

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**

**18th February 2024
First Sunday of Lent**

**Watch
+ Pray**

Services Today

9.30 am	Burton Bradstock	Café Church
	Litton Cheney	BCP Matins
	Long Bredy	Morning Worship
10.00 am	Langton Herring	Family Praise
11.00 am	Portesham	Holy Communion
	Swyre	Holy Communion
3.00 pm	Shipton Gorge	Pet Service

Psalm 25: 1-9
NT: 1 Peter 3: 8-17

OT: Genesis 9: 8-17
Gospel: Mark 1: 9-15

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

There will be a full peal attempt rung at Burton Bradstock from 2.30 pm today

Call to worship and thought for the week

God is fair and just; He corrects the misdirected, sends them in the right direction.
He gives the rejects his hand and leads them step-by-step.
(Psalm 25: 8-9 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 enthusiasm of those attending Breakfast Church at Shipton for receiving the 'Watch and Pray' materials to provide a focus for Lent

We are grateful for:

- Our flower arrangers who decorate our churches so beautifully each week

Your kingdom come, here and now:

- In the ongoing process of appointing a new rector for the Benefice
- Within our churches
- For kindness and understanding

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 feel called to move to this area.

Specially in our prayers this week:

- Those caught up in conflict and war
- All those concerned about making ends meet
- Abbotsbury and all who live and work there

... remembering the families of those who have recently died including *David Jones, Michael Conway, Barbara Moxom, and Mary Turnill.*

COLLECTS FOR THE 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

(Post communion prayer)

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:

Monday	3.30 pm	Big Q Church at LATCH
Tuesday	10.30 am	Lent 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	Lent Study Group at Portesham Methodist Hall

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

ADDITIONAL EVENTS THIS WEEK

Mon	19 th	9.30 am	Annual Church Spring Clean at Litton Cheney
		10.00 am	Ringling a quarter peal at Shipton Gorge
Wed	21 st	10.00 am	Julian Group at Swyre
		10.00 am	Coffee Stop at Burton Bradstock Village Hall
Thurs	22 nd	10.00 am	Coffee morning for Kyiv Bakery (25 Bindbarrow BB)
Fri	23 rd	10.30 am	Burial of Ashes: Pat and Francis Blackmore at BB
		11.30 am	Burial of Ashes: Mary Gilham at Burton Bradstock
		7.00 pm	Ringling a quarter peal at Shipton Gorge

DIOCESAN AND NATIONAL LENT MATERIALS

<https://www.salisbury.anglican.org/whoweare/making-jesus-known-/lent-2024/>

Each church has received 10 copies of the CofE booklet, **Watch and Pray** and this is what the **Life Group** is using during Lent. Families of children at Breakfast Church and Big Q Church have received a copy of the specially written children's version.

www.cofe.io/WatchAndPray. A **Lent study group** using the **Diocesan materials** started on Friday 16th February at 3.00 pm in Portesham Methodist Church Hall. Please contact Margaret if you are interested.

EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES

Looking ahead to Easter, the Ministry team has agreed to offer 3 services: a sunrise service at Hive Beach, starting at 6.30am, a 9am Holy Communion at Litton Cheney and an 11am at Abbotsbury. The latter will be James Webster's final service as an LLM as he is retiring. James will be leading the prayers and Revds Liz Howlett and Margaret Preuss-Higham the service.

VACANCY AND WAY FORWARD

Following the lack of applications for the post of Rector and the meeting with the Archdeacon last week, it has been decided to rework the Benefice profile again, making it still more succinct. The Diocese will leave the advert on their website in the hope that somebody might just spot it in the meantime and AD Penny will try to organise a new advertising and interviewing date in the Spring/Summer. It was pointed out that, in the week of the advertisement, there were 14 pages of clergy vacancies and that Rural Ministry posts are generally harder to fill. The issue of the Rectory was also discussed and it was agreed that a letter would be sent to the Diocese, emphasising the necessity of sorting out the housing situation prior to the next advert. Please continue to pray that God will prompt someone to feel that this is their next stage in their ministry.

Next Sunday

25th Feb

2nd Sunday
of Lent

8.00 am	Burton Bradstock	Holy Communion
9.00 am	Portesham	BCP Communion
9.30 am	Litton Cheney	Morning Worship
10.00 am	Abbotsbury	Family Praise
11.00 am	Puncknowle	Café Church
	Littlebredy	Morning Worship
	Shipton Gorge	Holy Communion* * <i>by extension</i>

Psalm 22: 23-31
NT: Romans 4: 13-25

OT: Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16
Gospel: Mark 8: 31-38

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

DATES FOR THE DIARY

MARCH

3 rd	Benefice Shared Lunch: 12.30 pm in Burton Bradstock Village Hall
4 th	Coffee Time: 10.00 am at Litton Cheney
10 th	Mothering Sunday support: Burton Bradstock
14 th	Burton Coffee Mates: 10.30 am in the church
18 th	Littlebredy PCC: 6.00 pm at West Lodge
20 th	Julian Group: 10.00 am at Swyre

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

THE TELEPHONE/RECORDED SERVICE

The latest Benefice Council meeting discussed the ongoing viability of the telephone service which started in Covid lockdown and enables listeners to dial up a local rate line to hear a service recorded by one of the Ministry Team - a friendly voice for those unable to make it to church. More recently, services recorded have reduced to 2 or sometimes 3 a month, but the cost to the Benefice remains at £30 a month - and we have recently discovered that there are sometimes just two telephone listeners for these services. Another option for a telephone service has also become available, listening via the **Daily Hope** line, so **PCCs have been asked to consider whether we continue to record a service and just send it out via email, continue with the telephone service or just use Daily Hope. Anybody who has any thoughts on this should pass these onto their PCCs as soon as possible.**

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 comes 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:

<http://www.burtonbradstockvillage.org>

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

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

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

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