



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 26 October 2025 – Bible Sunday

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

12 noon Holy Baptism

Collect: Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning; help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and forever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our 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: Romans Ch. 15 v. 1-6, Luke Ch. 4 v. 16-24, Hymn Nos: 401, 378, 294, 436.

6.00 pm Evensong

Officiant:

The Reverend Becca McDonnell

Choral Evensong will not take place this week due to the Half Term Holiday

CASTLETON CHURCH

11.15 am Mattins

Officiant:

Canon Charles Mitchell-Innes

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(The U-Shaped Bible)

10.30 am Morning Worship

Leader:

Sandra Cutting

Speaker:

John Crossman

LILLINGTON CHURCH

9.30 am Morning Service:

Officiant:

The Reverend John Townend

LONGBURTON CHURCH

10.00 am Holy 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

Today is a pivotal time in the rhythm of the Christian Year. It is the day when we change our clocks to wintertime and prepare for the long evenings. For most Christians in the world, today is the 'Last Sunday after Trinity' (although users of the Book of Common Prayer will need to wait until 23rd November, when the day will be 'The Sunday next before Advent'). All through the Summer, from Trinity Sunday on 15th June until now, we have been following the Christian themes of growth, discipleship, love and faithfulness. This special time is an ending of one period as the months change from Summer to Autumn, to another stretch of time when soon there will be a beginning of the Church's New Year on Advent Sunday. It is a moment of reflection and anticipation. Right now, we have until 30th November – five weeks, in which we can prepare for the glorious season of Advent. Today we have the opportunity of achieving three things: to give thanks to God for our spiritual journey, to reflect on how we are disciples of Jesus sharing his love, and to anticipate the coming of the Lord at Advent.

The Reverend Hugh Bonsey

Sunday 2 November 2025 – All Saints

THE ABBEY

8.00 am BCP Holy Communion

Celebrant:

The Reverend Martin Lee

9.30 am Parish Eucharist

Celebrant:

The Reverend Martin Lee

6.00 pm All Souls' Evensong

Preacher:

The Reverend Becca McDonnell

CASTLETON CHURCH

11.15 am Mattins

Officiant:

The Reverend Hugh Bonsey

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10.30 am Morning Worship

Leader:

The Reverend Jim Edie

Speaker:

Mark Greenstock

LILLINGTON CHURCH

9.30 am Family Service:

Officiant:

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.

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

Lime Tree Memorial Book: Available to view on the altar in the N Nave Aisle.

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, David Bond (Priest).

Saturday 25 October Choral Evensong 5.30pm; sung by St Mary's Ecumenical Choir, Shropshire. Introit: *Let my prayer come up* Blow; *Responses* Leighton; *Psalms 104*; Purcell *in G minor*; *Hear My Prayer* Purcell; Hymns 342 (t 452), 381

Sunday Eucharist (9.30am) sung by St Mary's Ecumenical Choir, Shropshire. *Missa Super Mon Coeur se Recommande a Vous* Eccard; *Ave Verum Corpus* Milani; Hymns 401, 378, 294, 436

Choral Evensong (6.00pm) sung by St Mary's Ecumenical Choir, Shropshire. Introit: *Te Lucis Ante Terminum* Tallis *Responses* Leighton; *Psalms 119 vv 1–16*; Turner *in A*; *O Sing Unto The Lord* Tomkins

No Thursday Choral Evensong 30 October.

Music News: Both of our Abbey Choirs are having a well-earned break for Half Term. We therefore welcome a visiting choir to sing for us both on Saturday night at 5.30pm and for both of our Sunday services. St Mary's Ecumenical Choir will be in Sherborne all weekend.

Organ Recitals at 1.30pm on Mondays: *No recital on Monday 27 October.* 3 November—Alexander Eadon (Director of Music, Sherborne Boys); 10 November—Robert Costin (Head of Academic 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 4 November 2025 at 10.30am.

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

Martyr's Law: We are required by statute and good practice to have statements covering health and safety, terrorist precautions under the new 'Martyr's Law', and recovery from possible emergency situations. 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

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*

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.

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.

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

Continuum Choir: Eight members of Harry Guthrie's highly acclaimed Continuum Choir will be returning to Cheap Street Church at 7pm on Friday 12 December. The professional young singers will be performing Carols and Christmas music from the UK and around the world. Adults £20, Student £10, Children free. Tickets (**CASH ONLY** please) available from Winstone's Book Shop.

Anne Dearle

The Arts Society of Sherborne: Wednesday 5 November 3pm & 7pm. The Queen Mother's Lifelong Love of Jewellery, presented by Jeremy Mainwaring Burton. The Queen Mother had access to the jewels designated Heirlooms of the Crown and a spectacular collection of her own. Digby Hall, Hound Street. Free for members, £10 for non-members. <https://theartsocietysherborne.org/>

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.



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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/>