



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

Sherborne Chamber Choir: The next concert will take place on Saturday 14th March 2026 in the Abbey. Sherborne Chamber Choir with The English Cornett and Sackbut Ensemble. The splendour of sixteenth & seventeenth century Venice brought to life in music by Gabrieli, Monteverdi and their contemporaries.

Rachel Greaves

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

Sunday 15th March, Market Day:

We would be very grateful to receive tray bakes or cupcakes which SHARES, (Sherborne Area Refugee Support group) could offer in return for donations to the Red X Gaza Appeal at our stall outside the Pod in Cheap St. Cakes can be left at the Pod, Friday 13th 10-12, 1-3 and Saturday 14th, 10-12. Also on the day. There is supposed to be a ceasefire but over 600 Palestinian people have been killed since October and very little aid is getting into Gaza.

Longburton Village Café: The next Village Café will take place on Tuesday 10th 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 ABBEY with CASTLETON,
SAINT PAUL'S, LILLINGTON and LONGBURTON
NOTICE SHEET
8th March 2026
BENEFICE NOTICES**

WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

15th March 2026 MOTHERING SUNDAY

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 Katie Windle

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 Morning Worship

Leader: The Reverend Jim Edie

Speaker: Sandra Miller

LILLINGTON

9.30 am Morning Service

Officiant: The Reverend John Townend

LONGBURTON

10.00 am Mothering Sunday Service

Officiant: 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.

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 11th March 2026 at 4.00 pm in the Lady Chapel.

Shrove Lunch: Thank you to all who supported the Shrove lunch and to those who donated raffle prizes. We are delighted to be able to donate £700 from the proceeds, including donations, to FIAC for the Lent Project.

Frances Walker

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

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.

Wessex Strings: Sunday 15th March 2026, 3.00 pm, Cheap Street Church, Sherborne. In aid of Edmund's Trust and conducted by John Jenkins the programme includes Albinoni, Haydn, Ireland and Nielson. Tickets £10 (cash only) from Winstone Books, Cheap Street. £12 on the door, under 18s free.