

# 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 Alastair Wheeler*

Weekly  
News

10<sup>th</sup> December 2023  
Advent 2



## Services Today

9.00 am	<b>Abbotsbury</b>	Holy Communion
9.30 am	<b>Shipton Gorge</b>	Breakfast Church
	<b>Litton Cheney</b>	Holy Communion
11.00 am	<b>Langton Herring</b>	Parish Communion
	<b>Littlebredy</b>	Holy Communion
	<b>Burton Bradstock</b>	Holy Communion*
	<b>Swyre</b>	Holy Communion
	<i>*by extension</i>	
4.00 pm	<b>Portesham</b>	Carol Service
<b>5.00 pm</b>	<b>Puncknowle</b>	Carol Service

Psalm 85: 1-2, 8-13      OT: Isaiah 40: 1-11  
NT: 2 Peter 3: 8-15a      Gospel: Mark 1: 1-8

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

## Prayer over the Advent Wreath (Advent 2 – The Prophets):

Lord Jesus, light of the world, the prophets said you would bring peace and save your people in trouble. Give peace in our hearts at Christmas and show all the world God's love. Amen.

**Priest (part-time)** Revd Margaret Preuss-Higham (☎01305 873978 [revmph@gmail.com](mailto: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 joy of watching our school children act out the nativity story

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

- Our hard-working church wardens who carry out such varied and important functions for our churches

### **Your kingdom come, here and now:**

- In our health services, hospitals, health centres and hospices
- 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 those affected by natural disasters
- Those caught up in conflict and war
- Those who will be homeless over Christmas and the agencies looking to help them
- Kingston Russell and all who live and work there

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

## **COLLECTS FOR ADVENT 2**

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

**O Lord**, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen

**Almighty God**, purify our hearts and minds, that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God. Amen

*(Post communion prayer)*

**Father in heaven**, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



## REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS:

Tuesday	10.30 am	Life Group at <b>the church</b> , 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	Bell ringing practice (Burton Bradstock ☎898603*)
Friday	2.00 pm	<b>NO</b> Tots Time at Burton Bradstock
	3.00 pm	Bible Study Group at Portesham Methodist Hall

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

## ADDITIONAL EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sun	10 <sup>th</sup>	2.30 pm	Christmas Tea Party in Puncknowle Village Hall
Tues	12 <sup>th</sup>	1.00 pm	PSWB+ Lunch Club in Puncknowle Village Hall
Wed	13 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Thorner's Carol Service in Litton Cheney church
		10.00 am	Coffee Stop in Burton Bradstock Village Hall
Thurs	14 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 am	Burton Bradstock School Carol Service in church
		10.30 am	Burton Coffee Mates in the church
Sat	16 <sup>th</sup>	5.30 pm	Visit by the Mummers to Shipton Gorge church

## ADVENT COURSE FROM SALISBURY DIOCESE

[www.salisbury.anglican.org/whoweare/making-jesus-known-/advent-2023/](http://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](mailto:comms@salisbury.anglican.org).

## BENEFICE COUNCIL REPORT

At the recent Benefice Council meeting, there was discussion of the progress made in writing the profile document which it is hoped will attract candidates to apply for the position of Rector. Formal thanks were recorded to all involved in the team including Vicky, Julian, John, Chrissie, Geoff and Helen. The profile draft has now returned for final checks with PCCs and hopefully agreement of the text, before last tweaks will be made in the coming week.

Representatives were welcomed from the Chesil Churches including Reverend Margaret. On our ACNY pages, we are now the Bride Valley and Chesil Benefice and Margaret is starting to add interesting events from the Chesil end of the Benefice. This is just one way that we are starting to work together, although we are mindful about making many changes and firm decisions before our new Rector is appointed.

## CAROL SINGING ROUND THE VILLAGES

The opportunity to sing carols is one of the joys of Christmas as we sing the story of the birth of Christ. There will be carol singing round Burton Bradstock starting at 6.00 pm on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December (meet at the church) and at Litton Cheney on 22<sup>nd</sup> December also at 6.00 pm.

## Next Sunday

17<sup>th</sup> Dec

## Advent 3

8.00 am	<b>Burton Bradstock</b>	Holy Communion
9.30 am	<b>Long Bredy</b>	Live Nativity
11.00 am	<b>Portesham</b>	Parish Communion
	<b>Puncknowle</b>	Holy Communion*
	<b>Swyre</b>	Morning Worship
	<i>*all age</i>	
6.00 pm	<b>Litton Cheney</b>	Carol Service
	<b>Shipton Gorge</b>	Carol Service
6.30 pm	<b>Burton Bradstock</b>	Carol Service
7.00 pm	<b>Abbotsbury</b>	Carol Service

Psalms 126

OT: Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-11

NT: 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24 Gospel: John 1: 6-8, 19-28

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

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

18 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 pm	Carol Singing round the streets in Burton Bradstock
21 <sup>st</sup>	6.00 pm	Carol Service at Littlebredy
22 <sup>nd</sup>	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/whoweare/making-jesus-known/](http://www.salisbury.anglican.org/whoweare/making-jesus-known/)

## KEEPING UP-TO-DATE

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

## 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](mailto:bvchurchesta@outlook.com)).

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

<http://www.burtonbradstockvillage.org>

Follow the Bride Valley Churches on **Facebook**:

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

and on A Church Near You: [www.achurchnearyou.com](http://www.achurchnearyou.com)

**Daily Hope** – the free service from the CofE is available on **0800 804 8044**

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