

# From Source to Sea

## with the churches of the Bride Valley and Chesil

### Weekly News: Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December Advent 2 Sunday



#### Welcome!

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



#### SERVICES TODAY

9.00 am	<b>Langton Herring</b>	BCP Communion
9.30 am	<b>Litton Cheney</b>	Holy Communion
11.00 am	<b>Burton Bradstock</b>	Morning Worship
	<b>Long Bredy</b>	Holy Communion
	<b>Abbotsbury</b>	Holy Communion
3.00 pm	<b>Swyre</b>	Evening Prayer
5.00 pm	<b>Puncknowle</b>	Carol Service

#### Our ministry team:

*Revd Andrew Rawding (Rector)*

*Revd. Ryder Rogers*

*LWL Vicky Thomas*

*LWL Paul Cheater*

*LWL Diana Ludlow*

*LWL Jethro Truscott*

#### Occasional visiting clergy:

*Revd Janis Moore*

*Revd Philip Ringer*

*Revd Alida Whitlock*

#### 14<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER: Advent 3 Sunday

9.30 am	<b>Litton Cheney</b>	Morning Worship
	<b>Shipton Gorge</b>	Breakfast Church
	<b>Puncknowle</b>	Holy Communion
10.00 am	<b>Portesham</b>	Family Praise
11.00 am	<b>Langton Herring</b>	Holy Communion
4.00 pm	<b>Abbotsbury</b>	Carol Service
6.30 pm	<b>Burton Bradstock</b>	Carol Service

Psalm 146: 4-10

NT: James 5: 7-10

OT: Isaiah 35: 1-10

Gospel: Matthew 11: 2-11

#### For our prayers:

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

- The start of Advent and many activities in our villages reminding our communities of the birth of Jesus

##### We are grateful for:

- Our sacristans who prepare our churches for Holy Communion

##### For our new Archbishop designate:

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

##### Specialy in our prayers this week:

- 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 fearing the cold and the cost of heating during the winter
- Those who find each day exhausting, looking for direction and safety
- Portesham and all who live and work there including the school
- Recently bereaved families and friends including those of *Jill Bush, Jennifer Samways, Bill Halford and Karen Loxton.*

## **COLLECTS: ADVENT 2 SUNDAY** *(for use in services/in private prayer)*

**O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen**

**Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds, that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God. Amen**

### *Post Communion Prayer*

**Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

### *Prayer at the Advent Candle*

**Lord Jesus, light of the world, the prophets said you would bring peace and save your people in trouble. Give peace in our hearts at Christmas and show all the world God's love. Amen.**

## **Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 11: 1-10**

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots.<sup>2</sup> The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. <sup>3</sup> His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see or decide by what his ears hear; <sup>4</sup> but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. <sup>5</sup> Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

<sup>6</sup> The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. <sup>7</sup> The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. <sup>8</sup> The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

<sup>9</sup> They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. <sup>10</sup> On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

## **New Testament Reading: Romans 15: 4-13**

<sup>4</sup> For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. <sup>5</sup> May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

### *The Gospel for Jews and Gentiles Alike*

<sup>7</sup> Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. <sup>8</sup> For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, <sup>9</sup> and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, 'Therefore I will confess<sup>l</sup> you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name';<sup>10</sup> and again he says, 'Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people'; <sup>11</sup> and again, 'Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him'; <sup>12</sup> and again Isaiah says, 'The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope.'<sup>13</sup> May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

## **Gospel Reading: Matthew 3: 1-12**

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, <sup>2</sup> 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.'<sup>3</sup> This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke

when he said, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."' <sup>4</sup> Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. <sup>5</sup> Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, <sup>6</sup> and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

<sup>7</sup> But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup> Bear fruit worthy of repentance. <sup>9</sup> Do not presume to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. <sup>10</sup> Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. <sup>11</sup> I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>12</sup> His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

### **FROM ST PETER'S CHURCH, LONG BREDY**

A magnificent sum of £730 was raised for St Peter's at the café breakfast and tabletop sale. Huge thanks to all those who helped and supported in any way making it an excellent event enjoyed by all. The church is having a 'Festival of Animals' this Christmas to celebrate the Nativity. People are welcome to make a small Animal to decorate the Church with whatever materials are available. There will be some suggestions on the craft table in the church that everyone is welcome to use e.g. making a donkey or sheep. Why not catch up with the Grumpy Owl who lived in the stable and saw the Nativity! Then come to the 'Live Nativity' on **Sunday, 21st December** (9.30 for 10.00 am). Meet the Holy Family and some of the Animals.

