

# From Source to Sea

## with the churches of the Bride Valley and Chesil

### Weekly News: 15<sup>th</sup> February 2026 – Next before Lent



## Welcome!

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

### Our ministry team:

*Revd Andrew Rawding (Rector)*

*Revd. Ryder Rogers*

*LWL Vicky Thomas*

*LWL Paul Cheater*

*LWL Diana Ludlow*

### Occasional visiting clergy:

*Revd Alida Whittock*

*Revd Fiona Wheatley*

*Revd Canon John Wood*

*Revd Carole Peters-King*

*Revd Chris Grasske*

*Revd John Rees*

*Revd Edward Tildesley*

## SERVICES TODAY

9.30 am	<b>Burton Bradstock</b>	Café Church
	<b>Litton Cheney</b>	Morning Prayer
	<b>Langton Herring</b>	Holy Communion
	<b>Long Bredy</b>	Morning Worship
10.00 am	<b>Abbotsbury</b>	Morning Worship
11.00 am	<b>Portesham</b>	Holy Communion
	<b>Swyre</b>	Holy Communion

## 22<sup>nd</sup> FEBRUARY: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent

8.00 am	<b>Burton Bradstock</b>	Holy Communion
9.30 am	<b>Burton Bradstock</b>	Family Breakfast
	<b>Shipton Gorge</b>	Holy Communion
11.00 am	<b>Puncknowle</b>	Café Church
	<b>Swyre</b>	Holy Communion
4.00 pm	<b>LATCH</b>	Community Church

Psalm 32

NT: Romans 5: 12-19

OT: Genesis 2: 15-17; 3:1-7

Gospel: Matthew 4: 1-11

## For our prayers:

### We have much to celebrate this week, including:

- The celebration of human love which reminds us of God's love shown in Jesus

### We are most grateful for:

- Our sides-people and welcomers
- Those visiting clergy taking services whilst Andrew continues to recover

### Specially in our prayers this week:

- Our rector, Andrew, and Revd Philip Ringer for their continuing recovery
- Our Benefice as we pray about the appointment of a new house for duty priest and the organisation of the service plan affecting all our churches
- Those coping with illness and a new diagnosis
- Those suffering and waiting for treatment on long waiting lists
- All those living in fear because of wars and conflict
- Litton Cheney and all who live and work there including the school
- Recently bereaved families and friends including *Josephine Pearse, Peter Fowler, Chris Legge, Gloria Laver and Robert Langran.*

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## **COLLECTS: NEXT BEFORE LENT** *(for use in services/in 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**

## **Old Testament Reading: Exodus 24: 12-end**

<sup>12</sup> The Lord said to Moses, 'Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.' <sup>13</sup> So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. <sup>14</sup> To the elders he had said, 'Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.'

<sup>15</sup> Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. <sup>16</sup> The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. <sup>17</sup> Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. <sup>18</sup> Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

## **New Testament Reading: 2 Peter 1: 16-end**

<sup>16</sup> For it is written, 'You shall be holy, for I am holy.'

<sup>17</sup> If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. <sup>18</sup> You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, <sup>19</sup> but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. <sup>20</sup> He was destined before the foundation of the world but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. <sup>21</sup> Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

<sup>22</sup> Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. <sup>23</sup> You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God. <sup>24</sup> For 'All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, <sup>25</sup> but the word of the Lord endures for ever.' That word is the good news that was announced to you.

## **Gospel Reading: Matthew 17: 1-9**

### *The Transfiguration*

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. <sup>2</sup> And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. <sup>3</sup> Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. <sup>4</sup> Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' <sup>5</sup> While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!' <sup>6</sup> When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. <sup>7</sup> But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Get up and do not be afraid.' <sup>8</sup> And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

<sup>9</sup> As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, 'Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.'

## **ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE**

The communion service at 11.00 am at Burton Bradstock on **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February** will include ashing. All are welcome.

## **GUITAR CONCERT AT PORTESHAM CHURCH: 21<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY**

Portesham Arts Club will again be hosting the internationally acclaimed classical guitarist, Ian Watt in St Peters Church, Portesham commencing at 7.30pm. Ian last played there in 2023 to a rapturous reception. Described by Classical Guitarist Magazine as "a guitarist of outstanding skill and originality", Ian has performed throughout the world giving solo recitals as well as working with orchestras such as The Scottish Philharmonic, The Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra and The City of London Sinfonia. A few tickets remain (£18): available from Julie Mason ☎01305 871117. The concert is in aid of Portesham School.

