

I 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 7th August 2026)

3rd Friday of the month - 11.00am: Remembering
the Fallen (next service: Fri 17th July 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 12th July 2026

6th Sunday after Trinity

ABBAY

8.00 am BCP Holy Communion

Celebrant: The Reverend Martin Lee

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

Celebrant: The Reverend David Marl

ST PAUL'S@THE GRYPHON

10.30 am Holy Communion

Celebrant: The Reverend Jim Edie

Speaker: John Bradshaw

LILLINGTON

9.30 am Holy Communion

Celebrant: The Reverend John Townend

LONGBURTON

10.00 am Holy Communion

Celebrant: The Reverend Lesley McCreadie

PRAYER LIST

The Sick

Harry Bond, Alan Gillard, Peter Dunkin, Jo Gem,
Valerie Pugh, Jo Kemp, Daniel Smallbone,
Reverend Hugh Bonsey, Edward Cox, Sandra Taft,
Martin Loveless, Bob Cowley, Jimmy Larwood

The Departed

Kathleen Jones, Johnnie Boodle
Canon Jim Richardson

FUNERALS, WEDDINGS & BAPTISMS

Holy Baptism – 12th July

Charles, Poppy & Lily Morgan

COLLECT

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

READING

Romans 8.1-11

GOSPEL

Matthew 13.1 - 9, 18-23

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil; But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!" "Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among the thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.

MUSIC AT THE ABBEY

9.30 am Sung Eucharist sung by the back rows of the Abbey Choir

Setting Ireland *in C*

Motets *O most merciful Wood*

Ubi caritas Duruflé

Ave verum Byrd

Hymns 351, 378, 292 (ii) , 477 (408i)

Organ *Carillon Sortie* Mulet

6.00 pm Choral Evensong sung by the back rows of the Abbey Choir

Introit *O most merciful Wood*

Responses Reading

Psalm 65 Walmisley

Canticles *Second Service* Gibbons

Anthem *In pace* Blitheman

Hymns 393, 377

Organ *Symphony no. 1: Cantabile* Andrée

ORGAN RECITAL

Organ recitals will return

After the summer break

Thought for the day

Some seed fell by the way side: Matthew 13: 4 (AV)

Jesus' famous parable of the Sower paints a lively rural picture of a farmer scattering seed broadcast over his fields, a process that necessarily involves some wastage of seed if the ground is properly covered. But that is not the same as waste. In order for the good seed to flourish some must also fall by the way side; and it may help us to answer that most difficult of questions: why does God allow evil to thrive in the world alongside good?

One answer can be found in Edwin Muir's poem *One Foot in Eden*. We are no longer in Eden, but, as the late Bishop Richard Harries comments about the poem, "The world, at its root, is still good. Life in time brings grief but also the kind of love that could not exist in a world of dreaming innocence. Hope, faith, pity and love were simply not known in that world, but bloom in our darkened fields alone:

"But famished field and blackened tree

Bear flowers in Eden never known.

Blossoms of grief and charity

Bloom in these darkened fields alone.

What had Eden ever to say

Of hope and faith and pity and love

And memory found its treasure trove?

Strange blessings never in Paradise

Fall from these beclouded skies."

Bishop Harries concludes: "God created the world we have because it is the only kind of world that allows for the emergence of....free choice, which means that natural disasters and wrongdoing are an inescapable fact of life. Nevertheless, that said, God is ceaselessly at work drawing good out of evil."

Canon Charles Mitchell-Innes.