### **FROM ST MARTIN'S, SHIPTON GORGE**

The 'Pies for Peals' night was a great success in raising over £1500 for the maintenance and repair of the bells at St Martin's, Shipton Gorge. Thanks to all those who attended and to Tracey for the wonderful pies!

### **CHRISTMAS GREETINGS IN THE BRIDE VALLEY NEWS**

Thanks to all those who posted Christmas Greetings in the December Bride Valley News. The BVN and the Three Ells Trust will each receive £638.50 as a result of your donations.

### **CHANGING ARRANGEMENTS FOR HOLY COMMUNION SERVICES**

Responding to the need to provide services of Holy Communion at different times to accommodate the reduction in clergy in the Benefice, Portesham's BCP Communion will take place at 11.30 am on the Wednesday after the fourth Sunday each month, the first of which will take place on **28<sup>th</sup> January 2026 at 11.30 am**.

### **VISITS TO SCHOOLS AND WORK WITH CHILDREN**

Revd Andrew is pleased to be regularly visiting all the schools in our Benefice to take assemblies. Linking with children and families by holding services continues especially as Christmas approaches.

### **IMPORTANT – WE MUST RESPOND TO DISCLOSURES OF ABUSE – HERE IS HOW:**

If you, or anyone you know in our parishes, is a victim or survivor of abuse related to anyone connected to our churches, even if it was forty years ago or longer, then you or they should contact the Diocese of Salisbury Safeguarding Team directly.

By email: [safeguarding@salisbury.anglican.org](mailto:safeguarding@salisbury.anglican.org) or by phone: 01722 438651 and press option 2. If out of hours (5pm Friday to 10pm Sunday), contact thirtyone:eight on 0303 0031111.

**If someone is at immediate risk of harm, please call 999 in an emergency.**

No one in our parishes must ever feel that abuse has been 'hushed up' or that they will not be believed, or that they will be blamed and shamed and left even more isolated. Disclosing abuse takes enormous courage. Often people feel safer with anonymity, but Diocesan Safeguarding staff and the police cannot act to get justice without people coming forward to them.

## REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS

Monday	3.30 pm	Big Q Church at Thorner's School ( <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	<b>NO</b> 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>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

Sun	7 <sup>th</sup>	2.30 pm	Village Tea before the carol service: Puncknowle Village Hall
Mon	8 <sup>th</sup>	1.30 pm	Funeral: Jill Bush at St John's Weymouth*
			<i>*followed by burial at Langton Herring (2.45 pm)</i>
Tues	9 <sup>th</sup>	1.00 pm	PSWB+ Lunch Club in Puncknowle Village Hall
Wed	10 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Coffee Stop in Burton Bradstock Village Hall (host: the church)
		11.00 am	Funeral: Jennifer Samways at Langton Herring
Thurs	11 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Burton Coffee Mates in the Church
		1.45 pm	WI Carol Service at Burton Bradstock
		5.00 pm	Mummers' Play in the church at Shipton Gorge
Fri	12 <sup>th</sup>	6.30 pm	Carol Service at Langton Herring

## 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

15 <sup>th</sup>	Ministry Team: 10.00 am at Othona
	Carols around the Village: 5.30 pm from the church at Burton Bradstock
16 <sup>th</sup>	Burton Bradstock School Carols in the church at 2.00 pm and 5.00 pm
	Thorner's Carols by candlelight: 4.00 pm in Litton Cheney church

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

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