

# From Source to Sea

with the churches of the Bride Valley Benefice



## 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 Village and Valley.

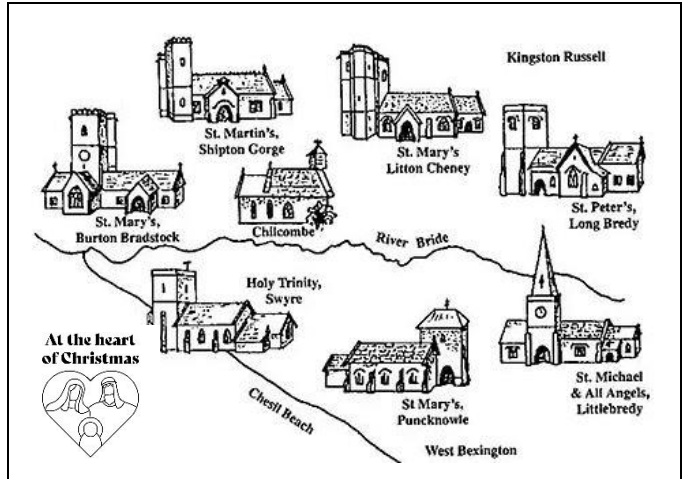
More information about the churches is available on the village websites.

Our ministry team:

- *The Reverend Jane Williams*
- *The Reverend Sue Linford*
- *The Reverend Liz Howlett*
- *The Reverend Ryder Rogers*
- *LLM Mike Read*
- *LLM James Webster*
- *LWL Janet Lane*
- *LWL Vicky Thomas*
- *LWL Paul Cheater*
- *LWL Heather Goffee*

## Weekly News

19<sup>th</sup> December 2021  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent



## Services today:

9.30am	<b>Burton Bradstock</b>	Family Nativity
9.30am	<b>Long Bredy</b>	AM Worship & Carols
11.00am	<b>Swyre</b>	Morning Worship
11.00am	<b>Puncknowle</b>	All Age Communion
	Psalm 80: 1-8	OT: Micah 5:2-5a
	NT: Hebrews 10:5-10	Gospel: Luke 1:39-55
5.00pm	<b>Litton Cheney</b>	Carol Service
5.00pm	<b>Shipton Gorge</b>	Carol Service
6.30pm	<b>Burton Bradstock</b>	Carol Service ( <i>outside</i> )

The **telephone service**, prepared by The Reverend Sue Linford, is available on **01308 293062**

## Call to worship and thought for the week:

And Mary said, "I'm bursting with God-news; I'm dancing the song of my Saviour God. God took one good look at me and look what happened – I'm the most fortunate woman on earth! What God has done for me will never be forgotten..." (*Luke 1:46 The Message*)

**Rector:** The Reverend Jane Williams, The Rectory, Church Street, Burton Bradstock (☎898799)

## Please pray for:

- Our ministry team: Jane, Sue, Liz, Ryder, Mike, and James
- All the churches in our Benefice – serving Christ in the Valley
- The families and friends of *Caryl Hubbard* and *Joan Cain* whose funerals are this week.
- Those constructing and those visiting the Advent windows across the valley
- Our Salisbury Diocesan Link with the Sudan
- Bishops Andrew & Karen <http://www.salisbury.anglican.org/news>
- Victims of abuse – both adults and especially children
- Those caught up in the aftermath of terrorist attacks and wars
- The refugee crisis: for those risking their lives to flee conflicts across the world and for those endeavouring to provide for them in other countries including the UK



Those who are ill or housebound (especially those known to you)

... & remember those who have died, especially & their families & friends

## TOTS TIME

Tots time returns on 7<sup>th</sup> January at 2.00 pm. So far, each session has taken place in the churchyard at Burton Bradstock rather than in the church. Will this continue to be possible even in January?

## COLLECTS FOR THE THIS WEEK

- for use in the services or for private prayer

### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

**Eternal God**, as Mary waited for the birth of your Son, so we wait for his coming in glory; bring us through the birth pangs of this present age to see, with her, our great salvation in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**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.



### Christmas Eve

**Almighty God**, as we prepare with joy to celebrate the gift of the Christ-child, embrace the earth with your glory and be for us a living hope in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**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.



### Christmas Day

**Lord Jesus Christ**, your birth at Bethlehem draws us to kneel in wonder at heaven touching earth: accept our heartfelt praise as we worship you, our Saviour and our eternal God.

