

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

1st Friday of the month - 9.00 am:

Requiem HC in The Sepulchre Chapel

(next service: Friday 5th June 2026)

3rd Friday of the month - 11.00am: Remembering

the Fallen (next service: Fri 19th June 2026)

Every Saturday at 9.00 am:

CW Holy Communion in The Sepulchre Chapel

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SHERBORNE ABBEY with CASTLETON,

SAINT PAUL'S, LILLINGTON and LONGBURTON

PEWSHEET

Sunday 17th May 2026

7th Sunday of Easter

Sunday after Ascension Day

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 Martin Lee

Deacon: The Reverend Lesley McCreddie

6.00 pm Choral Evensong

Officiant: The Reverend Martin Lee

CASTLETON

11.15 am Mattins

Officiants: Hugh & Claire Ridgeway

ST PAUL'S@THE GRYPHON

10.30 am Morning Worship

Leader: The Reverend Jim Edie

Speaker: John Crossman

LILLINGTON

9.30 am Morning Service

Officiant: The Reverend John Townend

LONGBURTON

10.00 am Holy Communion

Celebrant: The Reverend Pene Kennedy

PRAYER LIST

The Sick

Harry Bond, Alan Gillard,

Peter Dunkin, Jo Gem, Valerie Pugh,

Jo Kemp, Reverend Hugh Bonsey, Daniel Smallbone,

Miranda Broadhurst, Anne Mash

The Departed

Rosemary Walton, Bill Haigh,

Judith Stisted, Joy Turner, Alastair King

FUNERALS, WEDDINGS & BAPTISMS

Baptism Sunday 24th May – Alfred Varley

Annual Church Census 2026: The census commenced on Sunday 10th May 2026 for five Sundays. Please could you fill in the slip which will be given to you as you enter the Abbey and place it in the box in the porch on your way out. Thank you.

The Reverend Martin Lee

COLLECT

O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

READING

Acts Ch 1. 6-14

GOSPEL

John Ch 17. 1-11

MUSIC AT THE ABBEY

9.30 am Sung Eucharist

Setting *Missa Brevis* Matthew O'Donovan
Anthems *Ubi caritas* Ola Gjeilo
Holy is the true light Harris
Let thy merciful ears, O Lord Mudd
Hymns 271, 388 (i), 302, 134
Organ *Allegro (Symphony no 2)* Vierne

6.00 pm Choral Evensong with The Friends

joint with the choir of Romsey Abbey

Introit *Let thy merciful ears, O Lord* Mudd
Responses Ayleward
Psalm 89 vv 1–14 Howes
Canticles Stanford *in C*
Anthem *The spirit of the Lord* Elgar
Hymns 336, 339
Organ *Final (Symphony 1)* Vierne

Thursday 21st May

5.30pm Choral Evensong

Introit *The Father's love* Simon Lole
Responses Radcliffe
Psalm 106 vv 1–12 Walmisley
Canticles Wood *in D*
Anthem *Litany to the Holy Spirit* Hurford
Hymns 332, 345
Organ *Postlude in D minor* Stanford

ORGAN RECITAL

The next Organ Recital will be
Monday 18th May at 1.30 pm
Charlie Gurnham
Assistant Director of Music

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APMC)

The Meeting to Elect Churchwardens and the APCM for the Parish of Sherborne with Castleton & St. Paul's will take place on Sunday 17th May 2026 at 2.00pm in the Digby Memorial Hall. Four PCC representatives are needed to serve for three years. Seven Deanery Synod Representatives are needed to serve for three years. Nomination Forms are available from the Parish Office and should be returned to the Parish Office in a sealed envelope. *David Fifield, lay Vice-Chair, PCC*

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Thought for the Day
Sunday after Ascension.

And now I'm no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one, John Chapter 17 v 11.

There is nothing pleasant about seeing and hearing arguments in the public forum. Watching as we must at this time, wrangling over who should lead the government, I suspect leaves us with many questions and, inside, perhaps even anger and frustration. Such wranglings we see in many different environments, and perhaps on a lesser scale, be that in families, in local communities, and, I dare say, even in churches. The Reading for today, when Jesus says, "Father, protect them in your name," shows Jesus' complete ability to see the downside of human nature and how arguments and bickering are easily started but not so easily finished. Furthermore, Jesus' use of the expression, "Father, protect him," gives us comfort, helping us to recognise that he fully understands the frailty of our human nature, as well as the complexities of how groups of people work—or in some cases, don't work—and so he asks protection over us. In addition, sometimes we might need to be protected from ourselves when we lose sight of what is right and what we're called to do.

The Sunday after Ascension is one of anticipation. Jesus promised us that, as he ascended to heaven, the Holy Spirit would come to rest upon us. Next week, at Pentecost, this promise will be fulfilled. That is the gift of the Spirit, which blows freely within us. Waiting, as we are at this moment, is perhaps a good thing. It allows us to reflect on the journey Jesus' disciples walked with him. On their journey, they witnessed so many miracles, including his Resurrection and Ascension. The passage tells us that, when Jesus ascended, his disciples went on rejoicing, some becoming witnesses of his resurrection and ascension. We are the new witnesses of the gospel of love and salvation. God calls us to go into our community, into the places where we live, to share something deeply important about our relationship with God and our deep faith in Jesus, who came into the world so that we might know the way of love, truth, and peace.

The Rector