## **JOURNEYING THROUGH LENT**

There won't be any study groups led by the ministry team this year but there will be a group at Portesham led by the Methodist Minister, Revd Jane Wilson. Everyone is encouraged to use the Diocese of Salisbury materials: *Journeys and Resting Places for Lent 2026* (which is downloadable) or the Church of England offering: '*Draw Near: Life Giving Habits for Lent*'. It invites us to develop a rhythm of life that will help us to grow as a disciple of Christ day by day as we prepare to celebrate the mystery of God's saving love at Easter. Each week, a different contributor explores and activity central to Christian discipleship: worship, prayer, scripture, communion, service to others and sharing the good news. There are daily Bible readings, images, short reflections, prayers and practical responses to help us draw near to God this Lent and beyond.

## **PALM SUNDAY MORNING**

The United Benefice Service on Palm Sunday (29<sup>th</sup> March) at 10.30 am will take place at Portesham and in two concurrent venues with different start points:

Start in the church: there will be hymns and readings for Palm Sunday

Start at the Green: to meet the donkey and embark on a short Palm Sunday journey stopping for hymns and readings.

Both groups will then join together at the church to continue the service of Holy Communion.

## **PILGRIMAGE OF PEACE – PALM SUNDAY AFTERNOON**

As last year, there will be a Pilgrimage of Peace on Sunday afternoon, 29<sup>th</sup> March, at 2.30 pm starting at St Nicholas' Church at Abbotsbury and walking to St Catherine's Chapel and back. The whole route (approx. 2 miles) is on paths through fields so please wear appropriate clothing and footwear (baby carriers/toddler packs rather than pushchairs). Noting the beauty of creation around us, we can reflect on what we might let go of or change in our lives to know more peace.

## **COMING UP AT OTHONA**

From 26<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> March there is a retreat entitled 'Introduction to the Enneagram'. This is an opportunity to enable participants to understand themselves better in a supportive atmosphere. It is open to non-residential as well as residential participants. The Enneagram is a helpful tool for improving relationships in families, friendships, and organisations. For more information about this retreat and the many others taking place at Othona, check [www.othona.org/west-dorset/programme/upcoming-events/](http://www.othona.org/west-dorset/programme/upcoming-events/)

## **SAVE THE DATE!**

On Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June there will be a very special event at St Martin's Church, Shipton Gorge. Entitled 'An Evening of Opera' it will be an unforgettable evening of fabulous music. There will be pre-show drinks at 6.00 pm in the beautiful surroundings of the churchyard and picnic hampers for the interval can be ordered in advance. Further information will be available shortly.

## REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS

Monday	3.30 pm	Big Q Church at Thorner's School ( <i>term time only</i> )
Tuesday	10.15 am	Life Group at Manafossen Barn, Burton Bradstock
	10.00 am	Friendship Café in Portesham Village Hall
	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	<b>NO</b> Bell ringing practice (Burton Bradstock ☎898603*)
Friday	2.00 pm	Tots' Time: Burton Bradstock ( <i>term time only</i> )
	3.00 pm	Bible Study Group at Portesham Methodist Hall

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

## ADDITIONAL EVENTS THIS WEEK

Tues	17 <sup>th</sup>	1.00 pm	PSWB+ Luch Club in Puncknowle Village Hall
Wed	18 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 am	<b>Ash Wednesday</b> Holy Communion at Burton Bradstock
Fri	20 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 am	Funeral: Christopher Legge at Litton Cheney
		5.30 pm	Come Along Inn at Long Bredy Village Hall
Sat	21 <sup>st</sup>	7.30 pm	Classical Guitar concert at Portesham Church

## 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

21 <sup>st</sup>	Classical Guitar Concert in aid of the school in Portesham Church at 7.30 pm
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Funeral: Robert Langran at Shipton Gorge 2.00 pm
25 <sup>th</sup>	BCP Communion: 11.30 am at Portesham
28 <sup>th</sup>	Curry Night in Portesham Village Hall

### MARCH

1 <sup>st</sup>	United Benefice Bring-and-Share Lunch: 12.30 pm in Burton Bradstock Village Hall
6 <sup>th</sup>	World Day of Prayer: St Mary's Bridport at 10.30 am

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

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