

# From Source to Sea

with the churches of the Bride Valley and Chesil

Weekly News: 31<sup>st</sup> May 2026 – Trinity Sunday



## Welcome!

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

## SERVICE TODAY

9.00 am **Swyre**

United Benefice Service of Holy Communion

12 noon

Join a church and community picnic in the rectory garden\* in Burton Bradstock

\*Village Hall if wet

## Our ministry team:

*Revd Andrew Rawding (Rector)*

*Revd. Ryder Rogers*

*LWL Vicky Thomas*

*LWL Paul Cheater*

*LWL Diana Ludlow*

## Occasional visiting clergy:

*Revd Edward Tildesley*

*LLM Paul Rendell*

*Revd Canon John Wood*

## 7th June: Trinity 1

9.00 am

**Langton Herring**

BCP Matins

9.30 am

**Swyre**

Holy Communion

11.00 am

**Burton Bradstock**

Morning Worship

**Long Bredy**

Holy Communion

**Abbotsbury**

Holy Communion

6.00 pm

**Litton Cheney**

Evensong

Psalm: 33: 1-12

OT: Genesis 12: 1-9

NT: Romans 4: 13-25

Gospel: Matthew 9: 9-13, 18-26

## For our prayers:

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

- Visits from families, friends and holidaymakers enjoying our beautiful countryside

### We are most grateful for:

- Our musicians who support worship in our churches week by week
- Our ministry team and those visiting clergy/LLMs supporting our Benefice by taking services

### Specially in our prayers this week:

- Our Benefice as we pray about the advertisement and appointment of a new house for duty priest
- Those who feel undervalued and taken for granted
- All who struggle with the daily grind of commuting to and from work
- All those living in fear because of wars and conflict
- Swyre and all who live and work there
- Recently bereaved families and friends including *Sheila Fry, Donald Beardshall, Peter Larcombe, Ann Corby (Sue Lang's mother), and Jean Swaffield.*

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## **COLLECTS: TRINITY SUNDAY** *(for use in services/in private prayer)*

**Almighty and everlasting God, you have given us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity: keep us steadfast in this faith, that we may evermore be defended from all adversities; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen**

**Holy God, faithful and unchanging: enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love, that we may truly worship you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen**

### *Post Communion Prayer*

**Almighty and eternal God, you have revealed yourself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and live and reign in the perfect unity of love: hold us firm in this faith, that we may know you in all your ways and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory, who are three Persons yet one God, now and for ever. Amen**

## **Reading from Acts: Isaiah 40: 12-17, 27-end**

Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand and marked off the heavens with a span, enclosed the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales and the hills in a balance? <sup>13</sup> Who has directed the spirit of the Lord, or as his counsellor has instructed him? <sup>14</sup> Whom did he consult for his enlightenment, and who taught him the path of justice? Who taught him knowledge, and showed him the way of understanding? <sup>15</sup> Even the nations are like a drop from a bucket and are accounted as dust on the scales; see, he takes up the isles like fine dust. <sup>16</sup> Lebanon would not provide fuel enough, nor are its animals enough for a burnt offering. <sup>17</sup> All the nations are as nothing before him; they are accounted by him as less than nothing and emptiness.

<sup>27</sup> Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, 'My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God'? <sup>28</sup> Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. <sup>29</sup> He gives power to the faint and strengthens the powerless.

<sup>30</sup> Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; <sup>31</sup> but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

## **New Testament Reading: 2 Corinthians 13: 11-end**

### *Final Greetings and Benediction*

<sup>11</sup> Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. <sup>12</sup> Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

<sup>13</sup> The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

## **Gospel Reading: Matthew 28: 16-end**

### *The Commissioning of the Disciples*

<sup>16</sup> Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them.

<sup>17</sup> When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. <sup>18</sup> And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

## **UNITED BENEFICE SERVICE AND PICNIC: TRINITY SUNDAY**

Today's United Service of Holy Communion will take place at Holy Trinity Church, Swyre at **9.00 am**. There will then be a picnic lunch **from 12 noon** in the Rectory Gardens at Burton Bradstock. Bring your own food and seating and relax with friends in the community. (If the weather is poor, we'll use the Village Hall). All are welcome!

