

From Source to Sea

with the churches of the Bride Valley and Chesil

Weekly News: Sunday 16th Nov: Safeguarding Sunday



Welcome!

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

SERVICES TODAY

9.30 am	Burton Bradstock	Café Church
	Litton Cheney	Morning Prayer
	Long Bredy	Morning Worship
10.00 am	Abbotsbury	Morning Praise
	Langton Herring	Family Praise
11.00 am	Portesham	Holy Communion
	Swyre	Holy Communion
4.00 pm	Portesham V. Hall	Community Church

Our ministry team:

Revd Andrew Rawding (Rector)
Revd. Ryder Rogers
LWL Vicky Thomas
LWL Paul Cheater
LWL Diana Ludlow
LWL Jethro Truscott

23rd NOVEMBER: Christ the King

8.00 am	Burton Bradstock	Holy Communion
9.00 am	Portesham	Holy Communion
9.30 am	Burton Bradstock	Family Breakfast*
	<i>*including baptism</i>	
11.00 am	Shipton Gorge	Holy Communion
	Puncknowle	Café Church
4.00 pm	LATCH	Community Church
	Psalm 46	OT: Jeremiah 23: 1-6
	NT: Colossians 1: 11-20	Gospel: Luke 23: 33-43

Occasional visiting clergy:

Revd Janis Moore
Revd Philip Ringer
Revd Prebendary Alastair Wheeler
Revd Edward Tildesley

For our prayers:

We have much to celebrate this week, including:

- The coffee morning at Burton Bradstock on Wednesday hosted by the school and including all the pupils sharing their work with members of the community

We are grateful for:

- Our flower arrangers who ensure our churches are beautiful for worship

For our new Archbishop designate:

- For Rt Rev Sarah Mullally as she prepares to take up the weighty responsibility

Specially in our prayers this week:

- Our Benefice as we pray about the appointment of a new house for duty priest
- Those struggling with health issues and those being looked after in residential homes
- Local businesses who are coping with uncertain times
- Puncknowle and all who live and work there
- Recently bereaved families and friends including those of *Juniper Greener, Ilva Gie, Ina 'Aimee' Burt, Jill Bush and Jennifer Samways*

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COLLECTS: 2nd SUNDAY 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: Malachi 4: 1-2a

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. ² But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

New Testament Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3: 6-13

Warning against Idleness

⁶ Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. ⁷ For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, ⁸ and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labour we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. ⁹ This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. ¹⁰ For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. ¹¹ For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. ¹² Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

Gospel Reading: Luke 21: 5-19

The Destruction of the Temple Foretold

⁵ When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, ⁶ 'As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.'

Signs and Persecutions

⁷ They asked him, 'Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?' ⁸ And he said, 'Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and, "The time is near!" Do not go after them.

⁹ When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.' ¹⁰ Then he said to them, 'Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹ there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

¹² 'But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. ¹³ This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴ So make up your minds not to prepare your defence in advance; ¹⁵ for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶ You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by

relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷ You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸ But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹ By your endurance you will gain your souls.

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY (TODAY)

Today is recognised as 'Safeguarding Sunday' by churches across the UK. The theme this year is 'Action Speaks Louder!' We all have a part to play in defending the rights and caring for people at risk or in need of protection in our churches and communities. Thank you to all PCC members and others who have undertaken safeguarding training, and a special thank you to our safeguarding officer Les Keatley for all his diligence and commitment to safeguarding in our parishes. Older people in our communities can be at risk of abuse, including neglect, financial and physical abuse. If an older person feels they are being abused in some way, they can call the free confidential Hourglass helpline on 0808 808 8141, as recommended by the NHS.

COFFEE MORNING AT PORTESHAM CHURCH (20th NOVEMBER)

There will be a special coffee morning in Portesham church on Thursday 20th November from 10.30am to 12 noon. Children from the School will be helping, and they will be collecting donations for the Christian Aid Christmas Appeal. All are welcome!

HYMNPACT VISIT

As part of the ongoing project and collaboration between Burton Bradstock School, St Mary's Church, and Hymnpact (run by the Royal College of Church Music) Year 6 pupils took part in a recent Hymnpact singing day in Salisbury. Isobel (Year 6) said the day had been 'fun, with different leaders for each of the sessions and 3 new Hymnpact hymns learnt'. She had also enjoyed working on a poster about the song, 'We are the light', which is fast becoming a school favourite. You can listen to 'We are the Light' on the Hymnpact website and find out more. www.rscm.org.uk/learn-with-us/hymnpact/ Hopefully, some of the songs might be used in church soon - and particularly Breakfast Church at Shipton Gorge.

A MESSAGE FROM REVD MARGARET PREUSS HIGHAM

'Thank you to all who contributed to my leaving gifts and came to my party, which was wonderful and the memory of that evening I will treasure. Thank you for your wisdom, friendship, times spent laughing, and your prayers when the going became hard. Every blessing, Margaret.'

ADVENT SUNDAY: 30th NOVEMBER

Please join us for two special services marking the start of Advent:

11.00 am at St Michael and All Angels, Littlebredy: United Benefice Holy Communion

All our churches join together to celebrate Holy Communion on this special day marking the start of the Church's calendar. All are welcome to join in refreshments after the service.

4.00 pm at St Mary's, Litton Cheney: Advent Evensong.

A beautiful and thought-provoking service of readings, music and carols that help us begin the Advent journey as we prepare to celebrate Jesus' birth at Christmas

PILGRIMAGE OF HOPE FOR NEW YEAR

On **Sunday 28th December**, join Reverend Andrew for a **Pilgrimage of Hope for New Year**.

Leaving Burton Bradstock church at 10:30am, this is a walk for all the family (and 4 legged friends on leads) through the village and countryside, returning to church at about 11:30 - 12. Whatever 2025 has been for you, this pilgrimage provides an opportunity to reset in nature with prayers and reflections to help set you up for the New Year. Everyone is welcome!

REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS

Monday	3.30 pm	Big Q Church at LATCH (<i>term time</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	Bell ringing practice (Burton Bradstock ☎898603*)
Friday	2.00 pm	Tots Time: Burton Bradstock (<i>term time</i>)
	3.00 pm	Bible Study Group at Portesham Methodist Hall

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

Mon	17 th	10.00 am	Ministry Team at Othona
		6.00 pm	Burton Bradstock PCC in the church
Tues	18 th	1.00 pm	PSWB+ Lunch Club at Puncknowle Village Hall
Wed	19 th	10.00 am	Julian Group meets at Swyre
Thurs	20 th	10.30 am	Coffee Morning (inc the school) in Portesham Church
Fri	21 st	1.30 pm	Funeral: Ina 'Aimee' Burt at Portesham
		5.30 pm	Come Along Inn at Long Bredy Village Hall
Sat	22 nd	6.30 pm	Pies for Peals (in aid of the bells) @ Shipton Gorge (SOLD OUT)

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

- 24th Bell Maintenance at Shipton Gorge (until 3rd December)
- 24th Benefice Council: 7.00 pm at Puncknowle Village Hall
- 27th Shipton Gorge PCC : 10.00 am at Mason's Cottage
- 30th Shipton Gorge Village Get-Together: 12 noon in the Village Hall
- 30th Baptism: 2.00 pm at Swyre
- 30th Advent Evensong: 4.00 pm at Litton Cheney

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

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

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