

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 21st August 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 26th July 2026

8th Sunday after Trinity

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 Martin Lee

6.00 pm Said Evensong with Hymns

Officiant: The Reverend Martin Lee

CASTLETON

Patronal Festival

11.15 am Mattins

Officiant: Dr Huw Ridgeway

ST PAUL'S@THE GRYPHON

10.30 am Family Worship

Leader: Sue Bradshaw

Speaker: John Bradshaw

LILLINGTON

9.30 am Morning Service

Officiant: The Reverend Robert Green

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, Martin Loveless,

Bob Cowley, Jimmy Larwood, Jacob Smith

The Departed

Johnnie Boodle, Richard Beaumont

Canon Jim Richardson, Stephen Padley (Bishop)

Year's Mind

Diana Green, Mary Johnson

FUNERALS, WEDDINGS & BAPTISMS

Holy Baptism – 26th July

William Haak

Holy Matrimony – 1st August

Andrew Braund & Rachel Moseley

COLLECT

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

READING

Romans 8.26-end

GOSPEL

Matthew 13.31-33, - 44-52

He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." He told them another parable; "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So, it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes," And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

MUSIC AT THE ABBEY

Sunday 26th July **Eighth Sunday after Trinity**

9.30 am Parish Eucharist

Setting *A New People's Mass* Murray

Hymns 185, 431, 296(i), 478

6.00 pm Said Evensong with hymns

Psalms 53 & 54 (said)

Magnificat 186 Nunc Dimittis 44 (282)

Hymns 145, 146

ORGAN RECITALS

These will return in September

Thought for the day

The Pearl of Great Price

In some striking images in today's Gospel Jesus depicts the joy of those who suddenly and unexpectedly discover great treasure: a hoard in a field and a pearl in a market. The finders then sell all that they have in order to buy and possess these amazing prizes. In his poem *The Bright Field* the poet-priest R.S. Thomas fuses these two pictures of the kingdom of heaven. He describes how he was once entranced by seeing the sun shining on a small field, and then forgotten it.

"But that was the pearl of great price, the one field that had treasure in it. I realize now that I must give all that I have to possess it."

Why was that? Thomas perceived that eternity, the heavenly kingdom, starts here and now in the everyday beauty and simple loveliness of this world, if we will turn aside to see them, as Moses did to look at the burning bush and encountered God.

This is not to reject or ignore the sometimes, harsh realities of life, but to find them suffused with God's presence. Above all, as Malcolm Guite (another poet-priest) reminds us, "We are not declining towards a sunset, but travelling towards the dawn!"

So, Thomas concludes with affirmation:

"Life is not hurrying on to a receding future, nor hankering after an imagined past. It is the turning aside like Moses to the miracle of the lit bush, to a brightness that seemed as transitory as your youth once, but is the eternity that awaits you."

Canon Charles Mitchell-Innes.