

From Source to Sea

with the churches of the Bride Valley and Chesil

Weekly News: 25th October 2026 – Bible Sunday



Welcome!

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

SERVICES TODAY (*NB Clocks Change*)

8.00 am	Burton Bradstock	Holy Communion
9.30 am	Burton Bradstock	Family Breakfast
11.00 am	Littlebredy	Holy Communion
	Shipton Gorge	Holy Communion
	Puncknowle	Café Church
3.00 pm	Corton	Harvest Festival
6.00 pm	Langton Herring	Outdoor Service

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

Revd Canon John Wood

Revd Carole Peters-King

LLM Paul Rendell

1st November: All Saints Day

9.00 am	Langton Herring	BCP Communion
9.30 am	Litton Cheney	Holy Communion
11.00 am	Long Bredy	Holy Communion
	Abbotsbury	Holy Communion
	Swyre	Holy Communion
	Burton Bradstock	Morning Worship*

**followed by a Benefice Shared Lunch in the Village Hall*

3.00 pm	Burton Bradstock	Memorial Service
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Psalm: 34: 1-10

NT: 1 John 3: 1-3

OT: Revelation 7: 9-end

Gospel: Matthew 5: 1-12

For our prayers:

We have much to celebrate this week, including:

- The start of our first Alpha Course at LATCH

We are most grateful for:

- Our technical helpers who enhance our worship with modern technology
- Our ministry team and those visiting clergy/LLMs supporting our Benefice

Specialty in our prayers this week:

- Our Benefice as we pray about the advertisement and appointment of a new house for duty priest, *advertised on the Diocesan website*
- Those anxious or fearful living in situations of natural or man-made disasters or war
- Those taking part in Alpha this autumn
- Those fearing the cold and the cost of heating during the winter
- Those who find life an uphill struggle and heed help to survive each day
- Long Bredy and all who live and work there
- Recently bereaved families and friends especially those of *Jenny Malyon and Penny Pither*

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

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Merciful God, teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty, that trusting in your word and obeying your will we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Post Communion Prayer

God of all grace, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. Amen

Old Testament Reading: Nehemiah 8: 1-4, 5-6, 8-12

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. ² Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. ³ He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. ⁴ The scribe Ezra stood on a wooden platform that had been made for the purpose. ⁵ And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. ⁶ Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, 'Amen, Amen', lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshipped the Lord with their faces to the ground. ⁸ So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. ⁹ And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, 'This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep.' For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. ¹⁰ Then he said to them, 'Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.' ¹¹ So the Levites stilled all the people, saying, 'Be quiet, for this day is holy; do not be grieved.' ¹² And all the people went their way to eat and drink and to send portions and to make great rejoicing, because they had understood the words that were declared to them.

New Testament Reading: Colossians 3: 12-17

¹² As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. ¹³ Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴ Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 24: 30-35

³⁰ Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will

mourn, and they will see "the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven" with power and great glory. ³¹ And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

³² 'From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. ³³ So also, when you see all these things, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁴ Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. ³⁵ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR HOUSE FOR DUTY PRIEST AT PORTESHAM

Please let anyone know that might be interested and pray that God will work to provide someone for the task. <https://salisbury.anglican.org/job-vacancies/clergy-vacancies/>

SOFT PLAY AREA AT BURTON BRADSTOCK

The soft play at St Mary's, Burton Bradstock is having an official opening ceremony on **Monday 26th October** from 10.00 am to 12 noon. This is to celebrate the completion of the project and thank those who have given generously towards it. The soft play area is open for use now. Parents are expected to supervise their children.

ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE

We shall be remembering our loved ones who have died and lighting a candle in their memory at a simple service of prayer and reflection next **Sunday, 1st November, at 3pm**, at St Mary's, Burton Bradstock. We invite you, your family and friends to join us. If you are unable to join us but wish your loved one's name to be read out at the service, please contact Helen, our Admin, and we will add the name and any message to our memory tree.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS IN THE BRIDE VALLEY NEWS

It seems unbelievable to be writing notices about Christmas already but the deadline of **Monday 9th November** for those who would like to put greetings in the Bride Valley News (perhaps instead of sending several Christmas cards) will soon be upon us. This year the donations will be split between the BVN and the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance. Details of how to submit greetings and payments can be found on p6 of the October BVN (www.bvn.org.uk) and Liz Orza will be delighted to receive your requests as soon as possible.

REMEMBER OUR PLANET CONCERT: 6th November at 7.30 pm

Music from the land of 1000 rhythms with Emily Andrews (mezzo/flute) and Francisco Correa (guitar). Tickets £15 (under 12s: free and will include a free book on butterflies by Professor Philip Howse) on the door or at <https://eventbrite.co.uk/e/2002094641969>. Join lovers of planet earth for a concert of beautiful songs and virtuosic and melodic instrumental pieces from Francisco's native Colombia. Proceeds will be for Dorset Wildlife Trust and St Nicholas Church.

HEART RESPONSE SHOEBOX APPEAL

Tish from Heart Response attended the recent Breakfast Church at Shipton Gorge and shared the organisation's Shoebox Appeal information for 2026. This supports disadvantaged and marginalised children and teenagers in Romania by sending a shoebox of gifts. Admin Helen will be delivering boxes to Tish, so if you would like to join in, please have a look at the Heart Response website for all the details. If filling a box is too much for you, why not join together with a couple of other people or drop off a donation in the community collection point in Shipton Gorge church (by the **2nd November please**). Boxes to Helen by 7th November or deliver them to the places listed on the website. www.heart-response.org.uk/shoebox-appeal

THANKSGIVING SERVICE FOR JENNY MALYON: 9th November 2.00 pm

Jenny's family anticipate a large attendance at the service at Burton Bradstock and would like to know numbers to help their planning of the arrangements. If you are planning to attend the service and/or refreshments afterwards, please let Sue Moores (☎01308 897673) or Julian Piper (pipers.14@btinternet.com) know as soon as possible.

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 (<i>term time</i>)
	3.00 pm	Bible Study Group at Portesham Methodist Hall

* Please phone to check if practice is taking place

ADDITIONAL EVENTS THIS WEEK

Mon	26 th	10.00 am	Opening of the Soft Play area at Burton Bradstock church
Thurs	29 th	11.30 am	NO midweek communion at Portesham
		7.00 pm	Alpha Course at LATCH

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

NOVEMBER

2 nd	Ministry team: 10.00 am at Othona
3 rd	Litton Cheney PCC: 9.30 am at Steddings
4 th	Midweek Communion and Light Lunch: 11.30 am at Burton Bradstock
5 th	Alpha Course: 7.00 pm at Burton Bradstock church
6 th	'Help our Planet' concert: 7.30 pm at Abbotsbury
7 th	British Legion Poppy Appeal Coffee Break: 10.00 am at Long Bredy Village Hall
7 th	Craft and Coffee Morning: 10.30 am at Langton Herring Village Hall
11 th	Coffee Stop: 10.00 am in Burton Bradstock Village Hall (hosted by the school)
12 th	Burton Coffee Mates: 10.30 am in the church
12 th	Alpha Course: 7.00 pm at LATCH
17 th	PSWB+ Lunch Club: 1.00 pm in Puncknowle Village Hall

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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