

# From Source to Sea

with the churches of the Bride Valley and Chesil

**Weekly News: Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November: Christ the King**



## Welcome!

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

### Our ministry team:

*Revd Andrew Rawding (Rector)*

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*LWL Jethro Truscott*

### SERVICES TODAY

8.00 am	<b>Burton Bradstock</b>	Holy Communion
9.00 am	<b>Portesham</b>	BCP Communion
9.30 am	<b>Litton Cheney</b>	Morning Worship
10.00 am	<b>Abbotsbury</b>	Family Praise
11.00 am	<b>Puncknowle</b>	Café Church
	<b>Littlebredy</b>	Morning Worship
	<b>Shipton Gorge</b>	Holy Communion
3.00 pm	<b>Swyre</b>	Evening Prayer

### 1<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER: ADVENT SUNDAY

9.00 am	<b>Langton Herring</b>	BCP Communion
9.30 am	<b>Puncknowle</b>	Holy Communion
11.00 am	<b>Burton Bradstock</b>	Songs of Praise
	<b>Long Bredy</b>	Holy Communion
	<b>Abbotsbury</b>	Holy Communion
3.00 pm	<b>Swyre</b>	Evening Prayer
6.00 pm	<b>Litton Cheney</b>	Darkness to Light

Psalm 25: 1-9

OT: Jeremiah 33: 14-16

NT: 1 Thessalonians 3: 9-end

Gospel: Luke 21: 25-36

### For our prayers:

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

- The many members of our communities who support our churches in various ways (eg flower arrangers, cleaners, church, churchyard and bell tower maintenance)

#### We are grateful for:

- Our treasurers who work hard to keep our churches' accounts in order and painstakingly reclaim gift aid and other grants

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

- Across our Diocese and in our communities

#### Specially in our prayers this week:

- Those fearing the cold and the cost of heating during the winter
- All those so tragically affected by the floods in Spain and elsewhere
- Our Benefice exploring the appointment of a worker for children and families
- Those suffering abuse of any kind
- Swyre and all who live and work there
- recently bereaved families, including families of *Jillian Forbes & Gordon Anderson*.

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## **Collects for Christ the King** *(for use in services or in private prayer)*

**Eternal Father**, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

**God the Father**, help us to hear the call of Christ the King and to follow in his service, whose kingdom has no end; for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, one glory. Amen

### *Post Communion*

**Stir up, O Lord**, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

## **Old Testament Reading: Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14**

<sup>9</sup>As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne; his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. <sup>10</sup>A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousand served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgement, and the books were opened.

<sup>13</sup>As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him.

<sup>14</sup>To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

## **New Testament Reading: Revelation 1: 4b-8**

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, <sup>5</sup> and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, <sup>6</sup> and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

<sup>7</sup> Look! He is coming with the clouds;

every eye will see him,  
even those who pierced him;

and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.  
So it is to be. Amen.

<sup>8</sup> 'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

## Gospel Reading: John 18: 33-37

<sup>33</sup> Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' <sup>34</sup> Jesus answered, 'Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?' <sup>35</sup> Pilate replied, 'I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?' <sup>36</sup> Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.' <sup>37</sup> Pilate asked him, 'So you are a king?' Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.'

### IMPORTANT: SAFEGUARDING CONCERNS

Since the Makin Review was published recently, diocesan safeguarding teams around the country have seen a rise in disclosures being reported, particularly relating to non-recent abuse. This has been echoed in Salisbury as well. The Safe Spaces helpline have been used to having on average 2-3 phone calls a day and overnight saw this rise to hundreds of calls a day. There are two crucially important phone numbers to contact if anyone has suffered abuse or for those who are or become aware of such instances:

*Thirtyone:Eight*: an independent professional advice service ☎**0303 003 1111**

*Safe Spaces*: confidential free helpline & support service for those who have experienced any church related abuse [www.sapcespacesenglandandwales.org.uk](http://www.sapcespacesenglandandwales.org.uk) ☎**0300 303 1056**

### BENEFICE COUNCIL

Reverend Andrew thanked everyone in the parishes for all the hard work and dedication over recent weeks with services and activities which reached the wider community, including Remembrance, supporting the bereaved at the All Souls service, funerals, and sharing warm spaces. Parish representatives provided encouraging feedback about how these services were appreciated locally. Reverend Andrew also drew attention to all the ongoing supportive work in our parish communities and asked us to continue to think and pray about what else would be good to support people locally. How might we continue to break down barriers and make our churches more welcoming and inclusive? How can we create a community of hope?

**STOP PRESS!** Special thanks to members of Holy Trinity, Swyre and the community who responded so quickly by opening the church and providing tea and shelter to 20 motorists stranded in the snow last Thursday!

### CANDLES ON ST CATHERINE'S HILL, ABBOTSBURY

This special event takes place **today**. There will be a workshop in Strangways Village Hall to buy and decorate lantern bags (£2.00 each) from midday until 3.00 pm. A short service in the chapel commences at 3.45 pm preceded by songs from an A Capella group at 3.00 pm.

### WALKING CHURCH

The Benefice Service on the fifth Sunday of December (29<sup>th</sup>) will be a 'Walking Church' starting at Burton Bradstock at 10.30 am. This is not a new idea (search 'Walking Church' to see several examples) but is new to our Benefice.

Weather and ground conditions permitting, we shall meet at the church at 10.30 am and, after an introduction, join in a circular walk to Hive Beach and the beacon at the top of Cliff Road, stopping at various points for reflections, prayer, singing or just silence before returning to the church for coffee. All are welcome to join us (including dogs) for all or part(s) of the walk. Please wear appropriate clothing and footwear for a winter walk.

**NB** There will also be a said Holy Communion service at Portesham at 9.00 am on that day.

## REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS

Monday	3.30 pm	Big Q Church at LATCH
Tuesday	10.30 am	Life Group at Manafossen Barn, Burton Bradstock
	10.30 am	Friendship Café in Portesham Village Hall
	6.00 pm	Bell ringing practice (Litton Cheney ☎482312*)
Wednesday	2.00 pm	Warm Welcome Café in Portesham Methodist Hall
	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*)
	10.00 am	Warm Welcome Café in Portesham Village Hall
Friday	2.00 pm	Tots Time: 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

Sat 30<sup>th</sup> 10.30 am St Andrew's Day Coffee Morning at Swyre

## FESTIVAL OF ANGELS AT LONG BREDY

There is a craft table in the Church for anyone to make a variety of Angels either to display in the Church or take to display at home. (Suitable for adults as well.) Also colouring and a sheep to make which can go with the Angels! All these activities are free, and the church is open daily with craft activities available now.

## 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

### DECEMBER

- 1<sup>st</sup> Advent Evensong 'From Darkness to Light': 6.00 pm at Litton Cheney
- 11<sup>th</sup> Coffee Stop in Burton Bradstock Village Hall run by the church
- 12<sup>th</sup> Burton Coffee Mates: 10.30 am in the church
- 14<sup>th</sup> Coffee Break: 10.30 am at Long Bredy Village Hall
- 15<sup>th</sup> Baptism: Merryn O'Boy 1.00 pm at Abbotsbury
- 16<sup>th</sup> Ministry Team: 10.00 am at Othona

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

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