**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:

Mon	20 <sup>th</sup>	7.00 pm	Carols at the Crown (Puncknowle)
		8.00 pm	Advent Reflections (Zoom)
Tues	21 <sup>st</sup>	6.00 pm	Recital at St Martin's, Shipton Gorge
		7.30 pm	Bell ringing practice (Litton Cheney)
Wed	22 <sup>nd</sup>	6.00 pm	Carol Singing round the Village (B Bradstock)
		7.00 pm	Bell ringing practice (Long Bredy ☎482270*)
Fri	24 <sup>th</sup>	4.00 pm	Crib Services @ B. Bradstock & Litton Cheney

*\* Please phone to check if practice is taking place*

## PRAYERS AT THE ADVENT WREATH

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
Lord Jesus, light of the world, blessed is Gabriel, who brought good news; blessed is Mary, your mother and ours. Bless your Church preparing for Christmas; and bless us your children, who long for your coming. Amen.

**Christmas Day**  
Lord Jesus, Light of light, you have come among us. Help us who live by your light to shine as lights in your world. Glory to God in the highest. Amen

**ADVENT REFLECTIONS** continue on ZOOM on Monday evening at 8pm. Please join us for around 15 mins of informal thoughts and preparation for Christmas.  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82338601240?pwd=dW93QnJ4M1p5b1c1M1hzTWN4VjhBQT09>  
Meeting ID: 823 3860 1240 Passcode: 180461

## TELEPHONE SERVICE (Christmas) & ZOOM (2<sup>nd</sup> January)

The Reverend Jane Williams will record a Christmas message for the whole of the Christmas weekend. As usual, it will be available on **01308 293062**  
There will be a **United Benefice Service** on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> January at 10.00 am on ZOOM using the codes above.

## MID-WEEK COMMUNION & SOUP LUNCH

The next mid-week communion will be held on **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January** at 11.30 am followed by a soup lunch in the church at Burton Bradstock. All are welcome.

## CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The **special festive recital** at St Martin's, Shipton Gorge, is on Tuesday (21<sup>st</sup> December) at 6.00 pm by Anya Chomacki (mezzo soprano) and Oliver Hooper (tenor) accompanied by David Bass on the piano. Entrance is free and there will be a retiring collection for church funds. Seating is 'first come, first served'.

## CELEBRATION AND GRATITUDE

We would like to celebrate the success of the Advent windows and the wonderful displays made across the homes and businesses. We are grateful to all the participants and for their messages about what is 'at the heart of Christmas'

<b>This Week: Mon 20<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	5.00pm	<b>Littlebredy</b>	Candlelight Carols
<b>Christmas Eve</b>	4.00pm	<b>Litton Cheney</b>	Crib Service
	4.00pm	<b>Burton Bradstock</b>	Crib Service ( <i>outside</i> )
	9.30pm	<b>Swyre</b>	Christmas Communion
	11.30pm	<b>Litton Cheney</b>	Midnight Communion
		Psalm 89:2,19-27 NT: Acts 13:16-26	OT: 2 Samuel 7:1-5,8-11,16 Gospel: Luke 1:67-79
<b>Christmas Day</b>	9.30pm	<b>Shipton Gorge</b>	Family Communion
	11.00am	<b>Burton Bradstock</b>	Family Communion
	11.00am	<b>Puncknowle</b>	Family Communion
	11.00am	<b>Littlebredy</b>	Family Communion
		Psalm 96 NT: Hebrews 1:1-4	OT: Isaiah 52:7-10 Gospel: John 1: 1-14
<b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Burton Bradstock</b>	United Service
		Psalm 148 NT: Colossians 3:12-17	OT: 1Samual 2:18-20,26 Gospel: Luke 2:41-52

## DEDICATION OF GIFTS AND GIFT AID

In dedicating our offertory, we not only recognise those gifts donated through the offertory plate but also those given through standing orders and by any visitors to their home churches as we all dedicate ourselves in God's service. If you are a tax payer and are able to do so, you might use one of the Gift Aid envelopes for your offering. There are various ways of donating to each church, including QR codes – please check with the church treasurer for more information.

## PASTORAL ASSISTANTS & PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

Pastoral Assistants are available for visiting. If you or anyone you know would like such a visit, please contact Jane Williams on 01308 898799

If there is someone that you would like to be included in our prayers for the sick, please contact Liz Howlett on 07851032454 or a Churchwarden.

## CHURCH FLOODLIGHTING:

If you would like to have a church floodlit for a baptism or wedding, or in memory of someone, please speak to the following: **Burton Bradstock** (Chrissie Bailey ☎897603 or Peter Broomhead ☎897408) **Shipton Gorge** (Phyl Webster ☎898657) **Litton Cheney** (Freddie Spicer ☎482617)

*Please take this leaflet home with you for reference and prayer. Each week's copy is at:*

<http://www.burtonbradstockvillage.org>

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