

# From Source to Sea, through the Bride Valley

Sunday 17 December 2017  
Advent 3

## COLLECT & POST COMMUNION

*For use in the services or private prayer*

God for whom we watch and wait, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son: give us courage to speak the truth, to hunger for justice, and to suffer for the cause of right, with Jesus Christ our Lord.

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts; kindle in us the fire of your Spirit that when your Christ comes again we may shine as lights before his face; who is alive and reigns now and for ever.

## READINGS for today

Psalm: 126

Old Testament: Isaiah 61 v 1-4, 8-end

New Testament: 1 Thessalonians 5 v 16-24

Gospel: John 1 v 6-8, 19-28

## Evening Services

Psalm: 68 v 1-19

1<sup>st</sup> reading: Malachi 3 v 1-4; 4

2<sup>nd</sup> reading: Philippians 4 v 4-7

## DURING THE WEEK

Sunday 17 December	9.30	Baptism at St Mary's Burton Bradstock (Finley Cox)
Monday 18 December	18.00	Carols around the village Burton Bradstock
Tuesday 19 December	9.00	Prayers at St Mary's Burton Bradstock
Thursday 21 December	10.00	Morning Prayer at BB led by the churchwarden
Friday 22 December	18.00	Carol Service at St Michael & All Angels, Littlebredy

## VALLEY NOTICES

**Carol Services TODAY -** 4.30pm at St Mary's Litton Cheney;  
5.00pm at St Martin's Shipton Gorge; 6.30pm at St Mary's Burton Bradstock.

**Crib Service at St Mary's Litton Cheney** on Christmas Eve at 4.00pm.

**Crib Service at Mary's Burton Bradstock** on Christmas Eve at 5.30pm. All are invited to dress as a character from the Christmas Story – Mary, Joseph, shepherd, angel, inn keeper, king.

**Midnight Holy Communion Services Christmas Eve:** 9.30pm Holy Trinity, Swyre;  
11.30pm St Mary's Litton Cheney; 11.30pm St Mary's Burton Bradstock

**Sunday 31 December – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday** – there will be an 8.00am Holy Communion at St Mary's Burton Bradstock and a United Valley Winter Songs of Praise at 11.00am in Holy Trinity Swyre. These are the only services in the Benefice on that day. All welcome.

**NO Julian Prayer Group** in January.

**BRIDE VALLEY NEWS Editor and Advertising Manager** – both Will Newell (Editor) and Shaun Snow (Advertising Manager) will be stepping down from these positions in June 2018. Anyone taking over will need to shadow them from March/April. Please think about whether you could take on either of these positions and contact Stephen Batty on 898799 if you are interested or would like further information. These positions are both voluntary.

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From  
the source

Littlebredy

Long Bredy

Litton  
Cheney

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Swyre

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Shipton Gorge

Burton  
Bradstock

To the sea

