

From Source to Sea

with the churches of the Bride Valley and Chesil

Weekly News: 29th March 2026 – Palm Sunday



Welcome!

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

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

SERVICES TODAY

10.30 am **Portesham** Holy Communion*
**meet at the church or meet at the green (with the donkey) for hymns and readings leading to the church for Holy Communion together*

2.30 pm **Abbotsbury** Pilgrimage of Peace[‡]
‡meet at the church and walk up to St Catherine's Chapel and back with readings and songs about peace.

5th April: Easter Sunday

6.00 am **Hive Beach** Holy Communion

9.00 am **Langton Herring** Holy Communion*

9.30 am **Litton Cheney** Easter Worship

Long Bredy Holy Communion

Burton Bradstock Holy Communion

10.00 am **Portesham** Morning Worship

11.00 am **Swyre** Holy Communion

Shipton Gorge Holy Communion

Abbotsbury Holy Communion*

**by extension*

Psalm 118: 14-24

NT: Acts 10: 34-43

OT: Jeremiah 31: 1-6

Gospel: Matthew 28:1-10

For our prayers:

We have much to celebrate this week, including:

- The lovely countryside that surrounds us and which lends itself to 'pilgrimage' as we reflect on God's goodness and love

We are most grateful for:

- Our church wardens who take on a considerable number of different responsibilities for our churches
- Those visiting clergy/LLMs taking services whilst Andrew continues to recover

Specially in our prayers this week:

- Our rector, Andrew, for his continuing recovery
- Christine Ringer and all those across the area mourning the death of Revd Philip Ringer
- 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
- All those coping with illness and a new diagnosis
- All those living in fear because of wars and conflict
- Our whole Benefice and all who live and work there
- Recently bereaved families and friends including *Revd Philip Ringer, Irene Smith, Robert Langran and Clare Viney*

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

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; 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

True and humble king, hailed by the crowd as Messiah: grant us the faith to know you and love you, that we may be found beside you on the way of the cross, which is the path of glory. Amen

Post Communion Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant, and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation: give us the mind to follow you and to proclaim you as Lord and King, to the glory of God the Father. Amen

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 50: 4-9a

New Testament Reading: Philippians 2: 5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷ but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸ he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Reading: (Matthew 26:14-27:66) Matthew 27: 11-54

Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' Jesus said, 'You say so.'¹² But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer.¹³ Then Pilate said to him, 'Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?'¹⁴ But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.¹⁵ Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted.¹⁶ At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas.¹⁷ So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, 'Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?'¹⁸ For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over.¹⁹ While he was sitting on the judgement seat, his wife sent word to him, 'Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him.'²⁰ Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed.²¹ The governor again said to them, 'Which of the two do you want me to release for you?' And they said, 'Barabbas.'²² Pilate said to them, 'Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?'⁽¹⁾ All of them said, 'Let him be crucified!'²³ Then he asked, 'Why, what evil has he done?' But they shouted all the more, 'Let him be crucified!'²⁴ So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, 'I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves.'²⁵ Then the people as a whole answered, 'His blood be on us and on our children!'²⁶ So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.²⁷ Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him.²⁸ They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him,²⁹ and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying, 'Hail, King of the Jews!'³⁰ They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head.³¹ After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.³² As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross.³³ And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull),

³⁴they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. ³⁵ And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; ³⁶ then they sat down there and kept watch over him. ³⁷ Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, 'This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.'

³⁸ Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁹ Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads ⁴⁰ and saying, 'You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.' ⁴¹ In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying, ⁴² 'He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. ⁴³ He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, "I am God's Son."'" ⁴⁴ The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.

⁴⁵ From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. ⁴⁶ And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, 'Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?' that is, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?' ⁴⁷ When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, 'This man is calling for Elijah.' ⁴⁸ At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. ⁴⁹ But the others said, 'Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.' ⁵⁰ Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. ⁵¹ At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. ⁵² The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. ⁵³ After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. ⁵⁴ Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, 'Truly this man was God's Son!'

PILGRIMAGE OF PEACE – THIS AFTERNOON

The whole route (approx. 2 miles) is on paths through fields so please wear appropriate clothing and footwear (baby carriers/toddler packs rather than pushchairs). Noting the beauty of creation around us, we can reflect on what we might let go of or change in our lives to know more peace.

JOURNEYING THROUGH HOLY WEEK:

EASTER REFLECTIONS THROUGH MUSIC

Paul Cheater, organist, will lead a spiritual journey to the Cross through organ music and silent prayer at St Mary's Church, Litton Cheney on **Tuesday** 31st March at 6.00 pm. All are welcome.

MAUNDY THURSDAY HOLY COMMUNION SERVICES

There will be special services of Holy Communion on **Maudy Thursday** (2nd April) at Portesham at 5.00 pm and at Burton Bradstock at 7.00 pm.

GOOD FRIDAY LITANY AND REFLECTIONS:

There will be services of the Litany at Shipton Gorge at 10.00 am and at Littlebredy at 11.00 am. There will also be services of reflection at Portesham and Langton Herring at 11.00 am and Abbotsbury at 3.00 pm.

GOOD FRIDAY (3rd APRIL) WALK OF WITNESS

We shall meet at Holy Trinity, Swyre at 10.00 am and walk to Puncknowle and Litton Cheney, calling at the White Horse for hot cross buns!

SUNRISE SERVICE ON EASTER SUNDAY (5th APRIL)

Celebrate and worship with us as we wake, on Easter Day, at Hive Beach, Burton Bradstock, and join in a service of Holy Communion at 6.00 am. Those attending may wish to share lifts to the NT Pay and Display car park. The service will begin in darkness, and the weather may be wet and cold. **NB** The car park and beach are rough and uneven. Those attending are responsible for their own safety and comfort.

REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS

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	NO 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: HOLY WEEK

Mon	30 th	6.30 pm	Burton Bradstock APCM followed by refreshments
Tues	31 st	6.00 pm	Easter Reflections through music at Litton Cheney
Wed	1 st	11.30 am	Holy Communion and Light Lunch at Burton Bradstock

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

APRIL

- 6th School Duck Race: 2.00 pm on the playing field at Burton Bradstock
- 7th NO Life Group at Burton Bradstock
- 8th Coffee Stop: 10.00 am in Burton Bradstock Village Hall (run by the church)
- 9th Burton Coffee Mates: 10.30 am in the church
- 12th Litton Cheney APCM after the morning service
- 13th Ministry Team: 10.00 am at Othona
- 17th Burial of Ashes: Adrian Wood and Phil Schebasta at Burton Bradstock at 2.00 pm
- 19th Portesham APCM after the morning service
- 20th Shipton Gorge APCM: 7.00 pm in the church

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