## **LOVE YOUR BURIAL GROUND WEEK: 6-14 JUNE**

The *Love your Burial Ground* website has many ideas of what churches could do and also details about how to record nature in each churchyard which could be useful. Several of our churches are managing for wildlife - Long Bredy, Langton Herring, Swyre and Shipton Gorge particularly have recently been thinking about this. Please consider registering and using the extensive resources available.

## **PILGRIMAGES**

Recently, at St Mary's Church, Puncknowle, pilgrims from Thorner's CE Primary School each received a 'Pilgrim Passport', produced in conjunction with the British Pilgrimage Trust, and were excited to collect their first ever stamp in their passports. The stamp was created specifically for Puncknowle by Francesca Dewhurst who is busily working on our Pilgrimage Project. The Y5/Y6 children of 'Eggardon' class were excited to see if they could find the unique features of the church Francesca had incorporated in the stamp. After getting their stamps and exploring the church, the pilgrims all sang 'Seek ye first the Kingdom of God' and joined in 'A Pilgrim's Prayer'.

In time, as we develop our Pilgrimage Project, we hope to have stamps for every church in the Benefice and routes that link them all, including some other spiritual places along the way. We have Pilgrim Passports for each of the classes of oldest children in our three primary schools and plan to lead more pilgrimage walks going forward.

## **AN EVENING OF OPERA AT ST MARTIN'S, SHIPTON GORGE**

Less than 15 tickets remain for 'An Evening of Opera' to be held at St Martin's Church, Shipton Gorge on June 13<sup>th</sup>. Further information and tickets are available from Ian Bloomfield (☎07771541650) or email [eventsatstmartins@gmail.com](mailto:eventsatstmartins@gmail.com) **STOP PRESS: SOLD OUT**

## **MIDWEEK HOLY COMMUNION IN JUNE**

For June only, Midweek Holy Communion at Burton Bradstock will be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday, which is 10<sup>th</sup> June. The service at Portesham will also be a week later than usual: 2<sup>nd</sup> July.

## **FROM THE BENEFICE COUNCIL**

Shaping the advertisement for a *House for Duty Associate Priest* is now underway. Updating the Benefice Profile from January 2024 requires considerable effort in re-wording and changing other content to make it more relevant to 2026. Archdeacon Penny has indicated that the earliest an interview could take place is in the autumn.

Volunteers are being sought to help the *Bride Valley News* continue in production and distribution. Many of the existing team have been working hard for many years and would like to step back. The Council is therefore seeking a volunteer to take over the *BVN Valley Distribution Network* (organising the collection from the central delivery point to the various villages in the Bride Valley). Additionally, an *assistant Advertising Manager* is being sought with a view to taking on this role in future. If you are able to help with either of these tasks, please contact Bryan Brown, the editor at [bvnburton@gmail.com](mailto:bvnburton@gmail.com). Without new volunteers we might lose the BVN.

## REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS

Tuesday	10.00 am	Friendship Café in Portesham Village Hall
	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	<b>NO</b> Tots' Time: Burton Bradstock ( <i>restarts 12 June</i> )
	3.00 pm	Bible Study Group at Portesham Methodist Hall

\* Please phone to check if practice is taking place

## ADDITIONAL EVENTS THIS WEEK

to Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> June: Dorset Arts Weeks exhibition: St Mary's Burton Bradstock

Sun	31 <sup>st</sup>	5.30 pm	APCM at Langton Herring
Sat	6 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Community Choir Coffee Concert: Langton Herring V Hall
Sun	7 <sup>th</sup>	12 noon	Burial of Ashes: Sue Wood at Abbotsbury after the 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

8 <sup>th</sup>	Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Sheila Fry: 2.00 pm at Burton Bradstock
10 <sup>th</sup>	Midweek Communion and Light Lunch: 11.30 am at Burton Bradstock
13 <sup>th</sup>	Wedding of Jessica Mayne and Will Ackerman: 1.00 pm at Shipton Gorge
13 <sup>th</sup>	Evening of Opera at Shipton Gorge
14 <sup>th</sup>	Baptisms: 12.30 pm: Ottillie Crisp at BB; 3.00 pm: Phoebe Hurley at Shipton Gorge
21 <sup>st</sup>	Langbride gardens open at Long Bredy – profits from teas to church funds
29 <sup>th</sup>	St Peter's Day Pilgrimage at Long Bredy
30 <sup>th</sup>	Litton Cheney PCC: 9.30 am at Steddings

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

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