

# From Source to Sea, through the Bride Valley

Sunday 23 December 2018

Advent 4

## COLLECT & POST COMMUNION

*For use in the services or private prayer*

God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Heavenly Father, who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of the promised saviour: fill us your servants with your grace, that in all things we may embrace your holy will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## READINGS for today

Psalm: 80 v 1-8

Old Testament: Micah 5 v 2-5a

New Testament: Hebrews 10 v 5-10

Gospel: Luke 1 v 39-55

## FOR MIDNIGHT SERVICES ON CHRISTMAS EVE

Eternal God, who made this most holy night to shine with the brightness of your one true light: bring us, who have known the revelation of that light on earth, to see the radiance of your heavenly glory; 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.

God our Father, in this night you have made known to us again the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ: confirm our faith and fix our eyes on him until the day dawns and Christ the Morning Star rises in our hearts. To him be glory both now and for ever.

## READINGS for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day

Psalm: 98

Old Testament: Isaiah 52 v 7-10

New Testament: Hebrews 1 v 1-12

Gospel: John 1 v 1-14

## FOR CHRISTMAS DAY

Almighty God, you have given us your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin: grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; 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.

God our Father, whose Word has come among us in the Holy Child of Bethlehem: may the light of faith illumine our hearts and shine in our words and deeds; through him who is Christ the Lord.

## DURING THE WEEK

Christmas Eve	16.00	Crib Service at St Mary's Litton Cheney
" "	17.00	Crib Service at St Mary's Burton Bradstock
" "	21.30	Early Midnight Communion at Holy Trinity Swyre
" "	23.30	Midnight Communion at St Mary's Litton Cheney
" "	23.30	Midnight Communion at St Mary's Burton Bradstock
Christmas Day	11.00	Holy Communion at St Martin's Sipton Gorge
" "	11.00	Holy Communion at St Mary's Puncknowle
" "	11.00	Holy Communion at St Michael & All Angels Littlebredy
Boxing Day	12.30	Coffee, Cake & Carols at St John's West Bay
Friday 28 December	14.30	Funeral at Weymouth Crematorium (Sylvia Ruth Jeffrey)

**WISHING EVERYONE IN THE BRIDE VALLEY  
MANY BLESSINGS THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON**

Benefice  
Churches

From  
the source

Littlebredy

Long Bredy

Litton  
Cheney

Puncknowle

Swyre

Chilcombe

Sipton Gorge

Burton  
Bradstock

To the sea