

From Source to Sea

with the churches of the Bride Valley Benefice



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 Village and Valley.

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

Our ministry team:

- *The Reverend Jane Williams*
- *The Reverend Sue Linford*
- *The Reverend Liz Howlett*
- *The Reverend Ryder Rogers*
- *LLM James Webster*
- *LWL Janet Lane*
- *LWL Vicky Thomas*
- *LWL Paul Cheater*
- *LWL Heather Goffee*

**Weekly
News**

**27th November 2022
Advent Sunday**

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**THE GREAT
INVITATION**

Services today

- 9.30 am **Puncknowle & Swyre** Joint breakfast church*
** in Puncknowle Village Hall*
- 11.00 am **Burton Bradstock Shipton Gorge Littlebredy** Holy Communion*
**by extension* Holy Communion Holy Communion*
** including baptism*
- Psalm: 122 OT: Isaiah 2: 1-5
NT: Romans 13: 11-end Gospel: Matthew 24: 36-48
- 4.00 pm **Litton Cheney 'Darkness to Light'**

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

Call to worship and thought for the week:

When they said, "Let's go into the house of God," my heart leaped for joy. And now we're here, O Jerusalem, inside Jerusalem's walls! For the sake of my family and friends, I say it again: live in peace! (*Ps 122 : 1-2, 8 The Message*)

Rector: The Reverend Jane Williams, The Rectory, Church Street, Burton Bradstock (☎898799)

For our prayers:

We have much to celebrate this week, including:

- an excellent look back at the history of Swyre in the 19th Century last Saturday evening led by Dr Peter Northover. It really was great.

We are grateful for:

- the opportunities this season brings to worship God and to witness to the power of his love in our community.
- all our church cleaners keeping our buildings clean, tidy and welcoming.

Please pray for:

- Our ministry team: Jane, Liz, Sue, Ryder and James
- Lay Worship Leaders; Vicky, Paul, and Heather
- Bishops Stephen, Karen, and Andrew
- Bishop Rufus and the diocese of Lainya
- Littlebredy and all who live and work there
- Those people of the Indonesian Island of Java, affected by the recent earthquake, particularly the families of those who have died and all the rescue workers
- Young people forced into leaving home in the run up to Christmas
- All who struggle with ill health, either physically or mentally
- Those who are reaching end of life and all who are caring for them
... remembering the families of those who have recently died, including *Elfrida Savigear, Richard Hindson, Peter Pattinson and baby Arlo.*



PRAYER AT THE ADVENT WREATH (ADVENT 1)

Lord Jesus, light of the world,
born in David's city of Bethlehem,
born like him to be a king:
be born in our hearts at Christmas,
be King of our lives today. Amen.



COLLECTS FOR ADVENT SUNDAY

- for use in the services or for private prayer

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



DURING THE WEEK:

Tues	29 th	3.30 pm	Big Q Church (LATCH)
		7.30 pm	Bell ringing practice (Litton Cheney)
Wed	30 th	7.00 pm	Bell ringing practice (Long Bredy ☎482270*)
Thurs	1 st	7.00 pm	Bell ringing practice (Burton Bradstock ☎898603*)
Fri	2 nd	2.00 pm	Tots Time at Burton Bradstock

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

DARKNESS INTO LIGHT AT LITTON CHENEY (4.00 pm today)

All are welcome to join us for this extraordinary service as we journey through darkness into light and embrace the hope of Advent. The Church will be transformed as we move from total darkness into candle light with music and Advent scripture.

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS WINDOWS: 'FOLLOW THE STAR'

Several of our villages have expressed an interest in taking part.

For the last few years, **Shipton Gorge, Puncknowle and Swyre** residents and businesses have enjoyed taking part in a countdown to Christmas with decorated windows and/or gardens and it would be lovely to see these again this year! All you need to do is let the co-ordinators know you'd like to join in and think about when you can be ready for your reveal. For **Puncknowle and Swyre**, contact Stella Oliver: email: stella@bassetbedlam.co.uk or Facebook or ☎01308 897014 (leaving a message). For Shipton Gorge: Helen Fry ☎897260 bvchurchesta@outlook.com or Facebook. The Facebook pages and the village noticeboards will be updated so you know where to go in the villages to spot all the places taking part!

