From Source to Sea

with the churches of the Bride Valley and Chesil

Weekly News: 15th November 2026 – 2nd before Advent

Welcome!

We extend a warm welcome to all those worshipping with us today and during the week.

Our ministry team:

Revd Andrew Rawding (Rector)
LWL Vicky Thomas
LWL Paul Cheater
LWL Diana Ludlow

Occasional visiting clergy:
Revd Edward Tildesley
Revd Canon John Wood
Revd Carole Peters-King
LLM Paul Rendell

SERVICES TODAY

9.30 am	**Burton Bradstock**	Café Church
	Shipton Gorge	Breakfast Church
	Long Bredy	Morning Worship
10.00 am	**Abbotsbury**	Morning Worship
11.00 am	**Portesham**	Holy Communion
	Langton Herring	Morning Worship
3.00 pm	**Swyre**	Evening Prayer

22nd November: Christ the King

8.00 am	**Burton Bradstock**	Holy Communion
9.30 am	**Burton Bradstock**	Family Breakfast
11.00 am	**Puncknowle**	Café Church
5.30 pm	**Littlebredy**	Evening Prayer
6.00 pm	**Langton Herring**	Evening Prayer

Psalm: 95: 1-7 OT: Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24
NT: Ephesians 1: 15-end Gospel: Matthew 25: 31-end

For our prayers:

We have much to celebrate this week, including:

- All those who stepped up to lead acts of Remembrance in our parishes

We are most grateful for:

- Our grass cutters and all those who look after our church surroundings
- Visiting clergy/LLMs supporting our Benefice

Specially in our prayers this week:

- Our ministry team who work so hard across all our churches
- Those anxious or fearful living in situations of natural or man-made disasters or war
- Those taking part in Alpha this autumn
- Those behind 'barbed wire' in prisons, refugee camps and other detention facilities
- Those with life-limiting diseases and those caring for them
- On this *Safeguarding Sunday*, all those who are suffering abuse of any kind
- Swyre and all who live and work there
- Recently bereaved families and friends especially those of *Jenny Malyon, Penny Pither, Richard Overend, Peter Cariss and Joan Allan*

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COLLECTS: 2nd BEFORE ADVENT *(for use in services/in private prayer)*

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Heavenly Lord, you long for the world's salvation: stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess and revive in us new hope that all creation will one day be healed in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Post Communion Prayer

Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope: bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen

Old Testament Reading: Zephaniah 1: 7, 12-end

7 Be silent before the Lord God! For the day of the Lord is at hand; the Lord has prepared a
sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and
I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts,
'The Lord will not do good, nor will he do harm.' 13 Their wealth shall be plundered, and their
houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant
vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them.
14 The great day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the Lord
is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. 15 That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and
anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick
darkness, 16 a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the
lofty battlements.
17 I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have
sinned against the Lord, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung.
18 Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord's wrath;
in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will
make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

New Testament Reading 2: 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have
anything written to you. 2 For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come
like a thief in the night. 3 When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction
will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no
escape! 4 But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; 5 for
you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. 6 So
then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; 7 for those who
sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. 8 But since we belong to the
day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of
salvation. 9 For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord
Jesus Christ, 10 who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him.
11 Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 25: 14-30

The Parable of the Talents

14 'For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to
them; 15 to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his
ability. Then he went away. 16 The one who had received the five talents went off at once and
traded with them, and made five more talents. 17 In the same way, the one who had the two

talents made two more talents. [18] But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. [19] After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. [20] Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." [21] His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." [22] And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." [23] His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." [24] Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; [25] so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." [26] But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? [27] Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. [28] So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. [29] For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. [30] As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

UNITED BENEFICE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION 29TH NOVEMBER

The united service this month will take place at **Shipton Gorge** and will be PRECEDED by coffee from 10.15 am. All are invited to take this opportunity for coffee and biscuits and a chance to meet up with others from across our Benefice.

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Thanks to all those who supported the coffee and craft morning at Langton Herring and to those who supported the art and craft coffee morning at LATCH organised by Long Bredy in aid of Alzheimer's Research. Both events raised considerable amounts.

ST ANDREW'S DAY COFFEE MORNING: 28TH NOVEMBER

This year's coffee morning in aid of the window repair project at Swyre church will be held in **Puncknowle Village Hall** at 10.00 am (because the windows in the church will be undergoing restoration). Come and enjoy sausage and bacon rolls, cakes and coffee!

BOURNEMOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA WIND OCTET AT PORTESHAM: SATURDAY 12TH DECEMBER

This promises to be a very special candlelight concert with music by Beethoven, Debussy, Dvorak, Mozart and others. The concert starts at 7.30 pm and tickets (£16 adult, £6 under 18, £40 family) are available from Julie Mason (☎01305 871117) or at www.ticketsource.com

INDOOR PLAY AREA OPENING TIMES

The indoor play area (soft play) in St Mary's church will be available 9-5pm Sunday to Tuesday and Thursday to Saturday, unless a service is taking place in church. The indoor play area will not be available 9am - 2pm on a Wednesday. It will be available for 'quiet play'(SEND children) only from 2pm to 5pm on a Wednesday. The toilet in the vestry will be available for children to use, supervised by a parent/carer.

SHIPTON GORGE DATES FOR THE DIARY

As St Martin's continues to look at ways to fundraise to help us look after the building, we are holding a few Christmassy events! From the 5th December at 4pm, until 13th December at noon, the church will be decorated with Christmas trees for a Christmas tree festival. We look forward to welcoming visitors and especially on Saturday 12th in the afternoon when Christmassy refreshments will be served in church.

REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS

Tuesday	10.15 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 ☎07581050910*)
Thursday	6.00 pm	Bell ringing practice (Abbotsbury ☎07791256443*)
	7.00 pm	Bell ringing practice (Burton Bradstock ☎898603*)
Friday	2.00 pm	Tots' Time: Burton Bradstock (*term time*)
	3.00 pm	Bible Study Group at Portesham Methodist Hall

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

ADDITIONAL EVENTS THIS WEEK

Tues	17th	1.00 pm	PSWB+ Lunch Club at Puncknowle Village Hall
Thurs	19th	7.00 pm	Alpha Course at LATCH
Fri	20th	5.30 pm	Come Along Inn at Long Bredy Village Hall

THANK YOU FOR GENEROUS GIVING

Thank you to everyone who supports the work of our churches by 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 comes from you and of your own do we give you." (1 Chronicles 29:14)*

DATES FOR THE DIARY

28th St Andrew's Day coffee morning: 10.00 am at Puncknowle Village Hall
28th Memorial Service for Penny Pither: 11.00 am at Puncknowle
29th Thanksgiving service for Scouting in Portesham at 2.00 pm
29th Special 'Darkness to Light' Advent evensong: 4.00 pm at Litton Cheney

DECEMBER

2nd Burton Bradstock Parish Council meets in the church: 6.30 pm
3rd Alpha course: 7.00 pm at Burton Bradstock church
5th-13th Christmas Tree Festival at Shipton Gorge
6th Carol Service: 3.00 pm at Portesham
7th 'Blue' Christmas Service: 5.00 pm at Shipton Gorge (see p15 of the November BVN)
8th Ministry Team: 10.00 am at Othona
8th PSWB+ Lunch Club: 1.00 pm at Puncknowle Village Hall

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

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