

## COMMUNITY NOTICES



**SHERBORNE ABBEY with CASTLETON,  
SAINT PAUL'S, LILLINGTON and LONGBURTON  
NOTICE SHEET  
29th March 2026  
BENEFACTIC 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](mailto:admin@countrymenuk.org) [www.countrymenuk.org](http://www.countrymenuk.org)

**Longburton Village Café:** The next Village Café will take place on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April.

**Sherborne Travel Writing Festival:** 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> April 2026. All talks will be held in the Powell Theatre, Abbey Road, Sherborne. For tickets and information please visit [sherbornetravelwritingfestival.com](http://sherbornetravelwritingfestival.com)

**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](http://localvocals.org) or contact Lesley on 07933 928122 or email [whlesley58@gmail.com](mailto:whlesley58@gmail.com)

**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 1<sup>st</sup> April 3pm and 7pm. Members free, £10 for non members. Digby Hall, Hound Street <https://theartsocietysherborne.org/>

**Messy Museum Monday:** Monday 30th March, 10.30 am – 12.30 pm. Free family friendly crafting event making Easter Bunnies. Sherborne Museum, Church Lane, Sherborne.

**WORSHIP NEXT WEEK**  
**5<sup>th</sup> April 2026 Easter Day**

**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

Deacon: The Reverend Robert Green

**11.30 am Festal Mattins**

Officiant: The Reverend Martin Lee

**6.00 pm Choral Evensong**

Officiant: The Reverend Martin Lee

**CASTLETON**

**11.15 am Choral Mattins**

Officiant: The Reverend David Marl

**ST PAUL'S@THE GRYPHON**

**10.30 am Family Communion**

Celebrant: The Reverend Jim Edie

**LILLINGTON**

**9.30 am Family Communion**

Celebrant: The Reverend John Townend

**LONGBURTON**

**10.00 am Holy Communion**

Celebrants: The Reverend Lesley McCreadie  
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 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](mailto:liz.ashmead@sherborneabbey.com)

**Lent Project:** Our Lent Project will come to a close shortly after Easter. If anyone is still considering making a donation could you please do so as soon as possible. There are leaflets in church or visit <https://www.sherborneabbey.com/groups/#faith> – (then scroll down) We are very grateful for all the donations, big or small, so far. Across the world and at home there has been significant fall off in general giving so your generosity is more value than ever. Please give if you are able either by envelope in church or online using this QR code. Many thanks.  
*John Crossman*



#### **Friends of Sherborne Abbey:**

Have you thought about becoming a friend? Through subscriptions, donations and legacies the Friends have been able to support the Abbey fabric and repairs for over 90 years. The Friends have donated over £750,000 in the last 5 years alone! Recent projects have included new lighting and heating and currently the stonemasonry and gates of the west wall and porch. A further £200,000 will go towards the new facilities project. A Friends subscription is £30 per annum or £40 for a couple. As well as knowing that you will be contributing towards this magnificent building, being a Friend also includes enjoying coffee mornings, talks and outings; this year to Gloucester cathedral, in September. Please pick up a leaflet from the back of the Abbey or speak to Bill McDermott or Chris Hamon.

*Bill McDermott, Friends Committee Secretary*

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

**Holy Communion and Gluten Free Wafers:** Gluten free wafers are available for anyone who requires

them at our communion services. If you wish to receive a gluten free wafer, please speak to a member of the clergy team or one of the vergers before the service starts.

**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 24<sup>th</sup> 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".  
*Jo Higgs*

**Walk of Witness:** Come and join the crowd and be part of Sherborne Churches Together Walk of Witness on Good Friday. We will be starting at the top of Cheap Street at 10.30 am and working our way to the bottom of town acting out the story.  
*The Reverend Jim Edie*

**Easter Services:** Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April, Maundy Thursday 7.00 pm Parish Eucharist and Washing of the Feet followed by The Watch in the Lady Chapel. Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 12 noon The Three Hours. Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April: 8.00 pm The Easter Liturgy.

**Sherborne Abbey**  
Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2026  
7.00 pm

*A Meditation for Holy Week*



*Readings read by the Team Rector,  
The Reverend Martin Lee*

*Music by the Abbey Choir  
James Henderson, Director of Music*