



Sponsored Walk: Our Treasurer, Liz Ashmead is undertaking a sponsored walk from Clovelly to Tintagel from 9th – 16th May in aid of the new facilities in the Abbey. If you would like to sponsor Liz, please see the posters at the back of the Abbey and scan the QR code.

Mothers Union: The next meeting will take place on 22nd May 2026 in the Griffiths Room, Digby Memorial Church Hall, Digby Road. 10.00 am for 10.30 am start. Judy Herten will give an illustrated talk on Church Recorders. All very welcome.

Eileen Heath

Longburton Village Café: The next Village Café will take place on Tuesday 19th May.

Alpha Course: Pause Netflix, Try Alpha. Starting Wednesday 6th May at 7.45pm for ten weeks. For further details contact the St Paul's Church Office. office@stpaulssherborne.uk or 01935 816444 www.stpaulssherborne.uk

Julian Group: The next meeting will take place on 13th May 2026 at 4.00 pm in the Lady Chapel.

Shirley Fry

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 Museum Fundraiser: From 29th April to 13th May, Nancy Weitz, a local artist and valued member of the museum, will be exhibiting her photography at the Cross Keys pub. To support the museum, a raffle will be held to win one of the exhibited photographs, with the draw taking place on 13th May 4 pm – 6 pm at the Cross Keys. Tickets available from the museum at £1.00 each. All proceeds go directly towards supporting the museum and it's work in the community.

SHERBORNE ABBEY with CASTLETON,
SAINT PAUL'S, LILLINGTON and LONGBURTON

NOTICE SHEET

10th MAY 2026

BENEFICE NOTICES

WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

17th May 2026

7th Sunday of Easter

Sunday after Ascension

ABBEY

8.00 am BCP Holy Communion

Celebrant: The Reverend Martin Lee

9.30 am Parish Eucharist

Celebrant: The Reverend Martin Lee

Preacher: The Reverend Lesley McCreadie

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: John Crossman

LILLINGTON

9.30 am Morning Service

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

Organ News: After a fabulous Music Festival, which was a huge triumph of superb music-making across the board, we move on to the beginning of the building works for the Facilities Upgrade. For the organ this means being covered in polythene to protect it from dust arising from the building work involved with moving the Horsey and Clement monuments. From Sunday morning onwards you will see and hear a Viscount Electronic Organ whilst our magnificent Gray & Davison pipe organ is protected from being damaged. We think that the temporary organ will be in place for at least six months. We are hoping that the organ recital series will be able to go ahead uninterrupted on the temporary instrument.

James Henderson, Director of Music and Organist

Abbey Facilities Upgrade: We are at last breaking ground on the Abbey Facilities Upgrade. Work starts on Monday 11th May to move the Horsey and Clement monuments and to install a wheelchair lift to the Ambulatory. The north quire aisle will be essentially closed until late July. Access to the vestry will be by the south aisle and the Ambulatory. Access to the Choir Vestry will remain open for most of the time. Please be aware of these restrictions.

Mike Keatinge

Friends of Sherborne Abbey: Have you thought about becoming a Friend? Through subscriptions, donations and legacies the Friends have supported the Abbey fabric & repairs for over 90 years and have donated over £750,000 in the last five 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



This year the Mothers' Union is 150 years old. Mary Sumner founded the organisation to help women from all backgrounds to bring up their children in a positive way. From this humble beginning has come the worldwide movement which now works to end injustice, domestic violence and poverty. To acknowledge this landmark, a group from the Sherborne MU are walking the St Edward's Way, beginning in Wareham on May 6th and finishing in Shaftesbury on May 8th. We would like to raise money for a project run by MU which seeks to improve the literacy standard in some of the countries MU works in. The paragraph below gives an idea of the work.

Over 480,000,000 women worldwide are illiterate. Millions of women can't register the birth of their child, read a medicine packet or apply for a job in a world where technology and instant communication are everywhere. Education for children is a fundamental right, yet millions of women missed out on an education due to conflict, financial barriers or just because they are girls. The Mothers' Union aims to prioritise education for women and girls of all ages across countries such as Uganda, Kenya, India, Bangladesh, South Sudan and many more. We seek to empower mothers with the confidence and knowledge that literacy brings by equipping them with essential reading and writing skills which enable them to better support their children and engage more fully in their communities and access opportunities that were previously out of reach. It is our hope that through faith commitment and shared purpose, The Literacy Programme will open doors, inspire change and nurture a future where every individual has a chance to thrive.

If you would like to support us as we walk, there are sponsor forms at the back of The Abbey or you could contact me, Jo Higgs or Eileen Heath. There is also a Gofundme page for donations.

<https://gofund.me/59fc5204c>

Thank you.

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