

## MUSIC FOR SUNDAY 4<sup>th</sup> JANUARY

### 9.30 am Sung Eucharist

Setting: *Missa Aeterna Christi munera* Palestrina

Anthems: *Omnes de saba venient* Handl

*A boy was born* Britten

*The Three Kings* Cornelius

Hymns: 50(363), 51, 49(ii), 55

### 6.00 pm Choral Evensong

Introit: *The Three Kings* Cornelius

Responses: Radcliffe

Psalm: 72 vv 1-9 Turle

Canticles: *Sunsion in G*

*Anthem: When Jesus our Lord* Mendelssohn

Hymns: 48, 46(431)

### PRAYER LIST

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Peter Dunkin, Miranda Broadhurst,

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## CHRISTMAS PEWSHEET

Sunday 28th December 2025

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Christmas

### Worship This Sunday

#### Holy Innocents

##### ABBEEY

**8.00 am BCP Holy Communion**

Celebrant: The Reverend Martin Lee

**9.30 am Parish Eucharist**

Celebrant: The Reverend Martin Lee

Preacher: The Reverend Martin Lee

**6.00 pm Said Evensong with Hymns**

Officiant: The Reverend Martin Lee

##### CASTLETON

**11.15 am Mattins**

Officiant: The Reverend John Townend

##### ST PAUL'S@THE GRYPHON

**6.00 pm Evening Worship**

Leader: The Reverend Jim Edie

Speaker: John Crossman

##### LILLINGTON

**No Service**

##### LONGBURTON

**No Service**

Dear Friends

I hope you have been able to celebrate the feast of the Nativity. May you find the wonder and joy of the Christ Child of Bethlehem. Today marks the feast of the Holy Innocents, a rather difficult side of the Christmas Story. We are also reminded today that next Sunday will be the feast of the Epiphany, and at this service, we will sadly say goodbye to our wonderful curate, Becca, who leaves to take up her first post of responsibility in Gillingham. I know that you will want to be here, and please join us for coffee after the service as we say our farewells to her. As our Christmas journey continues, so may the peace of the Christ Child continue to fill your hearts with his love and Joy in this very special journey together. With my very best wishes.

Martin

## COLLECT

Almighty God, who wonderfully created us in your own image and yet more wonderfully restored us through you Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as he came to share in our humanity, so we may share the life of his divinity; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

## READING

### 1 Corinthians 1.26-29

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God.

## GOSPEL

### Matthew 2.13-18

Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son." When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah: "A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more."

## MUSIC AT THE ABBEY

### 9.30 am Parish Eucharist

Setting: Murray (congregational)

Hymns: 20(19ii), 39, 33(omit \*), 42

Organ: *Finale (Symphony1)* Vierne

### 6.00 pm 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

## ORGAN RECITAL

The next Organ Recital will be on  
Monday 12 January 2026

## THURSDAY CHORAL EVENSONG

The next Thursday Choral Evensong will take place on  
8<sup>th</sup> January 2026 at 5.30pm.

## Worship next Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> January The Epiphany

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### CASTLETON

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### ST PAUL'S@THE GRYPHON

#### 10.30 am All Age Service

Leader: Sue Bradshaw

Speaker: Mark Greenstock

### LILLINGTON

#### 9.30 am Family Service

Officiant: The Reverend Hugh Bonsey

### LANGBURTON

#### 10.00 am Village Communion

Officiants: The Reverend Pene Kennedy

## COLLECT

O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: mercifully grant that we, who know you by faith, may at last behold your glory face to face; 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.

## READING

**Ephesians 3.1-12**

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