

SHERBORNE ABBEY MUSIC LIST

December 2025



Thursday 4th December

5.30pm	Choral Evensong
Introit	<i>Advent Antiphons</i>
Responses	Ferial
Psalm	27 Monk
Canticles	<i>Stanford in B flat</i>
Anthem	<i>Sans Day Carol</i> John Rutter
Hymns	7, 10
Organ	<i>Fantasy on 'Veni Emmanuel'</i> Leighton

Sunday 7th December

Second Sunday of Advent

9.30 am	Sung Eucharist
Setting	<i>Missa Aeterna Christi munera</i> Palestrina
Anthems	<i>People look East</i> Ferguson <i>Adam lay ybounden</i> Ord <i>Lord, I trust thee</i> Handel
Hymns	7, 12, 170 (i), 466
Organ	<i>Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 661 & 660</i> J S Bach

6.00pm	Choral Evensong
Introit	<i>Adam lay ybounden</i> Ord
Responses	Tomkins
Psalm	37 vv 1–8 Tallis
Canticles	<i>Wood in F</i>
Anthem	<i>And the glory</i> Handel
Hymns	3 (ii), 6
Organ	<i>Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 659</i> J S Bach

Thursday 11th December

5.30pm	Choral Evensong
Introit	<i>Silent Night</i> arr James Henderson
Responses	Radcliffe
Psalm	65 vv 1–8 Walmisley
Canticles	<i>Noble in A minor</i>
Anthem	<i>Shepherd's Pipe Carol</i> John Rutter
Hymns	15, 18
Organ	<i>Vater unser in Himmelreich</i> Böhm

Saturday 13th December

5.00pm

Christingle Service

Separate Order of Service

Anthem *Shepherd's Pipe Carol* John Rutter

Sunday 14th December

Third Sunday of Advent

9.30 am

Sung Eucharist

Setting *Missa Brevis* Matthew O'Donovan

Carols *In the bleak midwinter* Holst
Adam lay ybounden Warlock
Nativity Carol Rutter

Hymns 5, 15, 11, 490

Organ *Toccata on Veni Emmanuel* Andrew Carter

6.00pm

Choral Evensong

Introit *Adam lay ybounden* Warlock

Responses Shephard

Psalm *73 vv 1–12* Smart

Canticles *Stanford in G*

Anthem *Ding Dong! Merrily on high* arr Stuart Nicholson

Hymns 7, 10

Organ *Rorate Caeli* Melissa Dunphy

Sunday 21st December

Fourth Sunday of Advent

9.30 am

Sung Eucharist

Setting *Missa Brevis* Palestrina

Carols *I sing of a maiden* Berkeley
O little one sweet J S Bach
Quem pastores laudavere Praetorius

Hymns 21, 48, 376, 186

Organ *Fanfare* Mathias

5.00 pm

Festival of lessons and carols

Carols *Joys Seven* arr Cleobury
I sing of a maiden Berkeley
The holly and the ivy Matthew Owens
Lully, lulla Leighton
Noël nouvelet Stephen Jackson
Silent Night Ledger
Ding dong! Merrily on high arr Stuart Nicholson

Hymns 34, 39, 32, 42, 29, 26, 30

Organ *In dulci jubilo, BWV 729* J S Bach *Dieu parmi nous* Messiaen

Wednesday 24th December

Christmas Eve

11.30 pm **Midnight Mass**

Setting *Missa O Magnum Mysterium* Victoria
Anthems *O little one sweet* J S Bach
Silent Night arr. Ledger
In the bleak midwinter Darke
Quem pastores laudavere Praetorius
Hymns 32, 42, 29, 30 (2, 4, 6, 5 in service booklet)
Organ *Finale (Symphony 6)* Widor

Thursday 25th December

Christmas Day

9.30am **Sung Eucharist**

Setting *Missa O Magnum Mysterium* Victoria
Carols *O magnum mysterium* Victoria
Hodie, Christus natus est Poulenc
Away in a manger arr James Henderson
O little one sweet J S Bach
Hymns 30, 21, 34, 26
Organ *Postlude on Mendelssohn* Willcocks

11.30am **Festal Matins**

Introit *The holly and the ivy* Matthew Owens
Responses Shephard
Venite Howes
Psalm 98 Stanford
Te Deum Stanford *in C*
Jubilate Walton
Anthem *Hodie Christus natus est* Poulenc
Hymns 30 (omit vv 4,5) 32 (omit*), 26
Organ *Der Tag, der ist so freudenreich, BWV 605* J S Bach
Flourish on Adeste Fideles Zanaida Stewart Robles

Friday 26th December

St Stephen's Day

10.30am **The Feast of St Stephen Eucharist with congregational carols**

Setting Murray
Hymns *selected from Bethlehem Carol Sheet*

Sunday 28th December

9.30am Parish Eucharist

Setting Murray (congregational)
Hymns 20 (19 ii), 39, 33 (omit *), 42
Organ *Finale (Symphony 1)* Vierne

6.00pm Said Evensong with hymns

Psalm 148 (said)
Magnificat 186
Nunc Dimittis 44 (282)
Hymns 32, 40
Organ *In dulci jubilo, BWV 729* J S Bach

The Reverend Martin Lee
Rector

James Henderson MA
Director of Music & Organist