

From Source to Sea

with the churches of the Bride Valley and Chesil



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 area.

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

Our ministry team:

- *Revd Margaret-Preuss-Higham*
- *Revd. Liz Howlett*
- *Revd. Ryder Rogers*
- *LLM James Webster*
- *LWL Vicky Thomas*
- *LWL Paul Cheater*
- *LWL Heather Goffee*
- *LWL Diana Ludlow*
Occasional Visiting Clergy:
- *Revd. David Wilson*
- *Revd. Canon John Wood*
- *Revd. Jacquie Shaw*
- *Revd Prebendary Alistair Wheeler*

**Weekly
News**

**3rd December 2023
Advent Sunday**



Services Today

9.30 am	Puncknowle	Holy Communion
11.00 am	Abbotsbury Long Bredy Burton Bradstock	Parish Communion Holy Communion Songs of Praise
3.00 pm	Swyre	Evening Prayer
3.30pm	Portesham	Christingle Service
6.00 pm	Litton Cheney	Advent Evensong

Psalm 80: 1-8, 18-20

NT: 1 Corinthians 1: 3-9

OT: Isaiah 64: 1-9

Gospel: Mark 13: 24-37

The **telephone service**, provided by Daily Hope will be available on **0800 804 8044**

Prayer over the Advent Wreath (Advent Sunday):

Lord Jesus, light of the world, born in David's city of Bethlehem, born like him to be a king: be born in our hearts at Christmas, be King of our lives today. Amen.

Priest (part-time) Revd Margaret Preuss-Higham (☎01305 873978 revmph@gmail.com)

All Benefice enquiries during the vacancy to the Benefice Administrator (☎01308 897260)

For our prayers:

We have much to celebrate this week, including:

- The continuing interest in our social media posts and other communications

We are grateful for:

- Our technical helpers who enhance our worship in various ways

Your kingdom come, here and now:

- In our schools as they prepare and perform nativity plays, sing carols and enjoy other Christmas celebrations telling the Christmas story
- Across our family relationships
- Across our benefice as we work together in mission

Regularly in our prayers:

- Our ministry team as they plan and prepare our worship
- Lay Pastoral Assistants: Pauline, Cathryn, Jenny and Liz
- Bishops: Stephen, Karen, and Andrew, Archdeacon: Penny
- Bishop Rufus and the diocese of Lainya in Sudan during this time of unrest
- For the priest who may already feel called to move to this area.

Specially in our prayers this week:

- All countries dealing with the effects of conflict, war and natural disasters
- All those who are struggling to make ends meet and are anxious about the future
- West Bexington and all who live and work there

... remembering the families of those who have recently died including *Frances Elder*

COLLECTS FOR ADVENT SUNDAY

- for use in the services or for private prayer

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen

(Post communion prayer)

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS:

Tuesday	10.30 am	Life Group at the church , Burton Bradstock
	6.00 pm	Bell ringing practice (Litton Cheney ☎482312*)
Wednesday	7.00 pm	Bell ringing practice (Long Bredy ☎482270*)
	6.00 pm	Bell ringing training: new learners (Shipton Gorge)
	7.30 pm	Bell ringing practice (Shipton Gorge ☎07799751130*)
Thursday	7.00 pm	NO Bell ringing practice (Burton Bradstock)
Friday	2.00 pm	Tots Time at Burton Bradstock (last before a break)
	3.00 pm	Bible Study Group at Portesham Methodist Hall

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

ADDITIONAL EVENTS THIS WEEK

Mon	4 th	9.30 am	Coffee Morning at the church (Litton Cheney)
		11.00 am	Ministry Team Meeting at Litton Cheney
		2.00 pm & 5.00 pm	Burton Bradstock School Nativity in the church
		6.00 pm	Littlebredy PCC at the Old Parsonage
Wed	6 th	11.30 am	Midweek Communion and light lunch (BB)
		6.30 pm	Burton Bradstock Parish Council (in the church)
Sat	9 th	10.30 am	Coffee Break for the Church: Long Bredy Village Hall
		3.30 pm	Burton Bradstock School Christmas Fair

MIDWEEK COMMUNION AND LIGHT LUNCH

All are welcome at the service and lunch at 11.30 am at Burton Bradstock on Wednesday 6th December. It is a lovely opportunity to come together in a warm venue with a home-cooked lunch provided.

ADVENT COURSE FROM SALISBURY DIOCESE

www.salisbury.anglican.org/whoweare/making-jesus-known-/advent-2023/

There are also two remote 'home groups' for individuals/groups who may not have a course running locally. These will be via Zoom on **Tuesday 12 December** and **Tuesday 19 December**. Both will last an hour, from 7pm-8pm. If you would like to register please email comms@salisbury.anglican.org.

APPOINTMENT OF NEW RECTOR: PROPOSED TIMETABLE

With the Benefice Profile now nearing completion, it is planned to advertise the post on 12th and 19th January (Church Times) with proposed interviews on 26th and 27th February subject to suitable applications.

KEEPING UP-TO-DATE

Every week, our Source to Sea is available online via www.burtonbradstockvillage.org and www.bvn.org.uk and via email. Please send an email to Helen (bvchurchesta@outlook.com) if you would like to join the mailing list.

DARKNESS TO LIGHT – CHORAL EVENSONG

All are welcome to this special service at Litton Cheney at 6.00 pm **today**, Advent Sunday, as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

Next Sunday

10th Dec

Advent 2

9.00 am	Abbotsbury	Holy Communion
9.30 am	Shipton Gorge	Breakfast Church
	Litton Cheney	Holy Communion
11.00 am	Langton Herring	Parish Communion
	Littlebredy	Holy Communion
	Burton Bradstock	Holy Communion*
	Swyre	Holy Communion

**by extension*

4.00 pm	Portesham	Carol Service
5.00 pm	Puncknowle	Carol Service

Psalm 85: 1-2, 8-13
NT: 2 Peter 3: 8-15a

OT: Isaiah 40: 1-11
Gospel: Mark 1: 1-8

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DATES FOR THE DIARY

12 th	1.00 pm	PSWB+ Lunch Club in Puncknowle Village Hall
13 th	9.30 am	Thorner's School Carol Service in the church
14 th	9.15 am	Burton Bradstock School Carol Service (in church)
	10.30 am	Burton Coffee Mates in the church
18 th	6.00 pm	Carol Singing round the streets in Burton Bradstock
21 st	6.00 pm	Carol Service at Littlebredy
22 nd	6.00 pm	Carol singing round the streets in Litton Cheney

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

MAKING JESUS KNOWN

- is the vision for our Diocese and all our parishes. Keep up to date with the events: www.salisbury.anglican.org/whoweaare/making-jesus-known-/

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

BENEFICE ADMINISTRATOR

Please confine calls, if at all possible, *to school hours*. Email is always a great option for contact and Helen will respond as quickly as she can (bvchurchesta@outlook.com) .

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

<http://www.burtonbradstockvillage.org>

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<http://www.facebook.com/bridevalleychurches>

and on A Church Near You: www.achurchnearyou.com

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