

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**

**25th February 2024
Second Sunday of Lent**

**Watch
+ Pray**

Services Today

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 Littlebredy Shipton Gorge	Café Church Morning Worship 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**

Call to worship and thought for the week

Here's the story I'll tell my friends when they come to worship, and punctuate it with Hallelujahs: shout Hallelujah, you God-worshippers; give glory, you sons of Jacob; adore him, you daughters of Israel. (*Psalm 22: 22-23 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 lengthening days and snowdrops reminding us of spring on the way

We are grateful for:

- Our technical helpers who enable us to access worship more fully

Your kingdom come, here and now:

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

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.

Specialty in our prayers this week:

- Those caught up in conflict and war
- All those coping with mental health issues and those supporting them
- Portesham and all who live and work there including at the School

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

COLLECTS FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

- for use in the services or for private prayer

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in his Way come to share in his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

(Post communion prayer)

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen © *Archbishops' Council of the Church of England 2000-2004*



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 ☎898029*)
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

Thurs 29th 2.30 pm Burial of Ashes: Barbara Moxom at Swyre

DIOCESAN AND NATIONAL LENT MATERIALS

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

An app for Watch and Pray is also available (from your app store) with daily reflections and additional materials.

EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES

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, it has been decided to rework the Benefice profile again, making it still more succinct. The advertisement will remain on the Diocesan website and AD Penny will try to organise a new advertising and interviewing date in the Spring/Summer. 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.

LOVE YOUR BURIAL GROUND WEEK

Love your Burial Ground Week is a celebratory week which has been running for many years. Caring for God's Acre has been encouraging all who help to look after churchyards, chapel yards and cemeteries to celebrate these fantastic places in the lovely month of June – in any way you choose. **Registration for events opens in March** and there are lots of resources for people who are considering taking part. As part of this week, Churches Count on Nature 2024, will be focusing on the brilliant wildlife to be found in churchyards and chapel yards. It is a joint initiative promoted by Caring for God's Acre, the Church of England, the Church in Wales and A Rocha UK www.caringforgodsacre.org.uk/churches-count-on-nature-faqs/

LAY WORSHIP LEADER

We are delighted that Jethro Truscott will be licensed as LWL next Sunday at Loders

Next Sunday

3rd March

**3rd Sunday
of Lent**

9.00 am	Langton Herring	Holy Communion
9.30 am	Litton Cheney	Holy Communion
11.00 am	Burton Bradstock	Songs of Praise
	Long Bredy	Holy Communion*
	Abbotsbury	Parish Communion
<i>Cancelled</i>	Puncknowle	Morning Praise * <i>by extension</i>
3.00 pm	Swyre	Evening Prayer

Psalm 19

NT: 1 Corinthians 1: 18-25

OT: Exodus 20: 1-17

Gospel: John 2: 13-22

The **telephone service**, provided by LWL Paul Cheater will be available on 01308 293062

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
9 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.

MOTHERING SUNDAY

Recognising that, for some people, Mothering Sunday is difficult, there will be Pastoral Assistants in the Lady Chapel at Burton Bradstock between 2.00 pm and 3.00 pm on Saturday 9th March for those who would welcome a listening ear. All Bride Valley Churches are also open in daylight hours for anyone who needs a quiet space. Whatever your story, whether you're grieving the loss of a mother, the loss of a child or a baby through miscarriage, whether you're struggling with infertility or childlessness, singleness or a difficult relationship, whether you never even knew your mother or any other reason why you might find this Sunday painful, this quiet, reflective space has been designed with you in mind. It will be an informal gathering, either to sit quietly, to light a candle, say a prayer or to chat over a cuppa. Further information is available from Liz (☎07799333205)

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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