

***Weekly tours of the Abbey – Wednesday's at 3pm***  
***No need to book – just turn up! Tours last 1 hour max***  
***£5 per person (all money for Abbey funds)***

*Groups should still book via The Parish Office (01794 513125 / parishoffice@romseyabbey.org.uk)*

## **APRIL 2018**

**April 4th - 'WELCOME TO ROMSEY ABBEY' - A GENERAL TOUR**

**April 11th - STAINED GLASS IN THE ABBEY.**

The tour shows glass from the late 1500s, through the late 1800s and up to the mid-1900s. Guide: Bob Smith

**April 18th - 'WELCOME TO ROMSEY ABBEY' - A GENERAL TOUR**

**April 25th - MONUMENTS IN THE ABBEY.** Guide: Brian Lamb

## **MAY 2018**

**May 2nd - 'WELCOME TO ROMSEY ABBEY' - A GENERAL TOUR**

**May 9th - VICTORIAN IMPROVEMENTS IN THE ABBEY.**

Victorian vicars Noel, Moore and Berthon made sweeping changes to the Abbey, making it light and airy, much as we see it today. Guide: Liz Hallett

**May 16th - 'WELCOME TO ROMSEY ABBEY' - A GENERAL TOUR**

**May 23rd - USES OF WOOD IN THE ABBEY.**

From roofs and ceilings to fittings and furnishings, wood is a major aspect of the building. Guide: Rob Gower

**May 30th - 'WELCOME TO ROMSEY ABBEY' - A GENERAL TOUR**

## **JUNE 2018**

**June 6th - THE WORDS OF THE MONUMENTAL MASON.**

What can we learn from our walls and floors? Guide: Brian Lamb

**June 13th - 'WELCOME TO ROMSEY ABBEY' - A GENERAL TOUR**

**June 20th - SOME SAINTS IN THE ABBEY.**

Learn about Romsey's local saints and other saints commemorated around the Abbey. Guide: Lloyd Jenkinson

**June 27th – No tour as the Abbey is unavailable**

## **JULY 2018**

**July 4th – No tour as the Abbey is unavailable**

**July 11th - 'WELCOME TO ROMSEY ABBEY' - A GENERAL TOUR**

**July 18th - BELL TOWER TOUR.**

A strenuous climb precedes watching experts in the ringing chamber. Learn about the bells. Wonderful views over the town. Numbers strictly limited to 16, age 8+, fitness to climb essential. Guides: Alastair Brown/Nigel Herriott or other ringers.

**July 25th - 'WELCOME TO ROMSEY ABBEY' - A GENERAL TOUR**

## **AUGUST 2018**

### **August 1st - A TOUR FOR CHILDREN.**

There is lots to fascinate children in this ancient church. Guide: Liz Wagner

### **August 8th - 'WELCOME TO ROMSEY ABBEY' - A GENERAL TOUR**

### **August 15th – ARCHAEOLOGY/ARCHITECTURE IN THE ABBEY.**

Tour the Abbey's examples of Romanesque, Early English, Perpendicular and knapped-flint architecture. Learn about its archaeology. Guide: Roger Leech

### **August 22nd - 'WELCOME TO ROMSEY ABBEY' - A GENERAL TOUR**

### **August 29th - WORKS OF ART.**

Works of art spanning seven centuries include tiles, psalter, calligraphy, saints, Christus Rex, Madonna and Child and, Lord and Lady Louis Mountbatten. Guide: Brian Lamb

## **SEPTEMBER 2018**

### **September 5th - 'WELCOME TO ROMSEY ABBEY' - A GENERAL TOUR**

### **September 12th - MEMORIALS.**

Tour covering 1544 until 2004. Hear about Wedgwood, a silk thrower, Honest Gaspar, the four guardians, the Warrens and the United Reformed Church, and more. Guide: Val Lines

### **September 19th - 'WELCOME TO ROMSEY ABBEY' - A GENERAL TOUR**

**September 26th - No tour as the Abbey is unavailable**

## **OCTOBER 2018**

### **October 3rd - 'WELCOME TO ROMSEY ABBEY' - A GENERAL TOUR**

### **October 10th - SCULPTURES IN THE ABBEY.**

The tour includes the Saxon rood, King Stephen and Mary de Blois, the Ashley family group and nave font. Guide: Steve Wood or Brian Lamb

### **October 17th - 'WELCOME TO ROMSEY ABBEY' - A GENERAL TOUR**

**October 24th - TEXTILES:** Vestments, banners, kneelers and, other textiles Guide: Annegret Evans or Liz Hallett

### **October 31st - 'WELCOME TO ROMSEY ABBEY' - A GENERAL TOUR**

'The Welcome to Romsey Abbey – A General Tour' is suitable for locals or visitors, as a first time tour.

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**A 2019 programme is planned – so watch out for new tours next year!**