

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**

**11th December 2022
Advent 3**

Follow The Star
**THE GREAT
INVITATION**

Services today

9.30 am	Shipton Gorge	Breakfast Church
	Litton Cheney	Holy Communion
11.00 am	Swyre	Holy Communion
	Burton Bradstock	Holy Communion
	Littlebredy	Holy Communion

Psalms: 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**

Call to worship and thought for the week:

God made sky and soil, sea and all the fish in it. He always does what he says – he defends the wronged, he feeds the hungry. God's in charge – always. Zion's God is God for good! Hallelujah! (*Ps 146 : 6-7, 10 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:

- The opportunity for children at Burton Bradstock School to experience Advent through a selection of stations on display in our church

We are grateful for:

- Our technical helpers
- All who contributed to and supported the Christmas Coffee Break at Long Bredy and the School Christmas Fayre in Burton Bradstock

Please pray for:

- Our ministry team: Jane, Liz, Sue, Ryder and James
- Lay Worship Leaders; Janet L, Vicky, Paul, and Heather
- Bishops Stephen, Karen, and Andrew
- Bishop Rufus and the diocese of Lainya
- Those traumatised by the effects of war and conflict and being without rule
- Litton Cheney and all who live and work there including staff and pupils at Thorners School
- Homeless people affected by the cold weather, outreach workers to reach the vulnerable in time and those who can't afford to turn their heating on
- 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 *Peter Pattinson, Richard Hindson*



PRAYER AT THE ADVENT WREATH (ADVENT 3)

Lord Jesus, light of the world,
John told the people to prepare,
for you were very near.

As Christmas grows closer day by day,
help us to be ready to welcome you now. Amen.



COLLECTS FOR ADVENT 3 SUNDAY

- for use in the services or for private prayer

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

God for whom we watch and wait, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son: give us courage to speak the truth, to hunger for justice, and to suffer for the cause of right, with Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts; kindle in us the fire of your Spirit that when your Christ comes again we may shine as lights before his face; who is alive and reigns now and for ever. Amen



DURING THE WEEK:

Tues	13 th	10.30 am	Advent Home Group: Manafossen Barn, B. Bradstock
		3.30 pm	Big Q Church (LATCH)
		7.30 pm	Bell ringing practice (Litton Cheney)
Wed	14 th	7.00 pm	Bell ringing practice (Long Bredy ☎482270*)
Thurs	15 th	7.00 pm	Bell ringing practice (Burton Bradstock ☎898603*)
Fri	16 th	2.00 pm	NO Tots Time at Burton Bradstock

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

LONG BREDY LIVE NATIVITY

Long Bredy is having the traditional Live Nativity on **Sunday 18th December** at 10.00 am. This will include the Holy Family, donkey, sheep, carols and refreshments. The Great Invitation is to 'Follow The Star'. Villagers are being invited to display a star in their garden or window if they wish, so we have many stars lighting the way to the Nativity.

INVITATION POST CARDS

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.

SUPPORTING THE FOOD BANK

The collecting point for the food bank moved from the church in Burton Bradstock to the local Post Office and Farm Shop. Why not purchase items from the shop and put them in the collection point, thus supporting both the food bank and the local shop?

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: the hunt begins!

The rocks were painted on Friday and will be given to the children to distribute on Monday, after varnishing. They'll be hidden around the he villages of Burton Bradstock or Shipton Gorge and then the hunt can begin! Anyone can take part. 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

9.30 am **Burton Bradstock** Family Nativity
Long Bredy Live Nativity
11.00 am **Swyre** Morning Worship
Puncknowle Holy Communion*
*all age

18th December

Psalm: 80: 1-8 OT: Isaiah 7: 10-16
NT: Romans 1: 1-7 Gospel: Matthew 1: 18-end

6.00 pm Shipton Gorge Carol Service
Litton Cheney Carol Service
6.30 pm Burton Bradstock Carol Service

Advent 4

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

DATES FOR THE DIARY

24th Crib Services at Burton Bradstock and Litton Cheney (4.00 pm)

31st Watchnight Service (11.30 pm at Burton Bradstock)

JANUARY

1st UNITED VALLEY SERVICE on Zoom

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

ADVENT HOME GROUP CONTINUES

This is an opportunity to reflect together in the run up to Christmas, continuing on Tuesdays 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)

Please take this leaflet home with you for reference and prayer. Each week's copy is at:

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

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

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