

# 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.

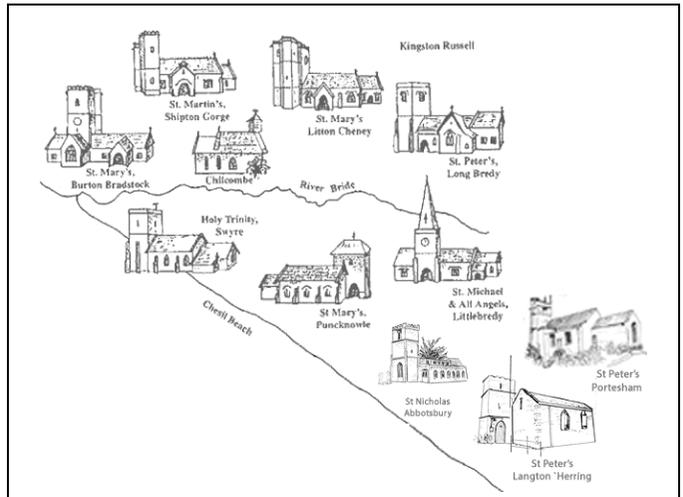
More information about the churches is available on the village websites.

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

## 28<sup>th</sup> January 2024 Presentation of Christ



## Services Today

9.00 am	<b>Portesham</b>	BCP Communion
9.30 am	<b>Litton Cheney</b>	Morning Worship
10.00 am	<b>Abbotsbury</b>	Family Praise
11.00 am	<b>Shipton Gorge</b> <b>Puncknowle</b> <b>Littlebredy</b>	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**

## Call to worship and thought for the week

Wake up, you sleepyhead people! King-Glory is ready to enter. Who is this King-Glory? God-of-the-Angel-Armies: he is King-Glory.

*(Psalm 24 9-10 from the Message)*

**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 gift of each new day

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

- Our Open the Book teams, those involved in Big Q Church and our Foundation Governors at our three schools.

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

- In the process of appointing a new rector for the Benefice
- Across our family relationships
- For tolerance

### **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
- Those who find the winter months difficult
- Litton Cheney and all who live and work there including at the school

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

## **COLLECTS FOR THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST**

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

**Almighty and ever-living God**, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh: grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

### **Lord Jesus Christ,**

light of the nations and glory of Israel:

make your home among us, and present us pure and holy to your heavenly Father, your God, and our God. Amen

*(Post communion prayer)*

**Lord**, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna, who lived to welcome the Messiah:

may we, who have received these gifts beyond words, prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes

to bring us to eternal life;

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

Tues	30 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Litton Cheney PCC at Steddings
Fri	2 <sup>nd</sup>	7.00 pm	Candlemas Celebration at Puncknowle
		7.00 pm	Candlemas Celebration at Langton Herring

## APPOINTMENT OF A NEW RECTOR

[www.salisbury.anglican.org/vacancies/clergy-vacancies/](http://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 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> January with a closing date of 8<sup>th</sup> February. Shortlisting takes place on 13<sup>th</sup> February with visits and interviews on 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>.

## THE DIOCESAN VISION: MAKING JESUS KNOWN

### 3. COURAGEOUS CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP

How would you describe Jesus as a leader? The Gospel is full of stories of Jesus being courageous, compassionate, challenging, empowering, loving, and sacrificial. Our commitment to grow and nurture **Courageous Christian Leadership** recognises that leaders (lay or ordained, young or old) who are equipped, confident and supported and released to live as disciples of Jesus Christ bring transformation to the whole of society. By pledging ourselves to growing **Courageous Christian Leadership** we will together grow:

- A dynamic intergenerational church generating opportunities for children, young people, families and communities to be leaders of mission within their context.
- A diocese that has a culture of instinctive engagement with children and young people enabling them to express their voice and their agency to lead change.
- Known for the diversity of leadership that fully reflects and represents the communities that we serve.
- Confident that all leaders (lay and ordained) feel fulfilled, valued, and resourced to flourish in their context.
- A Church in which leaders grow leaders across their communities, enabling discipleship and the growth of faith.

## FACEBOOK PAGES UPDATE

The new Facebook page for the Bride Valley and Chesil Benefice is now live. The previous pages will point to the new combined source of information and Margaret and Helen will be keeping us up to date through the new page.

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61555614056730> Please keep in touch!

Next Sunday

4<sup>th</sup> Feb

2<sup>nd</sup> before  
Lent

9.00 am **Langton Herring** BCP Communion  
9.30 am **Litton Cheney** Holy Communion\*  
11.00 am **Abbotsbury** Holy Communion  
**Puncknowle** Morning Prayer  
**Long Bredy** Holy Communion  
**Burton Bradstock** Hymns of Praise

Psalms 104: 26-37

OT: Proverbs 8: 1, 22-31

NT: Colossians 1: 15-20

Gospel: John 1: 1-14

3.00 pm **Swyre** Evening Prayer

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### DATES FOR THE DIARY

5<sup>th</sup> Coffee Morning: 10.00 am at Litton Cheney Church  
Burton Bradstock PCC: 5.00 pm in the church  
7<sup>th</sup> 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  
8<sup>th</sup> Burton Coffee Mates: 10.30 am in the church  
9<sup>th</sup> Memorial Service: David Jones 2.00 pm at Swyre  
Thanksgiving Service: Michael Conway 2.00 pm at Burton Bradstock  
Curry Night at Portesham Village Hall in aid of the church  
13<sup>th</sup> Shortlisting for the new Rector: 10.30 am at Burton Bradstock  
21<sup>st</sup> Julian Group: 10.00 am at Swyre  
22<sup>nd</sup> Coffee morning in aid of the Kyiv Bakery: **10.00 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/whowere/making-jesus-known/](http://www.salisbury.anglican.org/whowere/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](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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