our hearts and minds at this time.

The Rector

Sunday 19 October 2025 – 18th 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

Deacon: The Reverend Becca McDonnell

Preacher: The Reverend John Townend

Officiant: The Reverend Becca McDonnell

6.00 pm Evensong

CASTLETON CHURCH

11.15 am Mattins

Officiant: The Reverend Hugh Bonsey

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10.30 am All Age Service

Leader: The Reverend Jim Edie

LILLINGTON CHURCH

9.30 am Morning Service:

Officiant: The Reverend Hugh Bonsey

Longburton Church

10.00 am Family Communion

Celebrant: The Reverend Lesley McCreadie

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.

Parish Giving Scheme (PGS): Sherborne Abbey joined the Parish Giving Scheme on 25 September. The scheme is designed to enable donors to give monthly, quarterly or annually by direct debit to the Abbey. Donors have the option to index link their gifts. Admin is reduced as the PGS collect the gift aid. For further information please contact

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Prayer List: *The Sick:* Harry Bond, Alan Gillard, Peter Dunkin, Miranda Broadhurst, Mervyn Davies, Shirley Fooks, Toby Wright, Jilly Gibbons, Jo Gem, Maddie Wickham, Anne Mash.

The Departed: Leonard Bennett, John Sprake.

Service music: Sunday Eucharist (9.30am) *Missa Brevis* Matthew O'Donovan; *I sat down* Bairstow; *O taste and see* Vaughan Williams; Organ voluntary: *Te deum* Demessieux; Hymns 238, 434, 294, 427

Choral Evensong (6.00pm) Introit: *O nata lux* Tallis; *Responses* Shephard; *Psalm 67* Bairstow; *Howells St Paul's Service; Faire is the heaven* Harris; Organ voluntary: *Variations on Nettleton* Smith Moore; Hymns 64, 373 (Coe Fen)

Thursday Choral Evensong (5.30pm) Introit: *Let all mortal flesh* Bairstow; *Responses* Tomkins; *Psalm 78 vv 41–55; Brewer in E flat; Like as the hart* Howells; Organ voluntary: *Prélude* Chaminade; Hymns 251, 377

Music News: Sunday morning's setting (music by Matthew O'Donovan) was recorded by the Abbey Choir three years ago. The CD is available in the shop. Thursday Evensong is sung by the choir of Thomas Hardy School; do please consider attending the wonderful mid-week Evensongs in the Abbey, normally sung by the girls' choir. There are still some spaces available in the boys' choir so please mention the "Be a Chorister for a Day" on Sunday 19 October (3.30pm onwards) to anyone interested. We are also once again recruiting some deputy singers for the back rows in all voices; if you know anyone who is an exceptional sight-reader, and who loves choral singing on an occasional basis, please point them in the Abbey's direction.

Organ Recitals at 1.30pm on Mondays: 13 October, Pack Monday—Timothy Noon (Exeter Cathedral); 20 October—James Henderson (Director of Music & Organist). There will be no recital on Monday 27 October during Half Term.

Longburton Village Café: The next Village Café will take place on 21 October 2025 at 10.30am.

Sherborne Museum Winter Talk: 16 October 2025 2pm "St Johns' Almshouse, Sherborne, Past and Present" with Dr Larry Burke. Digby Memorial Church Hall, Digby Road, Sherborne. Doors open 1.30pm. Admission £5, free to museum members.

Martyr's Law: We are required by statute and good practice to have statements covering health and safety, terrorist precautions and recovery from possible emergency situations under the new 'Martyr's Law'. Several staff and volunteers cover elements of this, but we need someone to put it all together. The task requires good writing skills and liaison with various people and authorities. If you could be interested in this, please speak to me or one of the churchwardens.

The Rector

Pack Monday Fair- October 13 2025: We are delighted to announce that this year our Pack Monday Café will be held in the Abbey Tea Rooms. Your contributions of cakes would be very much appreciated, please include a full list of ingredients, (required by food inspectors). Please bring your cakes to the Tea Rooms on Sunday or Monday morning. Volunteers to clear tables and wash up can sign up on a sheet at the back of the Abbey. All profits will go to the Almshouse Project.

Frances Walker

Mothers' Union: Friday October 24: Benedict Rogers, a Human Rights Activist, will give an illustrated talk of his work in Burma/Myanmar, China (including Hong Kong) and North Korea. Griffiths Room, Digby Church Hall. Digby Road. 10am for 10.30am.

Sherborne Christmas Lights: Sherborne Events Team (all volunteers) are fundraising to buy lights to make Sherborne a very special place to visit over the Christmas period. To make a donation or get more information, go to [Crowdfunder.co.uk](https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk) (search Sherborne Christmas Lights 2025) or scan the QR code on the poster on the Abbey Noticeboard. Any questions or need some help? Contact sherborneeventsteam@gmail.com or 07884035079. *Julie Preece*

Welcomers Tea & Talk: 24 October at 2.30pm in the Digby Memorial Church Hall, Digby Road. All welcome including Sunday welcomers and reserves. Donations of cakes and biscuits are most welcome. RSVP to the Parish Office.

Wessex Strings Concert: Sunday 16 November 3.00pm, Cheap Street Church, Sherborne. Programme includes Bach, Elgar, Grieg & Ireland. Tickets from Winstone Books (cash only) or £12 on the door. 18 years and under free.

Christian Aid: The Christian Aid Exhibition in the Abbey will run until 19 October.

Been There, Done That: Written by Mark Greenstock this will be performed as a play-reading on Friday 21 November at Mike Keatinge's, (Highbank, Marston Road, Sherborne, DT9 4BL) Please contact Mark & Hester Greenstock (01935 812561) or text 07780 978974 to say you are coming. No charge, 7 pm for 7.30 pm with refreshments at 7 pm.

Julian Group: The next Julian Group will be held on 12 November at 4pm, Lady Chapel.

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



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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/>