

From Source to Sea

with the churches of the Bride Valley and Chesil

Weekly News: Sunday 8th December: Advent 2

SERVICES TODAY



8.00 am	Litton Cheney	Holy Communion
9.00 am	Abbotsbury	Holy Communion
9.30 am	Shipton Gorge	Breakfast Church
10.00 am	Portesham	Family Praise
11.00 am	Burton Bradstock	Holy Communion
	Littlebredy	Holy Communion
	Langton Herring	Holy Communion
5.00 pm	Puncknowle	Carol Service

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9.30 am	Long Bredy	Live Nativity
10.00 am	Langton Herring	Family Praise
11.00 am	Portesham	Holy Communion
	Swyre	Holy Communion
4.00 pm	Shipton Gorge	Carol Service
	Abbotsbury	Carol Service
6.00 pm	Litton Cheney	Carol Service
6.30 pm	Burton Bradstock	Carol Service

Psalm: 146: 4-end
NT: Philippians 4: 4-7

OT: Zephaniah 3: 14-end
Gospel: Luke 3: 7-18

For our prayers:

We have much to celebrate this week, including:

- All those decorating our churches in readiness for welcoming many visitors during Advent and Christmas

We are grateful for:

- Our sides-people/welcomers who provide a warm welcome to everyone each week

Your kingdom come, here and now:

- In our lives and those of our communities as we celebrate 'darkness into light'

Specially in our prayers this week:

- Those suffering from mental health issues and their carers
- Our Benefice exploring the appointment of a worker for children and families
- The family of Merryn O'Boy to be baptised at Abbotsbury next Sunday
- Portesham and all who live and work there
- Recently bereaved families, including families of *Malcolm Lawrence, Jillian Forbes & Gordon Anderson*.

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Collects for Advent 2 Sunday *(for use in services or in private prayer)*

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen

Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds, that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God. Amen

Post Communion

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Congregational prayer over the Advent Wreath (Advent 2: The Prophets)

Lord Jesus, light of the world, the prophets said you would bring peace and save your people in trouble. Give peace in our hearts at Christmas and show all the world God's love. Amen.

Old Testament Reading: Malachi 3: 1-4

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. ² But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; ³ he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. ⁴ Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

New Testament Reading: Philippians 1: 3-11

³ I thank my God every time I remember you, ⁴ constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, ⁵ because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶ I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷ It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸ For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. ⁹ And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight ¹⁰ to help you to determine what is best, so that on the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, ¹¹ having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Gospel Reading: Luke 3: 1-6

3 In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, **2** during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. **3** He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, **4** as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

‘The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

“Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. **5** Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; **6** and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”

SPECIAL SERVICES LEADING UP TO CHRISTMAS

There will be a number of special services across the Benefice leading up to Christmas. Many churches are holding their carol services next Sunday – see the front page for more details. In addition:

Carols by Candlelight services will take place at:

Langton Herring at 6.30 pm on Friday 20th December

Littlebredy at 4.30 pm on Sunday 22nd December.

Crib Services on Christmas Eve take place at:

Litton Cheney and Burton Bradstock at 4.00 pm

Portesham at 4.30 pm

Early Christmas/Midnight Communion services take place at:

Swyre at 9.00 pm

Litton Cheney at 11.30 pm

Langton Herring at 11.30 pm

All are welcome at all these services. Please join us.

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?

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. 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 ☎ **0300 303 1056**

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	NO Bell ringing practice (Burton Bradstock)
Friday	10.00 am	Warm Welcome Café in Portesham Village Hall
	2.00 pm	Tots Time: Burton Bradstock (<i>last before Christmas</i>)
	3.00 pm	Bible Study Group at Portesham Methodist Hall

* Please phone to check if practice is taking place

ADDITIONAL EVENTS THIS WEEK

Tues	10 th	1.00 pm	PSWB+ Lunch Club in Puncknowle Village Hall
		4.00 pm	Thorner's School Carol Service in the church
Wed	11 th	10.00 am	Coffee Stop (hosted by the church) in BB Village Hall
Thurs	12 th	10.30 am	Burton Coffee Mates in the church
Sat	14 th	10.30 am	Coffee Break in Long Bredy Village Hall
Sun	15 th	1.00 pm	Baptism: Merryn O'Boy at Abbotsbury

DATES FOR THE DIARY

DECEMBER

- 16th Ministry Team: 10.00 am at Othona
- 16th Carol singing round Burton Bradstock: meet at 6.00 pm at the church (with torch!)
- 18th Thorner's School end of term service in the church at Litton Cheney: 9.30 am
- 19th Carols at the Crown (Puncknowle) at 7.00 pm
- 19th Carol Service at Portesham at 6.30 pm
- 20th Come Along Inn: 5.30 pm at Long Bredy Village Hall
- 20th Carol singing round Litton Cheney: meet at 5.30 pm
- 23rd Burial of Ashes: Mike Conway at Burton Bradstock

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

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)

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