

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 15th May 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 3rd May 2026
5th Sunday of Easter

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 Lesley McCreadie
12 noon Holy Baptism
Officiant: The Reverend Martin Lee
6.00 pm Choral Evensong
Officiant: The Reverend Martin Lee

CASTLETON

11.15 am Choral Mattins
Officiant: The Reverend David Marl

ST PAUL'S@THE GRYPHON

10.30 am Morning Worship
Leader: Sue Bradshaw
Speaker: The Reverend Jim Edie

LILLINGTON

9.30 am Family Service
Officiant: The Reverend John Townend

LONGBURTON

10.00 am Village Communion
Celebrant: The Reverend Pene Kennedy

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, Bill Haigh

FUNERALS, WEDDINGS & BAPTISMS

Baptism Sunday 3rd May – Aurora Perris
Baptism Sunday 24th May – Alfred Varley

COLLECT

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

READING

Acts Ch. 7. v. 55 – end

GOSPEL

John Ch. 14 v. 1-14

MUSIC AT THE ABBEY

9.30 am Festal Eucharist

Setting *Missa O quam gloriosum* Victoria
Motets *Ave verum* Byrd
O nata lux Tallis
Hymns 205, 277, 477, 485
Organ *Te Deum* Demessieux

6.00pm Festal Evensong

Introit *Hail gladdening light* Wood
Responses Shephard
Psalm 18 vv 1–14. Pye, Camidge
Canticles *St Paul's Service* Howells
Anthem *Faire is the heaven* Harris
Hymns 333, 373 (Coe Fen)
Te Deum Stanford *in B flat*
Organ *O filii* Dandrieu

Thursday 7th May

5.30 pm Choral Evensong

Introit *I sat down* Bairstow
Responses Reading
Psalm 37 vv 1-8 Tallis
Canticles Murrill *in E*
Anthem *He delivered the poor* Parry
Hymns 439, 466
Organ *Trio in E flat (2nd movement), BWV 525* J S Bach

ORGAN RECITAL

The next Organ Recital will be
Sherborne Abbey Festival
Monday, 4th May 2026, 1.30 pm

David Bednall *Composer, Organist, Conductor*
One Hour Ticketed Recital

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APMC)

The Meeting to Elect Churchwardens and the APMC 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.

The Annual Report & Financial Statements along with the 2025 APMC Minutes will be emailed to all on the Electoral Roll and hard copies will be available at all three churches seven days before the APMC. The APMC is open to all parishioners, however only those who are on the Church Electoral Roll are eligible to vote.

David Fifield, lay Vice-Chair, PCC

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Jesus said, I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but by me. It is significant that Jesus addressed this wonderful statement, compelling in its simplicity, to Thomas, the disciple who refused to accept facile explanations and insisted on finding the truth. It was he who felt Jesus' physical hands and feet before proclaiming, " My Lord and my God." So he put his finger (literally) on the essence of the Christian paradox: that Jesus was both fully human and fully God. Yesterday the Church remembered Athanasius, 4th century bishop and defender of Christian doctrine, whose Creed puts it succinctly: Jesus is 'perfect God, and perfect man;' in other words, not just a great teacher, nor some insubstantial spiritual being. 'Make no mistake, if he rose at all it was as his body' (John Updike). That is how he, the Son, rightly claims to be for us the Way to the Father. In the imaginative book *The Shack*, by Paul Young, the bereaved character Mack, like the disciple Thomas, questions Jesus about finding the Way. Jesus seems, he says, to have many friends, of different beliefs. "So does that mean that all roads lead to you?" "No," replies Jesus, "Most roads don't lead anywhere; but I will come down any road to find you."

So we may with confidence and firm hope pray, in the words of today's Collect in the Book of Common Prayer, 'that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed, where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord.'

Canon Charles Mitchell-Innes