

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.

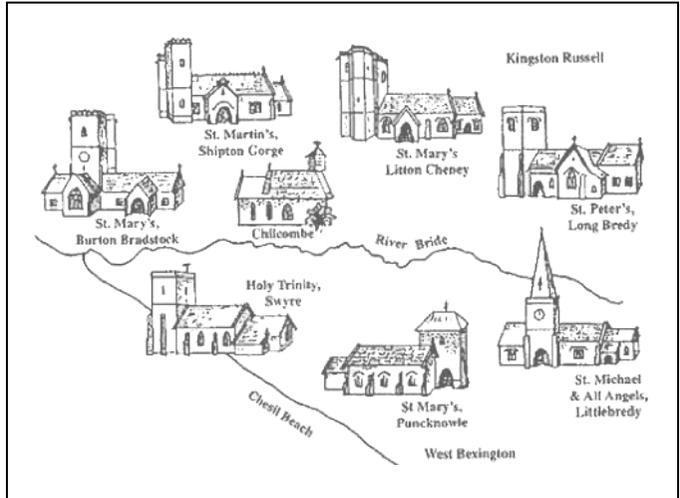
More information about the churches is available on the village websites.

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

15th January 2023
Epiphany 2



Services today

8.00 am	Burton Bradstock	Holy Communion
9.30 am	Burton Bradstock	Family Service
	Litton Cheney	Morning Prayer
	Long Bredy	Morning Worship
11.00 am	Swyre	Morning Worship
	Puncknowle	Holy Communion*
		*all age

Psalm 40: 1-12

OT: Isaiah 49: 1-7

NT: 1 Corinthians 1: 1-9

Gospel: John 1: 29-42

The **telephone service**, prepared by The Reverend Ryder Rogers, will be available on **01308 293062**

Call to worship and thought for the week:

Blessed are you who give yourselves over to God, turn your backs on the world's 'sure thing', ignore what the world worships. The world's a huge stockpile of God-wonders and God-thoughts. (*Psalm 40: 4 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 cacophony of noise emanating from church on Monday morning at Litton Cheney coffee morning!

We are grateful for:

- our churchwardens and all the varied work they do
- Registrars, funeral directors, and those dealing with the practical aspects of bereavement in such a sensitive way

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 West Bexington and all who live and work there
- Those who find the winter months difficult
- Our GP surgeries, particularly during this busy period
- Those who are ill, those who are recovering from the effects of viruses and also those coming to terms with ongoing health issues
... remembering the families of those who have recently died among them *David Suckling, Margaret Hopkins (Cilla's Mum), Anne Gilson and Eric Stubbs*



NEW STYLE FAMILY WORSHIP AT BURTON BRADSTOCK

Our Family Worship is changing style slightly and will now start with coffee and croissants! It will be an opportunity to discuss faith and read the Sunday papers together. It's still a service or worship, we will sing hymns/songs, have a talk, and say prayers, but more relaxed and informal. Even if you don't believe in God but want to come along and see what's going on, that's fine, everyone is welcome!

LIFE GROUP (Tuesdays at Manafossen Barn)

Last week we really enjoyed the opportunity to explore the Bible through Lectio Divina and this will be the theme leading up to Lent. If you are interested, but can't make the sessions - no problem; why not look it up for yourself:

<https://www.24-7prayer.com/resource/lectio-course/>

COLLECTS FOR EPIPHANY 2

- for use in the services or for private prayer

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; 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

Eternal Lord, our beginning and our end: bring us with the whole creation to your glory, hidden through past ages and made known in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

God of glory, you nourish us with your Word who is the bread of life: fill us with your Holy Spirit that through us the light of your glory may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



DURING THE WEEK:

Mon	16 th	10.00 am	Ministry Team Away Day (Othona)
Tues	17 th	10.30 am	Home Group @ Manafossen Barn, Burton Bradstock
		1.00 pm	Lunch Club (Puncknowle Village Hall)
		3.30 pm	Big Q Church (LATCH)
		7.30 pm	Bell ringing practice (Litton Cheney)
Wed	18 th	10.00 am	Coffee Stop (Burton Bradstock Village Hall)
		7.00 pm	Bell ringing practice (Long Bredy ☎482270*)
Thurs	19 th	12.15 pm	Funeral: David Suckling (Weymouth Crematorium)
		7.00 pm	Bell ringing practice (Burton Bradstock ☎898603*)
Fri	20 th	10.00 am	Julian Prayer Group (Swyre)
		2.00 pm	Tots Time (Burton Bradstock)
		5.30 pm	Come Along Inn (Long Bredy Village Hall)

* Please phone to check if practice is taking place

BENEFICE COMMUNICATIONS & SOURCE TO SEA:

Source to Sea has been produced in the current format for just over a year. Is it time for an update? While many of us love the familiarity each week of seeing the whole Bride Valley and all the different churches being represented, we wonder if it's time for a change. Ideas are always welcome to: bvchurchesta@outlook.com including proposals for a new layout and graphic content.

JOINT BENEFICE UNITED SERVICE: SUNDAY 29TH JANUARY

This will be a great opportunity to worship together and celebrate Holy Communion. We plan to reflect on all that has happened in our churches in 2022 and look forward to 2023. Please join us if you are able, coffee will be served after the service.

CANDLEMAS CELEBRATION: 2ND FEBRUARY

You are invited to Puncknowle on Thursday 2nd February at 7.00 pm for a quiet, candlelit service of meditation and plainsong, to celebrate '*Christ – the light of the world*'. Refreshments will be served at the Crown Inn afterwards.

Any queries or for more information, get in touch with Geoff Truscott ☎07800 893090

OPEN THE BOOK

Please pray for our Open the Book teams that bring Bible stories to life in our two primary schools each week. To give you a flavour of how it works, Pauline Woodford reports one of the Friday sessions at Burton School:

A recent Open the Book visit for the team featured the dramatic escape story of Moses leading the Israelites across the Red Sea. They were hotly pursued by children dressed as Egyptian soldiers and led by Bill Turnill (a new member) as the Pharaoh. A child commented that this was, 'well put together and funny' referring to the Egyptians collapsing in the Red Sea. Our reflection and prayer was based on thinking about people around the world who are treated unfairly.

Next Sunday

9.30 am **Swyre
& Puncknowle
Litton Cheney** Joint breakfast
church
Holy Communion*
**by extension*

22nd January

11.00 am **Shipton Gorge
Burton Bradstock
Littlebredy** Holy Communion
Holy Communion
Morning Worship

Psalm 27: 1-11

OT: Isaiah 9: 1-4

NT: 1 Corinthians 1: 10-18 Gospel: Matthew 4: 12-23

Epiphany 3

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DATES FOR THE DIARY

23rd Benefice Council (7.00 pm on Zoom)

24th PCC Meeting (9.30 am Litton Cheney)

25th PCC Meeting (10.00 am Swyre)

29th Joint Benefice United Service (11.00 am at Abbotsbury)

FEBRUARY

2nd Candlemas service (7.00 pm Puncknowle)

19th Pet Service (3.00 pm Shipton Gorge)

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

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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