

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.

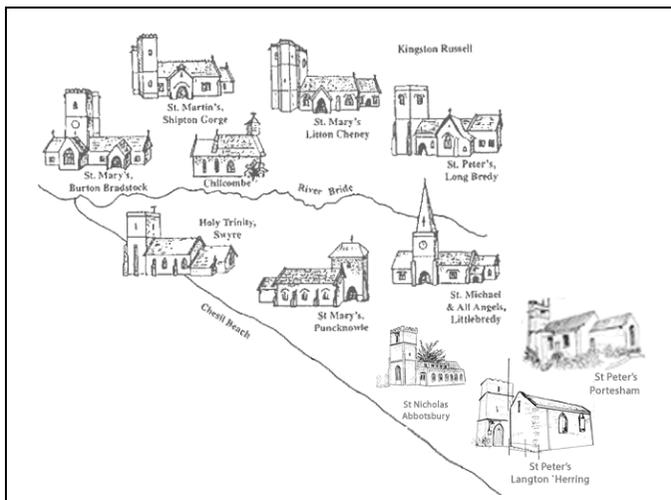
More information about the churches is available on the village websites.

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

11th February 2024
Sunday next before Lent



Services Today

9.00 am	Abbotsbury	BCP Communion
9.30 am	Shipton Gorge Litton Cheney Puncnowle	Breakfast Church Morning Worship Holy Communion
10.00 am	Portesham	Family Praise
11.00 am	Littlebredy Burton Bradstock Langton Herring Swyre	Holy Communion* Holy Communion Holy Communion Morning Worship

Psalm 50: 1-6

OT: 2 Kings 2: 1-12

NT: 2 Corinthians 4: 3-6

Gospel: Mark 9: 2-9

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

Call to worship and thought for the week

Remember, our message is not about ourselves; we're proclaiming Jesus Christ, the Master. All we are is messengers, errand runners from Jesus for you.

(2 Corinthians 4: 5 from the Message)

Priest (part-time) Revd Margaret Preuss-Higham (☎01305 873978 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 enthusiasm of the children in our schools in the Open the Book assemblies

We are grateful for:

- Bell ringers practising faithfully and calling people to worship

Your kingdom come, here and now:

- In the process of appointing a new rector for the Benefice
- Within our public services
- Across our community relationships

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 caught up in conflict and war
- Those dealing with life limiting diseases, their families and teams looking after them
- Swyre and all who live and work there

... remembering the families of those who have recently died including *David Jones, Michael Conway, Lesley Keatley, Mary Turnill, Susie Foot and Barbara Moxom.*

COLLECTS FOR THE SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT

- for use in the services or for private prayer

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Holy God, you know the disorder of our sinful lives: set straight our crooked hearts, and bend our wills to love your goodness and your glory in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

(Post communion prayer)

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS:

Monday	3.30 pm	NO Big Q Church at LATCH
Tuesday	10.30 am	Life Group at Manafossen Barn, Burton Bradstock
	6.00 pm	Bell ringing practice (Litton Cheney ☎482312*)
Wednesday	4.30 pm	Bell ringing practice (Long Bredy ☎482270*)
	7.30 pm	Bell ringing practice (Shipton Gorge ☎07799751130*)
Thursday	7.00 pm	NO Bell ringing practice (Burton Bradstock)
Friday	2.00 pm	NO 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	12 th	7.30 pm	West Dorset Ringers' practice at Litton Cheney
Tues	13 th	10.30 am	Shortlisting for the post of Rector
Wed	14 th	3.00 pm	Communion Service: Ash Wednesday at Swyre
		4.00 pm	Communion Service: Ash Wednesday at Portesham
Fri	16 th	5.30 pm	Come Along Inn at Long Bredy Village Hall

DIOCESAN AND NATIONAL LENT MATERIALS

<https://www.salisbury.anglican.org/whoweare/making-jesus-known-/lent-2024/>

Each church will receive this weekend 10 copies of the CofE booklet, **Watch and Pray** and this is what **Life Group** will be using during Lent. Families of children at Breakfast Church and Big Q Church will receive a copy of the specially written children's version. www.cofe.io/WatchAndPray. **A Lent study group** using the **Diocesan materials** starts on Friday 16th February at 3.00 pm in Portesham Methodist Church Hall. Please contact Margaret if you are interested.

THE DIOCESAN VISION: MAKING JESUS KNOWN

5. FINANCING THE FUTURE SUSTAINABLY

It is essential we confront the financial challenge we face so we can plan for the future, to ensure our local churches are able to offer ministry and care to our children and grandchildren. "God has given us all we need – how are we going to use these gifts for his glory?" Questions to consider:

- How can we engage the wider community in thinking about generosity?
- As you consider the future of mission and ministry in your local area, what financial resources might you deploy to support the provision of people and buildings?
- How can your own generosity make a difference to others?
- Are there additional opportunities to work with others to raise money, apply for grants or establish new income through for example a social enterprise?
- How might your church community begin to talk about money as part of discipleship?
- What information would support you doing this; how might you best engage people?
- Are there other choices which could be made locally, or within the wider diocese collectively, to finance the future of mission and ministry as you Make Jesus Known?
- How can the local church begin to free itself from the burden of finance, to be the people God calls us to be? What difference will it make?

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EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES

Looking ahead to Easter, the Ministry team has agreed to offer 3 services: a sunrise service at Hive Beach, starting at 6.30am, a 9am Holy Communion at Litton Cheney and an 11am at Abbotsbury. The latter will be James Webster's final service as an LLM as he is retiring. James will be leading the prayers and Revds Liz Howlett and Margaret Preuss-Higham the service.

Next Sunday

18th Feb

First Sunday
of Lent

9.30 am	Burton Bradstock	Cafe Church
	Litton Cheney	BCP Matins
	Long Bredy	Morning Worship
10.00 am	Langton Herring	Family Praise
11.00 am	Portesham	Holy Communion
	Swyre	Holy Communion
3.00 pm	Shipton Gorge	Pet Service

Psalm 25: 1-9

NT: 1 Peter 3: 8-17

OT: Genesis 9: 8-17

Gospel: Mark 1: 9-15

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

DATES FOR THE DIARY

19 th	Annual Spring Clean (and refreshments) from 9.30 am at Litton Cheney
21 st	Julian Group: 10.00 am at Swyre
	Coffee Stop: 10.00 am in Burton Bradstock Village Hall
22 nd	Coffee morning in aid of the Kyiv Bakery: 10.00 am @25 Bindbarrow (BB)
23 rd	Burial of Ashes: Pat & Francis Blackmore 10.30 am at Burton Bradstock
	Burial of Ashes: Mary Gilham 11.30 am at Burton Bradstock
26 th	Visits by potential candidates for the Rector's post
27 th	Interviews for the new Rector

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

THE TELEPHONE/RECORDED SERVICE

The latest Benefice Council meeting discussed the ongoing viability of the telephone service which started in Covid lockdown and enables listeners to dial up a local rate line to hear a service recorded by one of the Ministry Team - a friendly voice for those unable to make it to church. More recently, services recorded have reduced to 2 or sometimes 3 a month, but the cost to the Benefice remains at £30 a month - and we have recently discovered that there are sometimes just two telephone listeners for these services. Another option for a telephone service has also become available, listening via the **Daily Hope** line, so **PCCs have been asked to consider whether we continue to record a service and just send it out via email, continue with the telephone service or just use Daily Hope. Anybody who has any thoughts on this should pass these onto their PCCs as soon as possible.**

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

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

<http://www.burtonbradstockvillage.org>

Follow the Bride Valley Churches on **Facebook**:

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

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

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

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