

# From Source to Sea

with the churches of the Bride Valley and Chesil



## Welcome!

We extend a warm welcome to all those worshipping with us today and during the week, especially newcomers and visitors on holiday. Please make yourselves known to us and let us know if there is anything we can do to help you enjoy your time in the area.

More information about the churches is available on the village websites.

Our ministry team:

- *Revd Margaret-Preuss-Higham*
- *Revd. Liz Howlett*
- *Revd. Ryder Rogers*
- *LWL Vicky Thomas*
- *LWL Paul Cheater*
- *LWL Heather Goffee*
- *LWL Diana Ludlow*
- *LWL Jethro Truscott*

Occasional Visiting  
Clergy:

- *Revd. David Wilson*
- *Revd. Canon John Wood*
- *Revd Prebendary Alastair Wheeler*

**Weekly  
News**

**12<sup>th</sup> May 2024  
7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**



## Services Today

9.00 am	<b>Abbotsbury</b>	Holy Communion
9.30 am	<b>Puncknowle Shipton Gorge</b>	Holy Communion Breakfast Church
10.00 am	<b>Portesham</b>	Family Praise
11.00 am	<b>Langton Herring Littlebredy Burton Bradstock</b>	Holy Communion Holy Communion Holy Communion*

*\*led by the Archdeacon*

Psalm 1  
NT: 1 John 5: 9-13

Acts: 1: 15-17, 21-26  
Gospel: John 17: 6-19

## Call to worship and thought for the week

You thrill to God's Word, you chew on Scripture day and night. You're a tree replanted in Eden, bearing fresh fruit every month, never dropping a leaf, always in blossom. (*Psalm 1: 2-3 from the Message*)

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## **For our prayers:**

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

- The wonderful display of flowers at Puncknowle for the flower festival
- The celebration of Christ's Ascension at both Litton Cheney (involving the school) and Portesham and the anticipation of Pentecost

### **We are grateful for:**

- Our bell ringers who call folk to church and celebrate important events

### **Your kingdom come, here and now:**

- Across the whole Church, praying between Ascension and Pentecost

### **Regularly in our prayers:**

- Revd Andrew Rawding, his wife Loveday and their family, preparing to join us
- Our ministry team as they plan and prepare our worship
- Lay Pastoral Assistants: Pauline, Cathryn, Jenny and Liz
- Bishops: Stephen, Karen, and Andrew; Archdeacon: Penny
- Bishop Rufus and the diocese of Lainya in Sudan during this time of unrest

### **Specially in our prayers this week:**

- Those suffering because of war or natural disasters and those trying to make peace
- Local businesses who are coping with uncertain times
- Swyre and all who live and work there
- Thomas Laing (being baptised next Sunday) and his family and friends

... remembering the families of those who have recently died, especially *Brian Shaw, David Hedworth and Bob Hynds*

## **COLLECTS FOR THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**- for use in the services or for private prayer**

**O God the King of glory**, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

**Risen, ascended Lord**, as we rejoice at your triumph, fill your Church on earth with power and compassion, that all who are estranged by sin may find forgiveness and know your peace, to the glory of God the Father. Amen

*(Post communion prayer)*

**Eternal God**, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



## REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS:

Monday	3.30 pm	Big Q Church at LATCH
Tuesday	10.30 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 ☎07799751130*)
Thursday	6.00 pm	Bell ringing practice (Abbotsbury)
	7.00 pm	Bell ringing practice (Burton Bradstock ☎898603*)
Friday	2.00 pm	Tots Time at Burton Bradstock
	3.00 pm	Bible Study Group at Portesham Methodist Hall

\* Please phone to check if practice is taking place

## ADDITIONAL EVENTS THIS WEEK

Wed	15 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Julian Group at Swyre
		10.00 am	Coffee Stop in Burton Bradstock Village Hall
		7.30 pm	<b>Gregory Steward (tenor)</b> at B Bradstock Church
Fri	17 <sup>th</sup>	5.30 pm	Come Along Inn at Long Bredy Village Hall
Sat	18 <sup>th</sup>	3.30 pm	Visiting Ringers (Crewkerne) at Burton Bradstock
Sun	19 <sup>th</sup>	3.00 pm	Funeral: Prof. Bob Hynds at Burton Bradstock

