

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 Vicky Thomas*
- *LWL Paul Cheater*
- *LWL Heather Goffee*

**Weekly
News**

**18th December 2022
Advent 4**

Follow The Star
**THE GREAT
INVITATION**

Services today

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

Psalm: 80: 1-8

OT: Isaiah 7: 10-16

NT: Romans 1: 1-7

Gospel: Matthew 1: 18-end

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

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

Call to worship and thought for the week:

You, Joseph, will name him Jesus – ‘God saves’ – because he will save his people from their sins. This would bring the prophet’s embryonic revelation to full term: “Watch for this – a virgin will get pregnant and bear a son.” (*Matthew 1 : 22-23 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 numbers of people who are joining in worship each week across all our churches
- schoolchildren, their parents and carers coming to church services to celebrate Christmas

We are grateful for:

- all our musicians who enhance worship especially over the Christmas season
- opportunities to bless others through our giving

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
- For peaceful governance in Russia, Ukraine, Haiti, Afghanistan, Syria, Sudan, Yemen and the democratic Republic of the Congo
- Puncknowle and all who live and work there
- Young people facing homelessness that they get the support they need
- Emergency services personnel as we approach the busyness of 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 and are now facing their first Christmas without them



PRAYER AT THE ADVENT WREATH (ADVENT 4)

Lord Jesus, light of the world,
blessed is Gabriel, who brought good news;
blessed is Mary, your mother and ours.
Bless your Church preparing for Christmas;
and bless us your children, who long for your coming. Amen.



COLLECTS FOR ADVENT 4 SUNDAY

- for use in the services or for private prayer

God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Eternal God, as Mary waited for the birth of your Son, so we wait for his coming in glory; bring us through the birth pangs of this present age to see, with her, our great salvation in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Heavenly Father, who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of the promised saviour: fill us your servants with your grace, that in all things we may embrace your holy will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



DURING THE WEEK:

Tues	20 th	10.30 am	Advent Home Group: Manafossen Barn, B. Bradstock
		7.30 pm	Bell ringing practice (Litton Cheney)
Wed	21 st	7.00 pm	Bell ringing practice (Long Bredy ☎482270*)
Thurs	22 nd	7.00 pm	NO Bell ringing practice (Burton Bradstock)
Sat	24 th	4.00 pm	Crib Service (Burton Bradstock)
		4.00 pm	Crib Service (Litton Cheney)

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

LONG BREDY LIVE NATIVITY

Long Bredy is having the traditional Live Nativity on **today** at 9.30 am to 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.

WHO WILL YOU INVITE TO A CHURCH SERVICE?

Receiving a personal invitation has been shown to be more effective in engaging people who might not normally come to church, so why not collect a postcard from church and write out your invitation to a neighbour or friend?

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

There will be a party at The Rectory in Burton Bradstock from 8pm followed by a Watch Night Service in the church 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 rocks which the children painted on the 9th December are being hidden in Shipton Gorge and Burton Bradstock – see if you can spot any on your walks! Maybe you could take a photo for the Bride Valley Churches Facebook page!

FOLLOW THE STAR – ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS TRAILS

Thank you to all the villagers taking part in the Advent & Christmas trails for 2022. Trail sheets for Burton Bradstock are available at the Post Office & the back of church.

EXPERIENCE ADVENT

Towards the end of term, children from Burton Bradstock School visited the Church and 'experienced Advent'. Advent is an important season and yet it is often challenging for children to understand. Members of the congregation installed six 'stations' to represent the sacred stories at the heart of Advent and took the children on a journey to each one of them, finishing with the Advent Wreath representing the waiting for Jesus to come again.

Next Sunday

9.30 am **Shipton Gorge** Family Communion

10.30 am **Burton Bradstock** Family Service

11.00 am **Puncknowle** Family Communion

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25th December

Psalm: 98

OT: Isaiah 52: 7-10

NT: Hebrews 1: 1-12

Gospel: John 1: 1-14

Christmas Day

The **telephone service**, prepared by The Reverend Jane Williams, will be available on **01308 293062**

DATES FOR THE DIARY

31st Party and Watchnight Service (8.00 pm and 11.30 pm at Burton Bradstock)

JANUARY

1st UNITED VALLEY SERVICE on Zoom (10.00 am)

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

ADVENT HOME GROUP CONTINUES

This will be the final Advent Reflection, all welcome even if you've not been before, on 20th December from 10.30 to 12 noon at Manafossen Barn, Shadrach Farm Cottage, Burton Bradstock – (phone for directions 01308 898733). We plan to continue to meet as a home group in the New Year.

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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