

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.

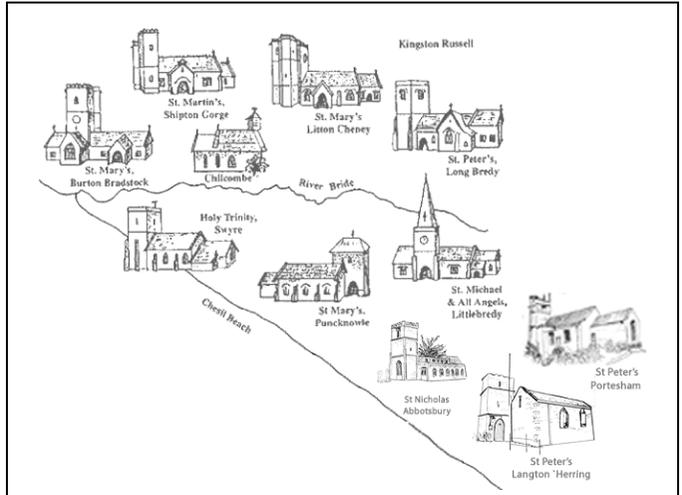
More information about the churches is available on the village websites.

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

21st January 2024
Epiphany 3



Services Today

8.00 am	Burton Bradstock	Holy Communion
9.30 am	Burton Bradstock	Cafe Church
	Long Bredy	Morning Worship
	Litton Cheney	Matins BCP
10.00 am	Langton Herring	Family Praise
11.00 am	Swyre	Holy Communion
	Portesham	Parish Communion

Psalm 128

NT: Revelation 19: 6-10

OT: Genesis 14: 17-20

Gospel: John 2: 1-11

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

Call to worship and thought for the week

Hallelujah! The Master reigns, our God, the Sovereign-Strong!

Let us celebrate, let us rejoice, let us give him the glory!

(Revelation 19: 6-7 from the Message)

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 beauty of the area in which we live, highlighted by the winter sun

We are grateful for:

- Our sides-people and welcomers supporting regular attenders and visitors

Your kingdom come, here and now:

- In the process of appointing a new rector for the Benefice
- In our government – local and national
- For unity and collaboration as we pray for Christian Unity

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:

- Those caught up in conflict and war
- All those struggling to make ends meet and fearful for the future
- Long Bredy and all who live and work there

... remembering the families of those who have recently died including *Robert Dewar, David Jones, Michael Conway, Lesley Keatley and Mary Turnill*

COLLECTS FOR EPIPHANY 3

- for use in the services or for private prayer

Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; 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

God of all mercy,

your Son proclaimed good news to the poor,
release to the captives,
and freedom to the oppressed:
anoint us with your Holy Spirit
and set all your people free to praise you in Christ our Lord Amen

(Post communion prayer)

Almighty Father, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world: may your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. Amen



REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS:

Monday	3.30 pm	Big Q Church at LATCH
Tuesday	10.30 am	Life Group at Manafossen Barn, Burton Bradstock
	6.00 pm	Bell ringing practice (Litton Cheney ☎482312*)
Wednesday	4.30 pm	Bell ringing practice (Long Bredy ☎482270*)
	7.30 pm	Bell ringing practice (Shipton Gorge ☎07799751130*)
Thursday	7.00 pm	Bell ringing practice (Burton Bradstock ☎898603*)
Friday	2.00 pm	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

Wed 24th 11.00 am Funeral Service: Lesley Keatley at Burton Bradstock

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY: 18-25 January

This special week provides an opportunity to focus our prayers on Christian unity, as well as speak about and experience Christian unity personally, in our village, town or county as well as engage with what happens at a national level.

Search 'Week of Prayer for Christian Unity' for more information.

APPOINTMENT OF A NEW RECTOR

www.salisbury.anglican.org/vacancies/clergy-vacancies/

Please continue to pray for all those involved in the process – the potential candidates and those involved in the selection. The post has been advertised in the Church Times on 12th and 19th January with a closing date of 8th February. Shortlisting takes place on 13th February with visits and interviews on 26th and 27th.

THE DIOCESAN VISION: MAKING JESUS KNOWN

2. WORKING FOR JUSTICE

The passage from Luke which underpins the vision Making Jesus Known puts justice firmly at the heart of the mission of the Church. Following Jesus' call means encountering Christ who transforms our own hearts and minds, and committing to sharing this transformative encounter with all those we meet. It means working for justice across society, listening to and magnifying the voices of people facing poverty and injustice, supporting local action and using our voice to challenge injustice wherever it exists. As it also means speaking out on behalf of those who have little voice, particularly the last, the least and the lost. As Christ followers, we must '*insist on the world becoming the way that God wants it to be*' (Jacques Ellul). This priority is a direct response to the Fourth Mark of Mission, which challenges us '*to seek to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and to pursue peace and reconciliation*'. By pledging ourselves to action through **Working for Justice** we will be:

- An effective and valued partner to those taking responsibility to improve the lives and communities in which we serve
- A trusted and respected voice in standing up for those whose voice is often unheard in our communities
- A Christ centred diocese which models its aspiration for justice throughout its many parts and structures, including its leadership bodies

Next Sunday

28th Jan

**Presentation
of Christ**

9.00 am	Portesham	BCP Communion
9.30 am	Litton Cheney	Morning Worship
10.00 am	Abbotsbury	Family Praise
11.00 am	Shipton Gorge Puncknowle Littlebredy	Holy Communion Café Church Morning Worship

Psalm 24: 1-10
NT: Hebrews 2: 14-end

OT: Malachi 3: 1-5
Gospel: Luke 2: 22-40

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

DATES FOR THE DIARY

29th Benefice Council Meeting: 7.00 pm in Puncknowle Village Hall

FEBRUARY

2nd Candlemas celebration: 7.00 pm at Puncknowle

5th Burton Bradstock PCC: 5.00 pm in the church

7th Midweek Communion and light lunch: 11.30 am at Burton Bradstock

Swyre PCC: 11.00 am at 4 Green Barton or Zoom

Burial of Ashes: Frances 'Zoe' Elder 12 noon at Litton Cheney

8th Burton Coffee Mates: 10.30 am in the church

9th Memorial Service: David Jones 2.00 pm at Swyre

Funeral Service: Michael Conway 2.00 pm at Burton Bradstock

Curry Night at Portesham Village Hall in aid of the church

13th Shortlisting for the new Rector: 10.30 am at Burton Bradstock

21st Julian Group: 10.00 am at Swyre

22nd Coffee morning in aid of the Kyiv Bakery: 10.30 am @25 Bindbarrow (BB)

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/

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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