

From Source to Sea, through the Bride Valley

Sunday 7th November 2021: Third Sunday Before Advent

COLLECTS (For use in the services or private prayer)

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Heavenly Lord, you long for the world's salvation: stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess and revive in us new hope that all creation will one day be healed in Jesus Christ our Lord.

READINGS for today

Morning

Psalm: 62: 5 -end

Old Testament: Jonah 3: 1-5, 10

New Testament: Hebrews 9: 24 - end

Gospel: Mark 1: 14-20

Evening

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Micah 4: 1-5

Philippians 4: 6-9

VALLEY NOTICES:

Advent Windows Last year, some of our villages created advent windows – would you like to join in this year? An advent window is a lit window in a house or business, visible from the street, which is decorated however you want to depict our theme - this year it is 'At the Heart of Christmas'. The window is then lit up on a particular date in December, like an Advent calendar. Please see below for further information and contact bvchurchesta@outlook.com to join in.

SERVICES THIS WEEK (7th November)

Telephone service (**01308 293062**) prepared by Reverend Ryder Rogers.

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| 8am | Burton Bradstock | Holy Communion |
| 9.30am | Puncknowle | Holy Communion |
| 9.30am | Litton Cheney | Morning Worship |
| 11am | Burton Bradstock | Songs of Praise |
| 11am | Long Bredy | Holy Communion |
| 3pm | Swyre | Evening Prayer |

SERVICES NEXT WEEK (14th November)

9.30am Shipton Gorge Breakfast Church at the Village
Hall, including an opportunity to join the Remembrance Service at 10am.

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| 10.45am | Burton Bradstock | Remembrance service |
| 10.50 am | Holy Trinity, Swyre | Remembrance service |
| 10.50am | Littlebredy | Holy Communion and Remembrance |

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Benefice Churches

From the source

Littlebredy

Long Bredy

Litton Cheney

Puncknowle

Swyre

Chilcombe

Shipton Gorge

Burton Bradstock

To the sea



Remembrance in the Bride Valley

What are Advent Windows?

It is a lit window in your house or business, visible from the street, which is decorated however you want to depict our theme for this year, 'At the Heart of Christmas'. The window is then lit up on a particular date in December, like an Advent calendar.

What is the point?

The aim is to provide a visual reminder of the Christmas story and the Christmas message for the whole community to enjoy.

Who can take part?

Anyone who would like to. The windows can be decorated any way you like, search online for "Advent Windows" for some creative suggestions. It can be an upstairs or downstairs window, a shop front, a big or small window. It should be visible from the street to avoid people having to come onto your property to view it.

What does it cost?

It is free to participate, although the cost of decorations and lights would be borne by each participant. It is not expected that you spend money on decorating your window, amazingly creative ideas can come with some fairy lights and paper.

What about insurance?

You don't need any extra insurance as long as people don't come onto your property to view the window.

What if we can't get 24 people to participate?

Don't worry. You can make your Advent calendar with as many different people as you can find. If you have more than 24 then you can light more than one a day. If you have fewer than 24 then start your countdown nearer to Christmas. Or you could just illuminate them all on the same day, and keep them all lit during Advent? You can develop the idea to suit your context. (By emailing bvchurchesta@outlook.com, we can help to coordinate this for your village.)

When are they lit?

We hope that people will join in by lighting the new window at 4pm each day.

Maybe a volunteer could help produce a village map so that people will know where to look for the next window or publish a location on a website or village notice board?

Once your window is lit then you continue to keep it illuminated for the rest of Advent. So as the month continues there will more and more windows to view. It is suggested that windows are lit at 4pm and turned off at 10pm each day. If you volunteer for a date early in the month then your window will be on display for longer than if you are towards the end of the month.

How do I take part?

We would love each village in the Bride Valley to have an advent window display, so email bvchurchesta@outlook.com or call 01308 897260 to join in.

I will make a list of dates and let you know in good time which is yours and where to see everyone else's windows.

I will publicise the trails for you through the BVN, Facebook and the Source to Sea sheets.