



**SHERBORNE ABBEY with
CASTLETON, SAINT PAUL'S,
LILLINGTON and LONGBURTON**

NOTICE SHEET

Sunday 14th November 2025

BENEFICE NOTICES

**Worship next Sunday 21st December
4th Sunday of Advent**

ABBEY

8.00 am BCP Holy Communion

Celebrant: The Reverend Becca McDonnell

9.30 am Parish Eucharist

Celebrant: The Reverend Martin Lee

Preacher: The Reverend John Townend

1.30 pm & 2.30 pm Shoppers Carols

Officers: The Reverend Martin Lee

The Reverend Becca McDonnell

5.00 pm: Festival of Lessons & Carols

Officers: The Reverend Martin Lee

The Reverend Becca McDonnell

CASTLETON

11.15 am: Mattins

Officiant: The Reverend Hugh Bonsey

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10.30 am All Age Service

Leader: Reverend Jim Edie

LILLINGTON

6.00 pm Carol Service

Officiant: The Reverend Hugh Bonsey

LONGBURTON

10.00 am Holy Communion

Celebrant: The Reverend Pene Kennedy

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 liz.ashmead@sherborneabbey.com

Christmas Concert: Monday 15 December at 7.00 pm. An evening of music & readings with the Abbey Choir and the Town Band. Free entry with a retiring collection in aid of The Weldmar Hospice.

Becca's final service: Our curate, The Reverend Becca McDonnell, will be leaving us to become Rector of St Mary's, Gillingham, on Sunday 4th January 2026. We have opened a collection for her and gifts can be left at the Parish Office, cash or Cheques made payable to Sherborne PCC.

What is that great enclosure outside the West Door ? We are doing some much needed masonry conservation, including on the balustrade from which pieces were dropping off. Work will extend to the porch after Christmas and will continue to March. The gates to the West Door have been removed for workshop refurbishment and the porch gates will be taken away in January. All should be restored by April. We are grateful to The Friends of Sherborne Abbey for funding this work.

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

Longburton Village Café: The next Village Café takes place on 16th December 2025 at 10.30am.

Christmas Service Notice Sheet: For information regarding all Carol Services and concerts throughout December please take a notice sheet from the table at the back of the church or visit our website.

Invitation to Mulled Wine & Carols: Martin & Sue extend a warm welcome for everyone to join them for mulled wine and carols on Wednesday 17th December at 7.00pm in the Lady Chapel.

A Quieter Christmas: Is Christmas a time of year you find quite difficult? Have you been bereaved this year or felt a sense of loss? Would you like a quieter celebration of the birth of Jesus? Why not join us in the Abbey on

Thursday December 18th at 7.00 pm for a Quieter Christmas.

Messy Church Christmas: Friday 19th December 2-4 pm. Digby Memorial Church Hall, Digby Road, Sherborne.

Fun Christmas activities and keepsakes; snacks. Free entry: Please bring an adult.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

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*

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. Please visit the Parish Office to fill in the application form for lunch. *Kathy Pinsent*

Sherborne Chamber Choir: Saturday 20th December 2025 at 7.00 pm. Cheap Street Church. The Road to Bethlehem. Music for Advent & Christmas, a programme of choral music, carols & readings.