

# 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

17<sup>th</sup> December 2023  
Advent 3



## Services Today

8.00 am	<b>Burton Bradstock</b>	Holy Communion
9.30 am	<b>Long Bredy</b>	Live Nativity
11.00 am	<b>Portesham</b>	Parish Communion
	<b>Puncknowle</b>	Holy Communion*
	<b>Swyre</b>	Morning Worship
	<i>*all age</i>	
6.00 pm	<b>Litton Cheney</b>	Carol Service
	<b>Shipton Gorge</b>	Carol Service
6.30 pm	<b>Burton Bradstock</b>	Carol Service
7.00 pm	<b>Abbotsbury</b>	Carol Service

Psalm 126

OT: Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-11

NT: 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24

Gospel: John 1: 6-8, 19-28

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

## Prayer at the Advent Wreath (Advent 3 – John the Baptist):

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.

**Priest (part-time)** Revd Margaret Preuss-Higham (☎01305 873978 [revmph@gmail.com](mailto: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 joy of watching our school children act out the nativity story
- All who work in our schools.

### **We are grateful for:**

- Our sacristans who faithfully and carefully prepare for communion services

### **Your kingdom come, here and now:**

- Across our family relationships
- For peace
- Across our benefice as we work together in mission

### **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 already feel called to move to this area.

### **Specially in our prayers this week:**

- Those who are reaching end of life and all who are caring for them
  - Those traumatised by the effects of war and conflict and being without rule
  - 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
  - Burton Bradstock and all who live and work there including in the school
- ... remembering the families of those who have recently died including *George Short*.

## **COLLECTS FOR ADVENT 3**

### **- 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

*(Post communion prayer)*

**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



## REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS:

Tuesday	10.00 am	Friendship Café, Portesham Village Hall.
	10.30 am	Life Group at <b>Manafossen Barn</b> , Burton Bradstock
	6.00 pm	Bell ringing practice (Litton Cheney ☎482312*)
Wednesday	2.00 pm	Tea and chat, Portesham Methodist Hall
	4.30 pm	Bell ringing practice (Long Bredy ☎482270*)
	7.30 pm	Bell ringing practice (Shipton Gorge ☎07799751130*)
Thursday	7.00 pm	<b>NO</b> Bell ringing practice (Burton Bradstock)
Friday	2.00 pm	<b>NO</b> Tots Time at Burton Bradstock
	3.00 pm	Bible Study Group at Portesham Methodist Hall

\* Please phone to check if practice is taking place

## ADDITIONAL EVENTS THIS WEEK

Mon	18 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 pm	Carol singing round the Village (Burton Bradstock)
Wed	20 <sup>th</sup>	7.00 pm	Carols at the Crown (Puncknowle)
Wed	20 <sup>th</sup>	6.30 pm	Carols around Portesham (meet Kings Arms garden)
Thurs	21 <sup>st</sup>	6.00 pm	Carol Service at Littlebredy
Fri	22 <sup>nd</sup>	5.30 pm	Come Along Inn (Long Bredy Village Hall)
		6.00 pm	Carol Singing round the Village (Litton Cheney)

## CAROL SINGING ROUND THE VILLAGES

The opportunity to sing carols is one of the joys of Christmas as we sing of the story of the birth of Christ. There will be carol singing round Burton Bradstock starting at 6.00 pm on **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December** (meet at the church), around Portesham on **Wednesday December 20<sup>th</sup>** (meet at the Kings Arms garden at **6.30pm**) and around Litton Cheney on **22<sup>nd</sup> December at 6.00 pm**. There will also be Carol Singing at the Crown at Puncknowle on **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00 pm**.

## CHRISTMAS GREETINGS IN THE BVN – THE LANGLEY TRUST

The collection at Christmas for greetings in the BVN has been very successful, in total raising £1387. We are therefore sending £693.50 to the Langley Trust, who work with people with convictions to transform their lives and who ask everyone to join in with prayers:

*"We have experienced answered prayer in broken lives being restored, transformed and renewed by the power of Jesus Christ. One of the most significant ways that you can get involved with Langley is by praying for us. Will you join us in prayer?"*

Father of compassion, be close to the lonely, be hope for the anxious and to those in darkness, be their light Lord Jesus Christ, you taught us to love our neighbour, and to care for those in need, strengthen us and all the Langley Family to comfort the fearful, to lift the broken-hearted and to assure the isolated of your love, and ours; for the glory of your kingdom and the beauty of your name. Amen"

## SUPPORT AND ADVICE OVER CHRISTMAS

If you or someone you know is feeling lonely or low over Christmas, there are support groups and charities you can contact.

[The British Red Cross](#) – Telephone 0808 196 3651 for their support line.

[Samaritans](#) – Freephone 116 123. If you need someone to talk to, you can call the helpline any time of day or night, any day of the year, including Christmas Day.

[Cruse Bereavement Support](#) offers bereavement support. Call their helpline on 0800 808 1677.

<b>Next Sunday</b> <b>24<sup>th</sup> December</b> <b>Christmas Eve</b>	4.00 pm	<b>Burton Bradstock</b> <b>Litton Cheney</b>	Crib Service Crib Service
	<b>5.00 pm</b>	<b>Portesham</b>	Crib Service
	9.30 pm	<b>Swyre</b>	Holy Communion
	11.30 pm	<b>Langton Herring</b> <b>Litton Cheney</b>	Holy Communion Holy Communion
	Psalm 98 NT: Hebrews 1: 1-12		OT Isaiah 52: 7-10 Gospel: John 1: 1-14
<b>25<sup>th</sup> December</b>  <b>Christmas</b> <b>Day</b>	9.30 am	<b>Shipton Gorge</b>	Holy Communion
	10.30 am	<b>Abbotsbury</b> <b>Portesham</b>	Parish Communion Parish Communion
	11.00 am	<b>Littlebredy</b> <b>Puncknowle</b> <b>Burton Bradstock</b>	Family Communion Christmas Day Praise Holy Communion
		Psalm 98 NT: Hebrews 1: 1-12	OT Isaiah 52: 7-10 Gospel: John 1: 1-14
	The <b>telephone service</b> , provided by the Reverend Liz Howlett will be available on <b>01308 293062</b>		

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

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

## MAKING JESUS KNOWN

- is the vision for our Diocese and all our parishes. Keep up to date with the events: [www.salisbury.anglican.org/whoweare/making-jesus-known/](http://www.salisbury.anglican.org/whoweare/making-jesus-known/)

## 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 come from you and of your own do we give you.*" 1 Chronicles 29:14

## BENEFICE ADMINISTRATOR

Helen will be working on Monday and Friday next week but will check her emails on other days. In the week between Christmas and New Year, she is on holiday, but she will check emails periodically and phone messages if the need arises. ([bvchurchesta@outlook.com](mailto:bvchurchesta@outlook.com)) .

Please use this leaflet for reference and prayer. Each week's copy is at:

<http://www.burtonbradstockvillage.org>

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and on A Church Near You: [www.achurchnearyou.com](http://www.achurchnearyou.com)

**Daily Hope** – the free service from the CofE is available on **0800 804 8044**

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