

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**

**4th December 2022
Advent 2**

Follow The Star
THE GREAT
INVITATION

Services today

8.00 am **Burton Bradstock** Holy Communion

9.30 am **Puncknowle** Holy Communion
Litton Cheney 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**

Call to worship and thought for the week:

Fear of God will be all his joy and delight. He won't judge by appearances, won't decide on the basis of hearsay. He'll judge the needy by what is right, render decisions on earth's poor with justice. (*Isaiah 11 : 3-4 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:

- Everyone who has a birthday in December!
- An excellent baptism service welcoming Billie and Daisy into our church family
- A thought-provoking Darkness to Light Service at Litton Cheney

We are grateful for:

- The opportunities this season brings to worship God and to witness to the power of his love in our community
- Sidespeople, welcomers and greeters

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
- Long Bredy and all who live and work there
- For victims of war, terrorism, conflict, and violence
- For frontline workers in the NHS and Social Services
- 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 2)

Lord Jesus, light of the world,
the prophets said you would bring peace
and save your people in trouble.
Give peace in our hearts at Christmas
and show all the world God's love. Amen.



COLLECTS FOR ADVENT 2 SUNDAY

- for use in the services or for private prayer

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen

Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds, that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour, we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God. Amen

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



DURING THE WEEK:

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| Tues | 6 th | 10.30 am | Advent Home Group: Manafossen Barn, B. Bradstock |
| | | 11.00 am | Funeral: Richard Hindson (Burton Bradstock) |
| | | 3.30 pm | Big Q Church (LATCH) |
| | | 7.30 pm | Bell ringing practice (Litton Cheney) |
| Wed | 7 th | 11.30 am | Midweek Communion & light lunch (B. Bradstock) |
| | | 7.00 pm | Bell ringing practice (Long Bredy ☎482270*) |
| Thurs | 8 th | 10.30 am | Burton Coffee Mates in the church |
| | | 2.00 pm | Funeral: Peter Pattinson (Burton Bradstock) |
| | | 6.30 pm | Christmas Choral Concert (Shipton Gorge) |
| | | 7.00 pm | Bell ringing practice (Burton Bradstock ☎898029*) |
| Fri | 9 th | 2.00 pm | Tots Time at Burton Bradstock (last before January) |
| Sat | 10 th | 10.30am | Christmas Coffee Break [†] (Long Bredy) |
| | | 3.30 pm | Burton Bradstock School Christmas Fair |

** Please phone to check if practice is taking place* [†]in aid of the church

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS CHORAL CONCERT

There will be a special Christmas Choral Concert at St Martin's Church, Shipton Gorge, next Thursday (8th Dec) at 6.30 pm with the choir of St Mary's, Litton Cheney, under the direction of Paul Cheater. There will be refreshments and retiring donations.

FAIR TRADE STALL

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

FOLLOW THE STAR - THE GREAT INVITATION

Who will you invite to Christmas services this year? Postcards are now available at church that list all the Christmas services across the Bride Valley. You can write a personal invitation for someone who might not normally come along.

NEW YEAR'S EVE

This year there will be a party at The Rectory in Burton Bradstock, starting at 8pm. This will be followed by a Watch Night Service in St Mary the Virgin Church, Burton Bradstock at 11.30 pm with bells ringing in the New Year at midnight. All are welcome, but please book early as numbers will obviously be limited. If you are available to help with organising please let Jane know

HIDE AND SEEK ROCKS – this is open to adults and children!

Join in our free festive hide and seek rock game! Decorate a rock with a star at St Mary's, Burton Bradstock on **Friday 9th December** between 2:45pm and 5pm. Collect your rock from school (or church if your child isn't at school) on Monday 12th and hide it around the villages of Burton Bradstock or Shipton Gorge. Hunt for other rocks with stars painted on them ! (You can join in the hunt, even if you can't make it to the decorating session.) Why not take a photo of yourself with your 'rock star' and post it on the Facebook page - that would be great! (www.facebook.com/BrideValleyChurches) Decide if you want to re-hide the rock for someone else to find or hold on to it! If you can, bring one of the rocks to the Crib Service at 4pm on Christmas Eve, to help decorate the church!

Next Sunday

11th

December

Advent 3

9.30 am **Shipton Gorge** Breakfast Church
Litton Cheney Holy Communion

11.00 am **Swyre** Holy Communion
Burton Bradstock Holy Communion
Littlebredy Holy Communion

Psalm: 146: 4-10 OT: Isaiah 35: 1-10
NT: James 5: 7-10 Gospel: Matthew 11: 2-11

5.00 pm **Puncknowle** **Carol Service**

The **telephone service**, prepared by The Reverend Liz Howlett, will be available on **01308 293062**

DATES FOR THE DIARY

14th Coffee Stop (10.00 am Burton Bradstock Village Hall)

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

ADVENT HOME GROUP – starts this week

This will be an opportunity to reflect together in the run up to Christmas, on Tuesdays 6th, 13th and 20th December from 10.30 to 12 noon at Manafossen Barn, Shadrach Farm Cottage, Burton Bradstock (for directions: ☎898733). All welcome.

BURTON COFFEE MATES

- meet in the church on the second Thursday of the month from 10.30 -12 pm and our next meeting is Thursday December 8th when we will be having some seasonal music and snacks with our hot drinks. Although everyone from the village is welcome, this is particularly suitable for older people and facilities are provided for wheelchair users. Do come and join us. For more information please call Pauline. (☎898327)

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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