

# From Source to Sea

with the churches of the Bride Valley and Chesil

Weekly News: 10<sup>th</sup> May 2026 – Rogation Sunday



## Welcome!

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

## SERVICES TODAY

9.30 am	<b>Litton Cheney</b>	Morning Worship
	<b>Puncknowle</b>	Holy Communion
	<b>Shipton Gorge</b>	Breakfast Church
10.00 am	<b>Portesham</b>	Morning Worship
11.00 am	<b>Burton Bradstock</b>	Holy Communion
	<b>LangtonHerring</b>	Morning Worship
5.30 pm	<b>Chilcombe</b>	Evensong

## 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 Deb Smith*

*LLM Paul Rendell*

*Revd Canon John Wood*

## 17<sup>th</sup> May: 7<sup>th</sup> of Easter/Bell Sunday

9.30 am	<b>Burton Bradstock</b>	Café Church
9.30 am	<b>Langton Herring</b>	Holy Communion
9.30 am	<b>Long Bredy</b>	Morning Worship
10.00am	<b>Abbotsbury</b>	Morning Worship
11.00 am	<b>Portesham</b>	Holy Communion

6.00pm	<b>Litton Cheney</b>	Evensong
6.00pm	<b>Swyre</b>	Evening Prayer

Psalm: 68: 1-10

Acts: Acts 1: 6-14

NT: 1 Peter 4: 12-14, 5: 6-11 Gospel: John 17: 1-11

## For our prayers:

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

- The natural beauty of all our churchyards providing places of sanctuary and quietness

### We are most grateful for:

- Our bell ringers who practise and call our communities to worship each 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 appointment of a new house for duty priest and the organisation of the service plan affecting all our churches
- Those struggling with health issues and those being looked after in residential homes
- Those suffering from dementia and those caring for them
- All those living in fear because of wars and conflict
- Long Bredy and all who live and work there
- Recently bereaved families and friends including *Irene Smith, Geoff Spicer and Jean Swaffield.*

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## **COLLECTS: 6<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER** *(for use in services/in private prayer)*

**God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; 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**

### **COLLECT FOR ROGATION SUNDAY**

**O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen**

### *Post Communion Prayer*

**God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life: may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness, through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. Amen**

### **Reading from Acts: Acts 17: 22-31**

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, 'Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. <sup>23</sup> For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, "To an unknown god." What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. <sup>24</sup> The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, <sup>25</sup> nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. <sup>26</sup> From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, <sup>27</sup> so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. <sup>28</sup> For "In him we live and move and have our being"; as even some of your own poets have said, "For we too are his offspring."<sup>29</sup> Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. <sup>30</sup> While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup> because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.'

### **New Testament Reading: 1 Peter 3: 13-end**

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? <sup>14</sup> But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, <sup>15</sup> but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an account of the hope that is in you; <sup>16</sup> yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. <sup>17</sup> For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. <sup>18</sup> For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup> in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup> who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. <sup>21</sup> And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup> who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

## **Gospel Reading: John 14: 15-21**

### *The Promise of the Holy Spirit*

<sup>15</sup> 'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup> And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. <sup>17</sup> This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

<sup>18</sup> 'I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. <sup>19</sup> In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup> On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup> They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.'

## **CHURCHES COUNT ON NATURE**

Love your Burial Ground Week is a celebratory week which has been running for many years. Caring for God's Acre has been encouraging all who help to look after churchyards, chapel yards and cemeteries to celebrate these fantastic places in the lovely month of June – in any way you choose. There are often history talks, picnics, volunteering work parties and even abseiling teddy bears!

*Love your Burial Ground* registration is now open - the website has many ideas of what churches could do and also details about how to record nature in your 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.

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

The May (5<sup>th</sup> Sunday) United Service of Holy Communion will take place at Holy Trinity Church, Swyre at 9.00 am on **Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May**.

## **BENEFICE PICNIC**

On **Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May**, there will be a picnic 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!

## **THE ANGELS OF THE NORTH**

Join us at St Bartholomew's Chapel, Corton, (DT3 4EP) on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May at 6.30 pm for an evening of singing to raise funds for the chapel. Drinks and nibbles will be served afterwards in the studio and there will be art by Holly and Liz for Dorset Arts Weeks. £10 minimum donation. Further information from [robert.lassteter@icloud.com](mailto:robert.lassteter@icloud.com)

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

Less than 20 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)

## **CHURCH BUILDINGS TEAM DROP IN DAY 20<sup>th</sup> May**

For anyone with questions about caring for buildings or in need of information about the faculty process, there is a drop in day at Shillingstone Church Centre, starting at 1000 until 1600. Invited along will also be the decarbonisation officer and members of the Climate Action Group. Find out more on the Diocese of Salisbury Learning Hub.

## **MIDWEEK HOLY COMMUNION AT BURTON BRADSTOCK IN JUNE**

For June only, Midweek Holy Communion will be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday, which is 10<sup>th</sup> June.

## REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS

Monday	3.30 pm	Big Q Church at Thorner's School ( <i>term time only</i> )
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)
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

Tues	12 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Burial of Ashes Clare Viney at Burton Bradstock
Wed	13 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Coffee Stop in Burton Bradstock Village Hall
Thurs	14 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Burton Coffee Mates in the church
		2.30pm	Funeral of Geoff Spicer at Abbotsbury

## 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

17 <sup>th</sup>	Bell Sunday
18 <sup>th</sup>	Benefice Council: 7.00 pm at Puncknowle Village Hall
22 <sup>nd</sup>	11.30am Funeral of Jean Swaffield at Portesham
22 <sup>nd</sup>	2pm Burial of Ashes at Shipton Gorge for Alan Hawksworth, Susanne Hawksworth and Timothy Hawksworth
27 <sup>th</sup>	BCP Communion and light lunch: 11.30 am at Portesham
29 <sup>th</sup>	The Angels of the North concert: 6.30 pm at Corton Chapel

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

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