

## COMMUNITY NOTICES



**Hidden Needs Trust:** Presents 'A night of Take That' featuring the Tribute Band 'Let it Shine'. Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2026, 7.30 pm at Westlands, Yeovil. Tickets £25 available from Westlands Booking Office or online at [www.westlandseyevil.co.uk](http://www.westlandseyevil.co.uk)

**The Pod On Cheap Street:**

<https://www.cheapstreetchurch.co.uk/the-pod.php> has become an extremely effective award-winning Christian outreach ministry in our town. It successfully combines information giving about community and church life, signposting to financial and practical assistance, a second-hand Christian bookshop and a listening ear for anyone who drops in. They are now urgently looking for volunteers from any of the town's churches to help them continue their outreach - just a couple of hours a fortnight would make a big difference. Maybe you could consider this as a New Year commitment? Do contact them directly 07496755549 or [team@thepodsherborne.co.uk](mailto:team@thepodsherborne.co.uk). Or have a brief word with me. *John Crossman*  
[john.crossman@btinternet.com](mailto:john.crossman@btinternet.com) 07721616003

**Taize Service:** There will be no Taize Service in January.

**Cheap Street Jazz:** The next event is Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January at 7.30 pm, doors open at 7.00 pm. Tickets are £18 and can be reserved by emailing [Fiona.franklin@therendezvous.org.uk](mailto:Fiona.franklin@therendezvous.org.uk) The performers are the Sunset Café Band with vocalist Julia Titus.

**Sherborne Museum Winter Talk:** Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January at 2.00 pm in the Digby Memorial Church Hall, Digby Road, Sherborne. A guide to the history and folklore attached to various forms of wassailing. Speaker – Bonny Sartin.

**SHERBORNE ABBEY with CASTLETON,  
SAINT PAUL'S, LILLINGTON and LONGBURTON  
NOTICE SHEET  
11<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2026  
BENEFICE NOTICES**

**WORSHIP NEXT WEEK  
18<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2026**

**ABBEEY**

**8.00 am BCP Holy Communion**

Celebrant: The Reverend Martin Lee

**9.30 am Parish Eucharist**

Celebrant: The Reverend Martin Lee

Preacher: To be confirmed

**6.00 pm Choral Evensong**

Officiant: The Reverend Martin Lee

**CASTLETON**

**11.15 am Mattins**

Officiant: The Reverend David Marl

**ST PAUL'S@THE GRYPHON**

**10.30 am All Age Service**

Leader: The Reverend Jim Edie

Speaker: Emily Gee

**LILLINGTON**

**9.30 am Morning Service**

Officiant: The Reverend John Townend

**LONGBURTON**

**10.00 am Family 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.

**Safeguarding:** Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. We are committed to the support, nurture, and protection of all in our church community. If you have any concerns about the safety or wellbeing of a child or vulnerable adult, do not keep them to yourself. Contact immediately the Parish Safeguarding Officer, Jon Massey at [safeguarding@sherborneabbey.com](mailto:safeguarding@sherborneabbey.com).

**Parish Giving Scheme (PGS):** Sherborne Abbey joined the Parish Giving Scheme on 25 September 2025. 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](mailto:liz.ashmead@sherborneabbey.com)

**Abbey Facilities Update:** To our great satisfaction, the Faculty for the Toilets project was issued on 17 December. We owe a great debt to our Architect Marcus Chantrey, who has meticulously examined a wide range of options in feasibility studies and later produced a stream of sketches to address the various concerns expressed, in addition to Mike Keatinge who has also made a considerable contribution to our Faculty applications. The Chancellor, in her judgement, gave credit for the detailed consideration shown in our application and to the positive consultation over those concerns. We have various points of detail to address, but hope to start physical work later this month, initially in the north quire aisle. One early task will be to find new homes for redundant pews and carved modesty screens. If you might be interested in buying one, please speak to the vergers, who will know which are for sale.  
*The Rector*

**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.

**The Porch Gates:** The gates to the main porch are to be removed for workshop refurbishment. Please be aware that the porch will be closed all day on Thursday 8 January, and there will be preparatory work on the preceding days.  
*Mike Keatinge, Fabric Committee*

**The Mothers' Union:** 24 January 2026. The Griffiths Room of the Digby Church Hall, Digby Road. 10.00 am for 10.30 am. We will start the New Year by celebrating the Eucharist together, having our AGM and enrolling new members.  
*Jo Higgs*

**Abbey Flowers:** Sheilagh Hollingsworth and Jacquie Hutchings are leaving the Abbey Flower Team after 30 years and 50 years respectively of creating beautiful floral arrangements in the Abbey. We would like to thank them for their massive contribution over so many years.  
*Barbara Fifield*

**Snowdrop Remembrance and Thanksgiving Service:** Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2026 at 11.15 am in the RC Church of the Sacred Heart & St Aldhelm, Westbury, Sherborne. An opportunity to remember loved ones. Everyone is most welcome to attend this remembrance and thanksgiving service. The Sherborne Book of Remembrance will be available and there will be an opportunity to add the name of a loved one to this book at the end of the service. Refreshments available.

**Music News:** The Abbey Choir sang very well throughout the Christmas season, before taking ten days off, and I am grateful for the many positive emails that I received about the choir's singing in the two Christmas concerts (29 November and 15 December) and during the many Christmas services. Thank you.

Meanwhile the Girls' Choir, supported by our regular back row singers, recorded their first ever CD on Saturday 3 January. It should be available for purchase late in February. It is a collection of fourteen well-known hymns. Apparently members of the public very often request recordings of hymns when they are visiting the Friends' Shop in the Abbey—so here, now, is a Sherborne Abbey Choir recording of some wonderful hymns! Thursday Evensongs resumed this week. They take place at 5.30pm and it would be wonderful if there were to be larger congregations at these magical mid-week services. The Evensongs are sung by the girls' choir with our regular back row singers and, two years into the life of this still relatively new choir, the repertoire is broadening and certainly a very high standard was achieved on the CD recording. Do try a Thursday Choral Evensong if you have not done so already.  
*Jamie Henderson, Director of Music*