

From Source to Sea

with the churches of the Bride Valley Benefice



Welcome!

We extend a warm welcome to all those worshipping with us today and during the week, especially newcomers and visitors on holiday. Please make yourselves known to us and let us know if there is anything we can do to help you enjoy your time in the Village and Valley.

More information about the churches is available on the village websites.

Our ministry team:

- *The Reverend Jane Williams*
- *The Reverend Sue Linford*
- *The Reverend Liz Howlett*
- *The Reverend Ryder Rogers*
- *LLM James Webster*
- *LWL Vicky Thomas*
- *LWL Paul Cheater*
- *LWL Heather Goffee*

**Weekly
News**

**24th December 2022
and 1st January 2023**

Follow The Star
**THE GREAT
INVITATION**

Christmas Eve Services

- 4.00 pm **Burton Bradstock** Crib Service
Litton Cheney Crib Service
- 9.30 pm **Swyre** Early Christmas Communion
- 11.30 pm **Litton Cheney** Midnight Communion

Christmas Day Services

- 9.30 am **Shipton Gorge** Family Communion
- 10.30 am **Burton Bradstock** Family Service
- 11.00 am **Puncknowle** Family Communion
Littlebredy Family Communion

Psalm: 98

NT: Hebrews 1: 1-12

OT: Isaiah 52: 7-10

Gospel: John 1: 1-14

The **telephone service**, prepared by The Reverend Jane Williams, will be available on **01308 293062**

Call to worship and thought for the week:

Sing to God a brand-new song. He's made a world of wonders! He rolled up his sleeves. He set things right. God made history with salvation; He showed the world what he could do." (*Psalm 98: 1-2 The Message*)

Rector: The Reverend Jane Williams, The Rectory, Church Street, Burton Bradstock (☎898799)

For our prayers:

We have much to celebrate this week, including:

- The hope that Christmas brings; light into the darkest of situations

We are grateful for:

- all our flower arrangers and everyone who works hard to ensure our churches look wonderful for the many worshippers through our doors

Please pray for:

- Our ministry team: Jane, Liz, Sue, Ryder and James
- Lay Worship Leaders; Vicky, Paul, and Heather
- Bishops Stephen, Karen, and Andrew
- Bishop Rufus and the diocese of Lainya
- For peaceful governance in Russia, Ukraine, Haiti, Afghanistan, Syria, Sudan, Yemen, and the Democratic Republic of the Congo
- The people of the Bride Valley, those who live here full time and those joining us for holiday
- All who are working over Christmas, including those volunteering to provide support to others
- All who struggle with ill health, either physically or mentally especially those who find this time of year difficult
- Those who are reaching end of life and all who are caring for them ... remembering the families of those who have recently died and are now facing their first Christmas without them

PRAYER AT THE ADVENT WREATH (CHRISTMAS DAY)

Lord Jesus, Light of light,
you have come among us.
Help us who live by your light
to shine as lights in your world.
Glory to God in the highest. Amen.



COLLECTS FOR CHRISTMAS EVE* AND CHRISTMAS DAY**

- for use in the services or for private prayer

***Eternal God**, in the stillness of this night you sent your almighty Word to pierce the world's darkness with the light of salvation: give to the earth the peace that we long for and fill our hearts with the joy of heaven through our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen

****Lord Jesus Christ**, your birth at Bethlehem draws us to kneel in wonder at heaven touching earth: accept our heartfelt praise as we worship you, our Saviour and our eternal God. Amen

***God our Father**, in this night you have made known to us again the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ: confirm our faith and fix our eyes on him until the day dawns and Christ the Morning Star rises in our hearts. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen



DURING THE WEEK:

