

From Source to Sea

with the churches of the Bride Valley and Chesil

Weekly News: 4th October 2026 – Trinity 18



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 Edward Tildesley

Revd Canon John Wood

Revd Carole Peters-King

LLM Paul Rendell

SERVICES TODAY

9.00 am	Langton Herring	BCP Communion
11.00 am	Long Bredy	Holy Communion
	Abbotsbury	Holy Communion
	Litton Cheney	Harvest Festival [‡]
	<i>‡ followed by a harvest lunch</i>	
	Burton Bradstock	Harvest Festival
	Portesham	Harvest Festival*
	<i>* at the Methodist Church</i>	

3.00 pm **Puncknowle** Pet Service

11th October: Trinity 19

9.30 am	Litton Cheney	Holy Communion
	Shipton Gorge	Breakfast Church
	Puncknowle	Holy Communion
11.00 am	Langton Herring	Harvest Festival
	Burton Bradstock	Holy Communion
	Portesham	Harvest Festival
5.30 pm	Shipton Gorge	Harvest Festival;

Psalm: 106: 1-6

OT: Exodus 32: 1-14

NT: Philippians 4: 1-9

Gospel: Matthew 22: 1-14

(NB Harvest lessons may be different)

For our prayers:

We have much to celebrate this week, including:

- The work of all those who bring in the harvest across our beautiful rural benefice

We are most grateful for:

- Our musicians who are an essential part of leading our worship
- Our ministry team and those visiting clergy/LLMs supporting our Benefice

Specially in our prayers this week:

- Our Benefice as we pray about the advertisement and appointment of a new house for duty priest, *being advertised this week*
- Those anxious or fearful living in situations of natural or man-made disasters or war
- Those dealing with cancer-related issues, those who's care needs are increasing and the pressure that brings
- Burton Bradstock and all who live and work there including the school
- Recently bereaved families and friends including those of, *Jasper Shackleton and Jill Parsons.*

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COLLECTS: TRINITY 18 *(for use in services/in private prayer)*

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting 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

God, our judge and saviour, teach us to be open to your truth and to trust in your love, that we may live each day with confidence in the salvation which is given through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Post Communion Prayer

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast: for here we receive you, here the memory of your passion is renewed, here our minds are filled with grace, and here a pledge of future glory is given, when we shall feast at that table where you reign with all your saints for ever. Amen

Old Testament Reading: Exodus 20: 1-4, 7-9, 12-20

The Ten Commandments

Then God spoke all these words: ² I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; ³ you shall have no other gods before me. ⁴ You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁷ You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. ⁸ Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy. ⁹ For six days you shall labour and do all your work. ¹² Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. ¹³ You shall not murder. ¹⁴ You shall not commit adultery. ¹⁵ You shall not steal. ¹⁶ You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

¹⁷ You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.

¹⁸ When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, ¹⁹ and said to Moses, 'You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die.'

²⁰ Moses said to the people, 'Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin.'

New Testament Reading: Philippians 3: 4-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷ Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸ More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Pressing towards the Goal

¹² Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³ Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining

forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 21: 33-end

The Parable of the Wicked Tenants

³³ 'Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watch-tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. ³⁴ When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. ³⁵ But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶ Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. ³⁷ Finally he sent his son to them, saying, "They will respect my son." ³⁸ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, "This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance." ³⁹ So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰ Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' ⁴¹ They said to him, 'He will put those wretches to a miserable death and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.' ⁴² Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures: "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes"?' ⁴³ Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. ⁴⁴ The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.'

⁴⁵ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶ They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

HARVEST AT BURTON BRADSTOCK

There will be a Harvest Lunch in the Village Hall at 12.30 pm on **Saturday 17th October**. Please book the date. Further details to follow.

LIFE GROUP DAY OF PRAYER

The Life Group invites everyone to celebrate **October 17th** as a special day of extra prayer. at home or in a church or, if you prefer, in a group setting. All are welcome to quietly come and go as they wish from 10.00 to 11.00 a.m. at 25, Bindbarrow and/or from 3.00 to 4.00 p.m. at Manafossen Barn, Shadrach. No refreshments, no collection, no chat, just prayer!! Look out for further details in the October BVN on page 27 (www.bvn.org.uk)

ST LUKE'S DAY PILGRIMAGE OF PEACE: Sunday 18th October 1.00pm

Starting at Puncknowle Church, this PoP will include a visit to the Chapel in the Woods, dedicated to St Luke. More details in October's BVN on page 12 (www.bvn.org.uk)

ALPHA COURSE AT LATCH

The course starts on **Thursday 22nd October**. Alpha is intended to be an open space to meet new people and unpack life's big questions. Each week will start with an opportunity to chat over a simple meal, then there will be a film to watch. After that, you can take part in discussion or just see what others have to say. There's no pressure and no follow up, so why not try it for a week? Get in touch with bvchurchesta@outlook.com to register your interest.

REMEMBER OUR PLANET – BOOK THE DATE!

On **Friday 6th November** at St Nicholas Church, Abbotsbury, there will be a very special concert with celebrated flautist and mezzo soprano, Emily Andrews, and her husband, guitarist, Francisco Correa, focusing on the suffering of our planet: reflecting on and committing ourselves to peace for all. Further details will follow shortly.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR HOUSE FOR DUTY PRIEST AT PORTESHAM

The advert has gone 'live' on the Diocesan website this week. Please pray that God will work to provide someone for the task and let anyone know that might be interested.

<https://salisbury.anglican.org/job-vacancies/clergy-vacancies/>

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

Wed	7 th	10.00 am	Coffee Stop in Burton Bradstock Village Hall
		11.30 am	Midweek Communion and Light Lunch at Burton Bradstock
Thurs	8 th	10.30 am	Burton Coffee Mates in the church
Sat	10 th	10.00 am	Coffee Morning in aid of the Post Office at BB Village Hall
Sun	11 th	11.00 am	Langton Herring Harvest Festival and ticketed lunch
		12.30 pm	Harvest Lunch for Pancreatic Cancer at LATCH
		5.30 pm	Harvest Festival at Shipton Gorge and bring and share meal

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

12 th	Ministry Team: 10.00 am at Othona
12 th	Benefice Council: 7.00 pm at Puncknowle Village Hall
15 th	Coffee morning in Portesham church with the school: 10.30 am
17 th	Day of prayer organised by The Life Group at Burton Bradstock
17 th	Burton Bradstock Harvest Lunch: 12.30 pm in the Village Hall
18 th	Portesham Harvest Festival: 11.00 am (Gifts for the food bank)
18 th	Pilgrimage of Peace for St Luke's Day: 1.00 pm from Puncknowle Church
22 nd	Alpha Course begins at LATCH: 7.00 pm
24 th	Burial of Ashes: Mary Toms 1.00 pm at Burton Bradstock

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

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