



Lent Lunches@St James Longburton: St James will be hosting two Lent lunches of soup, bread and cheese during Lent with any money raised being donated to Christian Aid.

The dates of our lunches are:-

Tuesday March 3rd & Tuesday March 17th at midday.

Do join us if you are able for a sociable meal with homemade soup, good bread and a variety of cheeses.

The Reverend Lesley McCreadie

Local Vocals: Come and sing with us. Fun & friendly harmony choir, no auditions, beginners welcome, no need to read music. Just turn up on a Thursday morning (term time) 10.15-12.00, first session free.

For more details visit localvocals.org or contact Lesley on 07933 928122 or email

whlesley58@gmail.com

Sherborne Travel Writing Festival: 10th – 12th April 2026. All talks will be held in the Powell Theatre, Abbey Road, Sherborne. For tickets and information please visit sherbornetravelwritingfestival.com

Longburton Village Café: The next Village Café will take place on Tuesday 24th March.

Sherborne Museum Winter Talks: Maude Dudley: The life of a live-in servant through letters. Speaker – Valerie Brenton. Thursday 19th March 2026, 2.00 pm at the Digby Memorial Church Hall, Digby Road, Sherborne. Free entry for members. Visitors £5 on the door. Light refreshments included.

Sherborne Historical Society: Rudolf Hess – A Most Curious Life and Death. An account of the extraordinary saga of Hitler's deputy. Thursday 19th March 2026, 8.00 pm, Digby Hall, Hound Street, Sherborne. Entrance £5, free for members and students. Doors open at 7.15 pm for coffee & tea.

The Arts Society Sherborne: The Rebirth of Notre Dame de Paris. To be presented by Carole Petipher: In this lecture Carole considers the cultural significance of Notre Dame through the ages and what makes it so special.

Wednesday 1st April 3pm and 7pm
Members free, £10 for non-members.

Digby Hall, Hound Street

<https://theartssocietysherborne.org/>

**SHERBORNE ABBEY with CASTLETON,
SAINT PAUL'S, LILLINGTON and LONGBURTON
NOTICE SHEET
15th March 2026
BENEFICE NOTICES**

WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

22nd March 2026 5th Sunday of Lent

Passiontide begins

ABBEEY

8.00 am BCP Holy Communion

Celebrant: The Reverend Katie Windle

9.30 am Parish Eucharist

Celebrant: The Reverend Lesley McCreadie

Preacher: The Reverend John Townend

6.00 pm Choral Evensong

Officiant: The Reverend John Townend

CASTLETON

11.15 am Holy Communion

Officiant: The Reverend David Marl

ST PAUL'S@THE GRYPHON

10.30 am Morning Worship

Leader: Sue Bradshaw

Speaker: Tabitha Smith

LILLINGTON

9.30 am Morning Service

Officiant: The Reverend Jim Edie

LONGBURTON

10.00 am Holy Communion

Celebrant: The Reverend Lesley 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.

Parish Giving Scheme (PGS): Sherborne Abbey joined the Parish Giving Scheme in 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

Abbey Social Committee: We would be glad to welcome people (male as well as female) who are confident cooks and who can spare the time to help set up and clear up at parish social events such as the two big charity fund-raising lunches every year, as well as providing coffee and cakes for meetings, or drinks and finger food for special celebrations.

Frances Walker

Lent Project: You should have seen leaflets or heard about our special Lent giving this year. We are raising money for Farming Community Network and Sam Malish our mission partner in Uganda. For more details and to give please see the leaflets and scan the QR code or see the Abbey website.

John Crossman

Friends of Sherborne Abbey Dates 2026:

Wednesday 25 March. Coffee Morning 10.30 am – 1.00 pm in Church Hall.

Sunday 17 May. Friends' Choral Evensong at 6.00 pm followed by the AGM at 7.00 pm in the Abbey.

Thursday 18 June. Afternoon Tea with music in the Church Hall 3.30 pm - 5.00 pm followed by Girls' Choir Evensong in the Abbey at 5.30 pm.

August/September tbc. Frances Brown Presentation on the Conservation Management Plan.

Tuesday 15 September. Friends' Outing to Gloucester Cathedral.

Wednesday 7 October. Coffee Morning 10.30 am – 1.00 pm in the Church Hall.

Sunday 29 November. Advent Reception 4.00 pm in the Lady Chapel, followed by Advent Carol Service in the Abbey at 5.00 pm.

Lent Groups: Sherborne Churches Together Lent Groups are currently taking place, entitled "Desert Mothers and Fathers." You can enrol via the website and scanning the QR codes or by scanning the codes on the poster in the Abbey or Parish Office.

Julian Group: The next Julian Group will be held on Wednesday 8th April 2026 at 4.00 pm in the Lady Chapel.

Tuesday Evenings at St Paul's Church: An evening of games, snacks, worship, talks, fellowship and lots of fun. 7.00 pm – 8.30 pm see you there. Follow us on Instagram – STPAULSYOUTH_SHERBORNE

Mothers Union: The next meeting will take place on 24th April 2026 in the Griffiths Room, Digby Memorial Church Hall, Digby Road. 10.00 am for 10.30 am start. Hester and Mark Greenstock will give and illustrated talk entitled "Three Weeks in India".

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Countrymen UK: Based in Dorset, Countrymen UK supports men – especially those living with long-term health conditions, dementia, or isolation – to reconnect with nature, community and themselves. Through gentle farm-based activities, animal care, gardening, woodworking and shared conversation, our members find renewed confidence, companionship and joy. We also offer support and respite for carers, creating a welcoming space for everyone. New members are always welcome. Helping men thrive through nature, purpose and friendship.

If you'd like to find out more please get in touch: Phone 01963 210789, email:

admin@countrymenuk.org Website: countrymenuk.org

Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance Easter Quiz:

Please join us on Saturday 21st March. Doors open at 6.30pm, quiz starts at 7.00pm. Oxley Sports Centre, Sherborne, DT9 3DA. £5 per person, teams of up to six. Tea, coffee & cake will be available throughout for donations. Tickets available from Oxley Sports Centre (cash only) or for card payments scan the QR code on the poster which you will find at the back of the Abbey. All proceeds to the Somerset & Dorset Air Ambulance.

World's Toughest Drive: A charity film screening. Sit back and enjoy Channel 4's World's Toughest Drive – My African Adventure, the remarkable film inspired by Old Shirburnian, Guy Deacon and his powerful book, Running on Empty. Friday 27th March, 6.00 pm – 9.00 pm at the Powell Theatre, Abbey Road, Sherborne. £15 per ticket including a welcome drink. Scan the QR code on the poster at the back of the Abbey for more details and booking.