

## ABBEY WEEKDAY/MONTHLY SERVICES

**Every Monday – Saturday** - 8.30 am:  
Morning Prayer in The Sepulchre Chapel  
**Every Monday** - 9.00 am:  
CW Holy Communion in The Sepulchre Chapel  
**Every Tuesday** - 12 noon:  
CW Holy Communion in The Sepulchre Chapel  
**Every Wednesday** - 10.30 am:  
Holy Communion with Homily (CW/BCP)  
in The Lady Chapel  
**Every Thursday** - 12 noon:  
BCP Holy Communion in The Lady Chapel  
**Every Friday** - 9.00 am:  
Ecumenical Holy Communion  
in The Sepulchre Chapel  
**1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month** - 9.00 am:  
Requiem HC in The Sepulchre Chapel  
(next service: Friday 1st May 2026)  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month** - 11.00am: Remembering  
the Fallen (next service: Fri 15<sup>th</sup> May 2026)  
**Every Saturday** at 9.00 am:  
CW Holy Communion in The Sepulchre Chapel

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SAINT PAUL'S, LILLINGTON and LONGBURTON

## PEWSHEET

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2026  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

### ABBEY

**8.00 am BCP Holy Communion**  
Celebrant: The Reverend Katie Windle  
**9.30 am Parish Eucharist**  
Celebrant: The Reverend Martin Lee  
Preacher: The Reverend Martin Lee  
**6.00 pm Choral Evensong**  
Officiant: The Reverend Martin Lee

### CASTLETON

**11.15 am Mattins**  
Officiant: The Reverend Jim Edie

### ST PAUL'S@THE GRYPHON

**10.30 am Morning Worship**  
Leader: Kathy Pinsent  
Speaker: Tabitha Smith

### LILLINGTON

**9.30 am Morning Service**  
Officiant: The Reverend Jim Edie

### LONGBURTON

**10.00 am Family Communion**  
Celebrant: The Reverend Lesley McCreadie

## PRAYER LIST

### The Sick

Harry Bond, Alan Gillard,  
Peter Dunkin, Jo Gem, Gilly Gibbons, Valerie Pugh,  
Jo Kemp, Reverend Hugh Bonsey, Daniel Smallbone

### The Departed

Peter Grosvenor, Rosemary Walton,  
Judith Stisted

## FUNERALS, WEDDINGS & BAPTISMS

Baptism Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May – Aurora Perris

### COLLECT

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the  
resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in  
him, from the death of sin to the life of  
righteousness, that we may seek those things  
which are above, where he reigns with you in the  
unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and  
for ever. **Amen**

## READING

### Acts Ch. 2. v. 42 – end

Those who were baptised devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

## GOSPEL

### John Ch. 10 v. 1-10

“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again, Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

## MUSIC AT THE ABBEY

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**9.30am Sung Eucharist**

Setting *Sumsion in F*

Anthems *Haec Dies* Byrd

*Ave verum corpus* Byrd

Hymns 100(ii), 282, 457(i), 400(167)

Organ *Pièce Héroïque* Franck

## 6.00pm Choral Evensong

Introit *Before the ending of the day* Walker

Responses Smith

Psalm 119 vv145-152 Turle

Magnificat Leighton *Collegium Magdalenae Oxoniense*

Nunc dimittis Stanford *in G*

Anthem *And when the builders* Shephard

Hymns 459, 443

Organ *Christ lag in Todes Banden, BWV 695* JS Bach

**Please note there will be no Choral Evensong on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April due to the Music Festival.**

## ORGAN RECITAL

The next Organ Recital will be on

Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> April 2026, 1.30 pm

**Robert Costin** *Head of Academic Music*

## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

**“Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate of the sheep.....I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”**

And so, we see in John's gospel how Jesus tells us and reminds us that he is the gate and that through him we come into a relationship of love, trust and hope. It is through him alone that we come before the throne of grace of love and truth. A wonderful reminder for us on our Easter journey: the cross of pain and suffering, of humiliation and degradation, has become the symbol of hope and new life, pointing us towards the resurrected Christ who conquered death and brings us new life.

Pondering our world once again this week, one continues to ask why we are in a state of conflict, and whether there is a way forward amid the present despotic leadership that we see. In the week ahead, their Majesties, the King and Queen, will travel into a complex, mixed-up, and erratic understanding of power. Let us pray for them as they enter this situation, praying that God will bless and guide them and that their presence will help calm a strained and confused mindset.

It is enough today though, to be reminded and assured that we come before God through the gate of his Son Jesus Christ. For as our passage concludes, Jesus reminds us that He has come that we may have life and have it in abundance. May the abundance of grace and love fill our hearts and minds and direct us in all that we say and do. *Team Rector, The Reverend Martin Lee*