Tues 27 th	7.30 pm	NO Bell ringing practice (Litton Cheney)
Wed 28 th	7.00 pm	NO Bell ringing practice (Long Bredy)
Thurs 29 th	7.00 pm	NO Bell ringing practice (Burton Bradstock)
Sat 31 st	8.00 pm	Party at the Rectory
	11.30 pm	United Watch Night Service (Burton Bradstock)
Tues 3 rd	7.30 pm	NO Bell ringing practice (Litton Cheney)
Wed 4 th	11.30 am	Holy Communion & Light Lunch (Burton Bradstock)
	7.00 pm	NO Bell ringing practice (Long Bredy)
Thurs 5 th	7.00 pm	Bell ringing practice (Burton Bradstock ☎898603*)

** Please phone to check if practice is taking place*

Sunday

9.30 am **Shipton Gorge** Breakfast Church
Litton Cheney Holy Communion

10.30 am **Burton Bradstock** Songs of Praise

11.00 am **Swyre** Holy Communion
Littlebredy Holy Communion

Psalm 72: 1-15

OT: Isaiah 60: 1-6

NT: Ephesians 3: 1-12

Gospel: Matthew 2: 1-12

8th January

Epiphany

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ADVENT HOME GROUP CONTINUES

Following the success of our Advent Small Group during December we will be starting as a new group on January 10th from 10.30 until 12 every Tuesday. The aim of the group is to connect with people informally to look at biblical relevance in modern day life. All are welcome. The group will be held at Manafossen Barn, Shadrach Farm Cottage, Burton Bradstock – (phone for directions 01308 898733).

NEW YEAR'S EVE

There will be a party at The Rectory in Burton Bradstock from 8pm followed by a United Watch Night Service in the church at 11.30 pm with bells ringing in the New Year at midnight. All are welcome, but **PLEASE BOOK** as numbers will obviously be limited. If you are available to help with organising please let Jane know.

HIDE AND SEEK ROCKS

The rocks which the children painted on the 9th December are being hidden in Shipton Gorge and Burton Bradstock – see if you can spot any on your walks! Maybe you could take a photo for the Bride Valley Churches Facebook page!

FOLLOW THE STAR – ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS TRAILS

Thank you to all the villagers taking part in the Advent & Christmas trails for 2022. Trail sheets for Burton Bradstock are available at the Post Office & the back of church.

Next Sunday

10.00 am United Benefice Service

On Zoom

Meeting ID: 823 3860 1240

Passcode 180461

1st January

Psalm 8 OT:

OT: Numbers 6: 22-end

NT: Galatians 4: 4-7

Gospel: Luke 2: 15-21

Christmas 2

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DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 9th Morning Prayer (9.00 am Long Bredy)
10th Big Q Church restarts (3.30 pm in LATCH)
13th Tots restarts (2.30 pm at Burton Bradstock)
16th Ministry Team Awayday (Othona)
23rd Benefice Council (7.00 pm on Zoom)

Please check the **Bride Valley News** for further information and events.

SUPPORTING THE FOOD BANK

The collecting point for the food bank moved from the church in Burton Bradstock to the local Post Office and Farm Shop. Why not purchase items from the shop and put them in the collection point, thus supporting both the food bank and the local shop?

DEDICATION OF GIFTS AND GIFT AID

In dedicating our offertory, we not only recognise those gifts donated through the offertory plate but also those given through standing orders and by any visitors to their home churches as we all dedicate ourselves in God's service.

PASTORAL ASSISTANTS & PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

Pastoral Assistants are available for visiting. If you or anyone you know would like such a visit, please contact Jane Williams ☎ 01308 898799

If there is someone that you would like to be included in our prayers for the sick, please contact Liz Howlett ☎ 07851032454 or a Churchwarden.

CHURCH FLOODLIGHTING:

If you would like to have a church floodlit for a baptism or wedding, or in memory of someone, please speak to the following: **Burton Bradstock** (Chrissie Bailey ☎897603 or Ian Ibbotson ☎898484) **Shipton Gorge** (Phyl Webster ☎898657) **Litton Cheney** (Freddie Spicer ☎482617)

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<http://www.burtonbradstockvillage.org>

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