

From Source to Sea

with the churches of the Bride Valley and Chesil

Weekly News: 12th April 2026 – 2nd Sunday of Easter



Welcome!

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

SERVICES TODAY

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| 9.30 am | Litton Cheney Puncknowle Shipton Gorge | Morning Worship Holy Communion Breakfast Church |
| 11.00 am | Burton Bradstock Langton Herring | Holy Communion Morning Worship |
| 5.30 pm | Chilcombe | Evensong |

19th April: 3rd Sunday of Easter

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| 9.30 am | Litton Cheney Long Bredy <i>*followed by APCM</i> Burton Bradstock Langton Herring | Morning Prayer Morning Worship* Café Church Holy Communion |
| 10.00 am | Abbotsbury | Morning Worship |
| 11.00 am | Portesham | Holy Communion |
| 6.00 pm | Swyre | Evening Prayer |

Psalm 116: 1-3, 10-end
NT: 1 Peter 1: 17-23

Acts: Acts 2: 14a, 36-41
Gospel: Luke 24: 13-35

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 Deb Smith
LLM Paul Rendell

For our prayers:

We have much to celebrate this week, including:

- That Jesus died, rose from the dead and is alive for ever more!

We are most grateful for:

- Our flower arrangers who have decorated our churches so beautifully for Easter
- Our ministry team and those visiting clergy/LLMs supporting our Benefice by taking services

Specially in our prayers this week:

- Our rector, Andrew, for his continuing recovery
- All those mourning the loss but celebrating the life of Revd Philip Ringer this weekend
- 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 who find each day exhausting, looking for direction and safety
- Those who feel undervalued and taken for granted
- All those living in fear because of wars and conflict
- Kingston Russell and all who live and work there
- Recently bereaved families and friends including *Revd Philip Ringer, Irene Smith and Iris Trevett*

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COLLECTS: 2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER *(for use in services/in private prayer)*

Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred: open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God the Father. Amen

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God our Father, through our Saviour Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life and in baptism have made us one with him: deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in your love, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen

Reading from Acts: Acts 2: 14a, 22-32

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them:

²² 'You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know — ²³ this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. ²⁴ But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. ²⁵ For David says concerning him, "I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; ²⁶ therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover, my flesh will live in hope. ²⁷ For you will not abandon my soul to Hades or let your Holy One experience corruption. ²⁸ You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence."

²⁹ 'Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰ Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne.

³¹ Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, "He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption."

³² This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

New Testament Reading: 1 Peter 1: 3-9

A Living Hope

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶ In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷ so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸ Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, ⁹ for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Gospel Reading: John 20: 19-end

Jesus Appears to the Disciples

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the

disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.'²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

Jesus and Thomas

²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.'²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.'²⁸ Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' ²⁹ Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

The Purpose of This Book

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

FUNERAL OF REVD PHILIP RINGER

Philip's funeral takes place at St Mary's, Bridport, on **Saturday 11th April at 3.00 pm**. Our prayers are with his family, friends and all those in the community whose lives were touched by his ministry.

GENERAL SYNOD BACKS SUSTAINABLE CHURCH FLOWERS MOTION

At February's General Synod, a Diocesan Synod Motion from the Diocese of Worcester was backed, which encouraged churches and cathedrals to explore ways of arranging flowers that are both beautiful and environmentally responsible. The grassroots *Sustainable Church Flowers movement* started in the small rural parish of Harpley in Worcestershire. The motion does not introduce any rules or bans. Instead, it encourages churches, wherever possible, to consider using seasonal, locally sourced flowers and foliage, and to phase out single-use floral foam - a 1950s-era plastic product which cannot be recycled or composted, sheds micro-particles when handled, and contains the equivalent of up to ten carrier bags' worth of plastic per block. The Royal Horticultural Society has already prohibited floral foam at its shows, including Chelsea, since 2021.

The motion highlights long-established alternatives such as reusable vessels, twigs, moss, chicken wire, and metal "frogs", which for centuries enabled churches to create arrangements without single-use plastics. It also celebrates the creativity of volunteers and the opportunity to support local growers and community gardens.

DAWN CHORUS AND BREAKFAST MORNING AT OTHONA

This special event starts at 4.30 am on Tuesday 14th April! After the initial glory of the dawn chorus, Dominic Couzens, a renowned wildlife author and broadcaster, will lead a short walk in the direction of the beach, where participants can expect different species of birds. Depending on the weather, there may also be evidence to share about whatever mammals and moths have visited Othona overnight.

Please be prepared to keep warm outdoors as standing listening in the early morning can be quite chilly. Waterproof footwear is advised for the walk towards the beach. And then all will share a community cooked breakfast - with a 'woodland liturgy' by way of Grace - all finishing by 9.00.

Booking is essential and the cost is £25 on arrival or £80 in advance to include an overnight stay, supper, bed and breakfast.

Further details are available on the Othona website.

REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS

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| 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 | 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

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| Mon | 13 th | 10.00 am | Ministry Team at Othona |
| Fri | 17 th | 2.00 pm | Burial of Ashes: Adrian Wood & Phil Shebasta at B Bradstock |
| Sun | 19 th | 12 noon | Portesham APCM after the morning service |

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

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| 20 th | Shipton Gorge APCM: 7.00 pm in the church |
| 21 st | PSWB+ Lunch Club: 1.00 pm in Puncknowle Village Hall |
| 27 th | Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Irene Smith: 3.30 pm at Burton Bradstock |
| 29 th | Burial of Ashes: Irene Smith at Burton Bradstock |
| 30 th | Midweek BCP Communion and light lunch: 11.30 am at Portesham (NB Thursday) |

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| 3 rd | Benefice Shared Lunch: 12.30 pm at Burton Bradstock Village Hall |
| 9 th | Plant Sale: 10.30 am at The Knoll, Rodden Road, Langton Herring |
| 9 th | Plant Sale: 10.30 am at Manor Farm Yard, Long Bredy |

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

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