

# From Source to Sea

## with the churches of the Bride Valley



### 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 Liz Howlett*
- *The Reverend Ryder Rogers*
  
- *LLM James Webster*
- *LWL Vicky Thomas*
- *LWL Paul Cheater*
- *LWL Heather Goffee*

**Weekly  
News**

**26<sup>th</sup> February 2023  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent**

**DUST +**  
**GLORY**  
A Lent journey of faith,  
failure and forgiveness

### Services today

9.30 am	<b>Puncknowle Swyre &amp; WB Litton Cheney</b>	Joint Breakfast Church Holy Communion* <i>*by extension</i>
11.00 am	<b>Burton Bradstock Littlebredy Shipton Gorge</b>	Holy Communion Morning Worship Holy Communion

Psalm 32

NT: Romans 5: 12-19

OT: Genesis 2: 15-17, 3: 1-7

Gospel: Matthew 4: 1-11

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

### Call to worship and thought for the week:

You will live in joy and peace. The mountains and hills will burst into song, and the trees of the field will clap their hands. (*Isaiah 55:12*)

*From the resource from our Diocese and Eco Church 'Get outside in Lent week 1: Trees'*

## **For our prayers:**

### **We have much to celebrate this week, including:**

- Visitors to our churches over half term and genuine interest in our social media posts.

### **We are grateful for:**

- our treasurers playing a vital role in supporting our mission.

### **Please pray for:**

- Our ministry team: Jane, Liz, Ryder and James
- Lay Worship Leaders; Vicky, Paul, and Heather
- Bishops Stephen, Karen, and Andrew
- For Ukrainian families particularly those dispersed away from their homes
- Those affected by the earthquakes in Turkey and Syria, particularly for access to areas which desperately need help and ongoing support
- God's kingdom come, here and now:
  - within our NHS
  - across our family relationships
  - for peace
- For a new editor for the BVN to come forward
- Kingston Russell and all who live and work there
- All those who are coping with mental health issues and those supporting them.

... remembering the families of those who have recently died, among them *Alan Houghton, Nigel Hyde, The Reverend Sue Linford, Winnie Jones and Valerie Martin.*

## **COLLECTS FOR FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

### **- for use in the services or for private prayer**

**Almighty God**, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:

give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit;

and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save;

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

**Heavenly Father**, your Son battled with the powers of darkness, and grew closer to you in the desert:

help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer

that we may witness to your saving love

in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

**Lord God**, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope,

and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that

proceeds from out of your mouth;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



## REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS:

Tuesday	10.30 am	Life Group @ Manafossen Barn, Burton Bradstock
	3.30 pm	Big Q Church (LATCH)
	7.30 pm	Bell ringing practice (Litton Cheney)
Wednesday	7.00 pm	Bell ringing practice (Long Bredy ☎482270*)
Thursday	7.00 pm	Bell ringing practice (Burton Bradstock ☎898603*)
Friday	2.00 pm	Tots Time (Burton Bradstock)

\* Please phone to check if practice is taking place

## ADDITIONAL EVENTS THIS WEEK

Wed	1 <sup>st</sup>	11.30 am	Midweek Communion and light lunch (BB)
Thurs	2 <sup>nd</sup>	12.00 pm	Funeral: The Reverend Sue Linford (Burton Bradstock)

## LENT GROUPS

For Lent this year we will be using the Church of England's material called "*Dust and Glory*". Jane comments, 'I particularly like the encouragement to "take a fresh look at the frustrations and failings that every day brings and, rather than pretending we can always avoid them, seek to learn from them and grow closer to God through them."' Copies of the booklet are available through Jane and there are also some copies of the children's version to help children and their families explore how we can live well together, offering a simple daily activity designed to explore the weekly themes. We will continue to meet on Tuesday mornings in Burton Bradstock, but would also like to set up another group, maybe elsewhere in the Valley.

## JOURNEY THROUGH LENT IN NATURE

Welcome to "Get Outside in Lent." Each week there will be six ideas for things to do outside and a celebration suggestion - because even in lent Sunday is a celebration day. Pick and choose what you would like to do. Change it and make it your own if you want to, or just do what it says. More than anything, enjoy being outside, take time to connect with nature, with anyone else you might be sharing this with, and with God. Search '*Get Outside in Lent - Eco Church*' for more information.

## CHURCH WARDEN ELECTIONS

With Annual Parochial Church Meetings on the horizon, the need for church wardens in our churches is high on the agenda. Burton Bradstock needs one churchwarden and Shipton Gorge needs two. For information about the role, which is not as onerous as it sounds, please contact the Reverend Jane Williams on 01308 898799.

## BENEFICE TREASURER: VOLUNTEER URGENTLY NEEDED

The Bride Valley Benefice is seeking a volunteer Treasurer, to work with the administrator and have an overview of the administration of the finances for the Benefice. You would need access to a computer, working email and some knowledge of Excel, and have an interest in figures. The Treasurer produces a report of the finances for the Benefice Council meetings (bi-monthly) and an overall report for the year. If you are interested, please contact Reverend Jane Williams, [bvrector@outlook.com](mailto:bvrector@outlook.com) or the Administrator Helen Fry, [bvchurchesta@outlook.com](mailto:bvchurchesta@outlook.com)

**Next Sunday**

**5<sup>th</sup> March**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of  
Lent**

9.30 am **Puncknowle** Holy Communion\*  
**Litton Cheney** Morning Worship†  
*\*by extension †including baptism*

10.30 am **Burton Bradstock** Songs of Praise

11.00 am **Long Bredy** Holy Communion

Psalm 121 OT: Genesis 12: 1-4a  
NT: Romans 4: 1-5, 13-17 Gospel: John 3: 1-17

3.00 pm **Swyre** Evening Prayer

Psalm 135 OT: Numbers 21: 4-9 NT: Luke 14: 27-33

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## **DATES FOR THE DIARY**

MARCH

9<sup>th</sup> Burton Coffee Mates (10.30 am in the church)

13<sup>th</sup> Coffee Morning in the Church (9.30 am at Litton Cheney)

15<sup>th</sup> Coffee Stop with the School (10.00 am in Burton Bradstock Village Hall)

17<sup>th</sup> Julian Prayer Group (10.00 am at Swyre)

26<sup>th</sup> APCM at Litton Cheney after the morning service

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

## **THE REVEREND SUE LINFORD RIP**

It is with sadness we report the loss of Sue She was a fabulous colleague and a dear friend to many. Sue served the Bride Valley Churches and was also Chaplain at HMP Portland. Her funeral will be held at St Mary the Virgin Church in Burton Bradstock on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 12. We give thanks for her life and ministry. Please keep Tim and the family in your prayers.

## **BRIDE VALLEY NEWS (BVN): NEW EDITOR REQUIRED**

It has been decided to endeavour to continue the publication each month, **providing a new editor is found**. If you are interested in becoming our next editor and want to know more, please get in touch with Jane, our Rector.

## **GENEROUS GIVING:**

Thank you to everyone who supports the work of our churches through their financial giving, through the various ways that are now possible. We also recognise the time and talent we are fortunate to share. "Yours Lord is the greatness, the glory, the splendour and the majesty. Everything in heaven and on earth come from you and of your own do we give you." *1 Chronicles 29:14*

*Please use this leaflet for reference and prayer. Each week's copy is at:*

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