



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 19 October 2025 - Luke the Evangelist

### 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

**Collect:** Almighty God, you called Luke the physician, whose praise is in the gospel, to be an evangelist and physician of the soul: by the grace of the Spirit and through the wholesome medicine of the gospel, give your Church the same love and power to heal; 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:** Genesis 32.22-31. Luke 10.1-9. Hymn Nos: 440, 486, 186, 333.

**6.00 pm Choral Evensong**

Officiant: The Reverend Becca McDonnell

**Choral Evensong Thursday 23 October 5.30pm**

### CASTLETON CHURCH

**11.15 am Mattins**

Officiant: The Reverend Hugh Bonsey

**STPAULS@THEGRYPHON**

(I am the light of the world)

**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

## 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

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

**3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month** – 11.00 am – Remembering the Fallen (next service: Fri 21 Nov 2025)

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

## Thought for the day

*A reflection on Luke 18:1-8 the Gospel Lectionary reading for Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October.*

Do you ever find yourself reflecting the words of Psalm 13? ‘How long Lord?’ the Psalmist laments. As I look across our world that is often the question on my lips. My sister-in-law is in a band in her church in New Zealand and they have just written and released a song called ‘Shalom’ which essentially reflects that question we perhaps all hold within us “How long Lord, how long until your justice and peace will reign Lord?” If you want to look it up, search for ‘Shalom - St Augustine’s Music’.

In the lectionary reading from Luke this morning we find (as ever) Jesus words to hold onto as he tells the story of the widow and the (faithless) judge. Jesus says, as he compares the ‘good’ actions of an unbothered unjust human, to a God who loves and cares for us, “And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them.”

Jesus says to us, keep crying out “How long?” in prayer, keep calling out injustice, keep interceding for others, keep going and do not loose heart. God’s good and true justice will come, Jesus will return, Heaven and Earth will be joined, peace will reign. Hold onto your faith in him and, I encourage you, remain faithful until the Son of Man returns. *Reverend Jim Edie*

## Sunday 26 October 2025 – Last Sunday after Trinity

### THE ABBEY

8.00 am BCP Holy Communion	Celebrant:	The Reverend Becca McDonnell
9.30 am Parish Eucharist	Celebrant:	The Reverend Becca McDonnell
	Preacher:	The Reverend Robert Green
6.00 pm Choral Evensong	Officiant:	The Reverend Becca McDonnell

### CASTLETON CHURCH

11.15 am Mattins	Officiant:	Canon Charles Mitchell-Innes
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### STPAULS@THEGRYPHON

10.30 am Morning Worship	(The U-shaped Bible)	
	Leader:	Sandra Cutting
	Speaker:	John Crossman

### LILLINGTON CHURCH

9.30 am Morning Service:	Officiant:	The Reverend John Townend
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### Longburton Church

10.00 am Holy Communion	Celebrant:	The Reverend Lesley McCreddie
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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).

**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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*Liz Ashmead*

**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 O magnum mysterium* Victoria; *Ubi caritas* Ola Gjeilo; *Locus iste* Bruckner; *O Lord, increase our faith* Loosemore; *Organ voluntary: Final* Franck; *Hymns 440, 486, 186, 333*

**Choral Evensong (6.00pm)** Introit: *The Lord is my shepherd* Howard Goodall; *Responses* Humphrey Clucas; *Psalm 93* Tallis; *Dyson in D; Hail gladdening light* Wood; *Organ voluntary: Toccata and Fugue in D minor BWV 565* J S Bach; *Hymns 476, 453*

**Thursday Choral Evensong (5.30pm)** Introit: *Oculi omnium* Wood; *Responses* Reading; *Psalm 114* Turle; *Stanford in B flat; Justorum animae* Stanford; *Hymns 394, 395*

**Music News:** Sunday afternoon, from 3.30pm, sees our "Be a chorister for a day" event taking place. We hope that at least a few potential choristers will be trying the life of a chorister. Choral Evensong will be as usual but may include a group of potential choristers with possibly their families in the congregation. On Thursday there is the last 5.30pm Evensong, sung by our girls' choir with the back rows, of October. The congregation at these mid-week services is small but very loyal! Do come and give it a go if you have never been. There will, be no service during Half Term week.

**Organ Recitals at 1.30pm on Mondays:** 20 October—James Henderson (Director of Music & Organist). 27 October—no recital. 3 November—Alexander Eadon (Director of Music, Sherborne Boys).

**Shop Volunteers.** The Abbey Shop is looking for more volunteers to help out. If you are interested please speak to Chris Hamon.

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

**Julian Group:** The next Julian Group will be held on 12<sup>th</sup> November at 4pm, Lady Chapel.

**Harvest Lunch:** Thank you to all who supported the Harvest Lunch and raffle and to all the cooks and washers up. It was lovely to welcome so many to a very happy occasion and I am delighted to say we raised £500 to donate to the Almshouse project.

**Pack Monday Fair:** Thank you to everyone who made cakes and to all who came to help at our very successful Pack Monday Café, organised this year so efficiently by Annette, our star manager of the Abbey Tea Rooms. We did a roaring trade and made £1000 profit for the Outreach 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](mailto: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.

**The Longest Yarn Exhibition:** 4 – 28 November. Step into history through stitches at this extraordinary exhibition, showcasing knitted scenes of life during World War II.

**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.

**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.

**Christmas Lunch:** Sherborne Churches have a wonderful tradition of offering a free Christmas lunch to anyone living in the Sherborne area who might otherwise be on their own. Last year we had nearly 100 people attending. We are urgently looking for a chef for this fantastic Christmas event. Do you know anyone who can help with the actual roast on Christmas Day from 8.00 until 2? Starters and Christmas puddings are all covered but we need a good confident cook who can do the turkey, stuffing, pigs in blankets, roasted vegetables and gravy. Please give Jill Warburton or myself a call if you can help us out. Jill – 07531 198791 or Kathy 07725 904150.

*Kathy Pinsent*

**Treorchy Male Choir:** Saturday 15 November 2025, 7.00pm. The world renowned Treorchy Male Choir are performing a one off & not to be missed concert in the Abbey. Tickets £25 from [www.ticketsource.co.uk/sherborne-abbey](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/sherborne-abbey).

**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))**

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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.**

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