In **Burton Bradstock** this year, there will be **a slight difference to previous years!**

This year, **numbered stars** will be hidden around the village, in buildings, in businesses and in the windows or gardens of anybody who would like to can join in and decorate. Email if you are interested in taking part: bvchurchesta@outlook.com. People will be invited to discover these stars and note down the number of the star found on a trail sheet (available in Burton Bradstock church or at the Post Office). (We might drop hints as photos on the Facebook page facebook.com/BrideValleyChurches.) Bring your completed trail sheets along to the Crib Service on Christmas Eve at 4pm, where a small prize will be presented for the most correct stars found!

BENEFICE COUNCIL NEWS

BVN: The donations for Christmas Greetings this year have totalled **£1025** which is fabulous. Thank you everyone. As usual this is to be shared with a chosen charity, this year being Cupboard Love. The BVN share is timely, as we have been discussing the increased cost of producing the BVN and how to fund it. The donations will help, but we need to explore other options as well if we are to keep it free of charge.

FAIR TRADE STALL

There will be a Fair Trade Stall in the Lady Chapel at Burton Bradstock next Sunday and regularly on the first Sunday of the month (after Songs of Praise).

FOLLOW THE STAR - THE GREAT INVITATION

- Is all about encouraging everyone to share the joy of gathering together to celebrate the birth of Jesus with their family, friends and neighbours - especially after two years where this has been impossible for many. But who will you invite to Christmas services this year? Lots of people might be unsure about coming to church, so how about giving them their own personal invitation? From this weekend, postcards will be available in church listing all the Christmas services across the Valley. You can write a personal invitation for someone who might not normally come along.

Next Sunday 4th December Advent 2	8.00 am	Burton Bradstock	Holy Communion
	9.30 am	Puncknowle Litton Cheney	Holy Communion Morning worship
	10.30 am	Burton Bradstock	Songs of Praise
	11.00 am	Long Bredy	Holy Communion
	Psalm: 72: 1-7		OT: Isaiah 11: 1-10
	NT: Romans 15: 4-13		Gospel: Matthew 3: 1-12
	3.00 pm	Swyre	Evening Prayer
	Psalm: 11	OT: 1Kings 18: 17-39	NT: John 1: 19-28
	The telephone service , prepared by The Reverend Sue Linford, will be available on 01308 293062		

DATES FOR THE DIARY

DECEMBER

- 8th Burton Coffee Mates (10.30 am in the church)
 10th Burton Bradstock School Christmas Fair (3.30 pm)
 10th Christmas Coffee Break in aid of the Church (Long Bredy Village Hall)

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

ADVENT HOME GROUP

This will be an opportunity to reflect together in the run up to Christmas; it is hoped to continue with at least one regular home group after Christmas so this will be a taster taking place on Tuesdays 6th, 13th and 20th December from 10.30 to 12 noon at Manafossen Barn, Shadrach Farm Cottage, Burton Bradstock – (phone for directions 01308 898733).

DEDICATION OF GIFTS AND GIFT AID

In dedicating our offertory, we not only recognise those gifts donated through the offertory plate but also those given through standing orders and by any visitors to their home churches as we all dedicate ourselves in God's service.

PASTORAL ASSISTANTS & PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

Pastoral Assistants are available for visiting. If you or anyone you know would like such a visit, please contact Jane Williams ☎ 01308 898799

If there is someone that you would like to be included in our prayers for the sick, please contact Liz Howlett ☎ 07851032454 or a Churchwarden.

CHURCH FLOODLIGHTING:

If you would like to have a church floodlit for a baptism or wedding, or in memory of someone, please speak to the following: **Burton Bradstock** (Chrissie Bailey ☎897603 or Ian Ibbotson ☎898484) **Shipton Gorge** (Phyl Webster ☎898657) **Litton Cheney** (Freddie Spicer ☎482617)

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<http://www.burtonbradstockvillage.org>

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

Daily Hope – the free service from the Church of England is on **0800 804 8044**

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