



**Taizé services in Sherborne:** It is with considerable sadness that we have decided to suspend the monthly Taizé service. We have run a Taizé service in Sherborne for more than twenty years and we know that it holds a special place in the hearts and minds of many people, but for a variety of reasons we are going to take a break. We will evaluate over the course of the next few months and who knows, we may start again in the autumn. We are open to hearing from you and would welcome your feedback. Thank you for all your support it has been a joy to worship with you in this way.

*Revd Lesley McCreadie, Penny and Geoff Gardner*

**Longburton Village Café:** The next Village Café will take place on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January.

**The Arts Society Sherborne:** 'Art Crime in the Cinema'. Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February at 3.00 pm & 7 pm. To be presented by Tom Flynn: The talk traces the connections between some of the most popular art heist movies and the reality of the market, and reveals one or two examples of early 'art crime cinema'. Members free, £10 for non-members. Digby Hall, Hound Street.

<https://theartsocietysherborne.org>

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

**WORSHIP NEXT WEEK  
1<sup>st</sup> February 2026**

**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 John Townend

**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: Kathy Pinsent

Speaker: Mark Greenstock

**LILLINGTON**

**9.30 am Morning Service**

Officiant: The Reverend Jim Edie

**LONGBURTON**

**10.00 am Family Communion**

Celebrant: The Reverend Leslie McCreadie

**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*

**Induction Of The Reverend Becca McDonnell as Rector of Gillingham:** This will take place at 7.00 pm on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January at the church of St Mary the Virgin, Gillingham. The service will be taken by The Archdeacon of Dorset, The Venerable Antony MacRow-Wood. It was hoped to book a coach for those wishing to attend but unfortunately the cost is prohibitive.

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

**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.

**Thank you from the Friends of North Dorset Women's Refuge:** Your generosity has been beyond our wildest imaginings! As a result, we were able to create pamper hampers for all the women in Refuge: washing baskets lined with hand knitted or crocheted throws made by a knit and natter group in East Stour and then filled with toiletries and other goodies which you had given.

On Christmas morning pamper hampers, Virginia Hayward hampers and gifts for the children were put outside the door of each of the 10 flats in Refuge. Families were overwhelmed and went to the office in tears of gratefulness and surprise – they had no idea what was in store for them.

Thank you is hardly adequate, but it is none the less written very sincerely.

*Sara Jacson, Chair of the Friends*

**Shrove Lunch:** Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February 12.30 for 1 pm. Lamb & Apricot tagine followed by Ginger Pudding and Custard. Vegetarian and gluten-free options available. Tickets may be purchased from the Parish Office. £12.50 includes wine & soft drinks. £5.00 Children. All proceeds will go towards this year's Lent Project. We would be very glad to receive any raffle prizes which may be left at the Parish Office. We look forward to seeing you.  
*Frances Walker*

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

**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

**Women of God:** Relentless – A relentless pursuit of Jesus through Word, Prayer & Worship. Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2026. Merrit Centre, Sherborne, DT9 3QN (Sherborne Girls School) Free parking for all.