

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 www.countrymenuk.org

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

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 Museum Winter Talk: In Search of Cerne Abbey – The Jim Gibb Memorial Lecture. Speaker – Dr Hugh Willmott. Saturday 18th April 2026, 2.00 pm at the Digby Memorial Church Hall, Digby Road, Sherborne. Free entry for members of Sherborne Museum, visitors £5 on the door. Light refreshments included.

**SHERBORNE ABBEY with CASTLETON,
SAINT PAUL'S, LILLINGTON and LONGBURTON
NOTICE SHEET
5th April 2026
BENEFACTICE NOTICES**

WORSHIP NEXT WEEK
12th April 2026

ABBEY

8.00 am BCP Holy Communion

Celebrant: The Reverend Lesley McCreadie

9.30 am Parish Eucharist

Celebrant: The Reverend Martin Lee

Preacher: The Reverend Robert Green

6.00 pm Choral Evensong

Officiant: The Reverend Martin Lee

CASTLETON

11.15 am Holy Communion BCP

Celebrant: The Reverend David Marl

ST PAUL'S@THE GRYPHON

10.30 am Morning Worship

Leader: The Reverend Jim Edie

Speaker: Mark Greenstock

LILLINGTON

9.30 am Holy Communion

Celebrant: The Reverend John Townend

LONGBURTON

10.00 am Holy Communion

Celebrant: 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

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 8th 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 24th April 2026 in the Griffiths Room, Digby Memorial Church Hall, Digby Road. 10.00 am for 10.30 am start. Katherine Howe will bring her guide dog and tell of their training and life together. All very welcome.

Eileen Heath

Electoral Roll: Commencing Monday 6th April, the Electoral Roll is being updated in anticipation of the APCM on 17th May.

If you completed the Electoral Roll form last year you need to do nothing. If you are new to the Abbey or are not on the roll from last year, then please collect a form from the back of the Abbey and return it to the Parish Office by Saturday 2nd May.

Chris Hamon

Sherborne Abbey Festival: The Music Festival begins on Thursday 30th April and runs until Tuesday 7th May. Concerts include The Festival Chorus, Julian Bliss and Iuventus Chamber Orchestra, Ruth Rogers and Simon Callaghan, Solomons Knot, James Pearson Trio, The Tallis Scholars and our own Abbey Choir. There will also be many daytime concerts including our local schools.

Castleton AGM: The Castleton Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday 26th April after Mattins.

Diana Cooper

Longburton Village Café: The next Village Café will take place on Tuesday 7th April.

Abbey Tea Rooms Request: If anyone has any unwanted ice cream containers with lids, please let Netty (Abbey Tea Rooms Manager) have them. She requires a large number, your help would be greatly appreciated.