## THY KINGDOM COME

The Archbishops are encouraging us to choose five people who we can pray for regularly. Why not ask God to guide you as you settle on five names and commit to praying for them daily? [www.thykingdomcome.global](http://www.thykingdomcome.global)

## DORSET PILGRIMAGE

Bishop Karen is leading a short Dorset pilgrimage on St Aldhelm's Day, **25 May**. She will be celebrating Holy Communion at St Aldhelm's Chapel at midday, following a walk from the National Trust Car Park (for Chapman's Pool) just off Renscombe Road, Worth Matravers, leaving at 11am. Pilgrims are invited to bring a picnic for after the service. If wet, the Eucharist and picnic will take place inside Langton Matravers Church. Everyone is welcome, should churches wish to bring banners for the procession please do so. (The walk is about 1 mile each way)

## DEMENTIA AWARENESS WEEK: 13<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> MAY

An estimated 850,000 people in the UK have been diagnosed as living with dementia, according to the Alzheimer's Society, with this number forecast to increase to around one million by 2025. Over recent years, churches and dioceses in the Church of England have stepped up support to people living with dementia and their carers with activities from dementia-friendly cafes to singing groups and services.

Several dioceses and denominations have uploaded resources with excellent examples of how the Church can support those with dementia and those caring for them.

Search '*Dementia Friendly Church*' for lots of ideas that could be developed in our churches across the Benefice.

**Next Sunday**

**19<sup>th</sup> May**

**Pentecost**

9.30 am	<b>Burton Bradstock Swyre</b>	Café Church Holy Communion
10.00 am	<b>Langton Herring</b>	Family Praise
11.00 am	<b>Portesham Long Bredy</b>	Holy Communion Morning Worship* <i>*including service of baptism</i>
	Psalm 104: 26-end NT: Acts 2: 1-21	OT: Ezekiel 37: 1-14 Gospel: John 15: 26-27, 16:4b-15
6.00 pm	<b>Litton Cheney</b>	Evensong
	Psalm: 139: 1-13	OT: Isaiah 11: 1-9 NT: Acts 2: 1-11

### **DATES FOR THE DIARY**

20 <sup>th</sup>	Benefice AGM: 7.00 pm in Puncknowle Village Hall
21 <sup>st</sup>	PSWB+ Lunch Club: 1.00 pm in Puncknowle Village Hall
25 <sup>th</sup>	St Aldhelm Pilgrimage with Bishop Karen: 12 noon in the NT car park Dorset Police Male Voice Choir: 7.30 pm at St Nicholas Church, Abbotsbury
27 <sup>th</sup>	Village Fayre: 2.00 pm at Burton Bradstock
JUNE	
8 <sup>th</sup>	Benefice Family Fun Day at Shipton Gorge
24 <sup>th</sup>	Diocese 'Making Jesus Known' event: 5.00 pm at St Oswald's School
30 <sup>th</sup>	United Benefice Communion and Supper: 6.00 pm at LATCH
Please check the <b>Bride Valley News</b> for further information and events.	

### **UNITED BENEFICE COMMUNION SERVICE: 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**

Bishop Karen will be leading a United Benefice Service of Holy Communion at LATCH, starting at 6pm. This is to be followed by a Bring and Share supper - and we hope that this will be an opportunity for the different areas of the Benefice to socialise and get to know each other better. Please bring a donation of sweet or savoury food! Please also bring your own drinks. Water, tea and coffee will be available. Please book the date in your diaries

### **GENEROUS GIVING:**

Thank you to everyone who supports the work of our churches through 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

### **'MAKING JESUS KNOWN' -THE SALISBURY DIOCESE VISION**

[www.salisbury.anglican.org/whoweare/making-jesus-known-sharing-the-vision-events/](http://www.salisbury.anglican.org/whoweare/making-jesus-known-sharing-the-vision-events/) There will be opportunities to listen and explore the vision and the 5 paths with Bishop Stephen, Karen and Andrew and the Archdeacons. It will include a more detailed conversation about the new Share model, which will be introduced in 2025. There is an event planned in Dorchester on 24<sup>th</sup> June – details via the website.

*Please use this leaflet for reference and prayer. Each week's copy is at:*

<http://www.burtonbradstockvillage.org>

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