From Source to Sea, through the Bride Valley

Sunday 3 May 2020 4th Sunday of Easter

COLLECT & POST COMMUNION

For use in the services or private prayer

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

READINGS for today

Psalm: 23

Old Testament: Genesis 7

New Testament: Acts 2 v 42-end

Gospel: John 10 v 1-10

Evening

Psalm 29 v 1-10

Old Testament: Ezra 3 v 1-13

New Testament: Ephesians 2 v 11-end

VALLEY NOTICES

SUNDAY'S SERVICE - has been prepared this week by the Rector, Jane, and can be accessed by telephoning 01308 293062. Depending on your package, the call will either be cost free or charged at local rate. The service will be available on Sunday morning.

ZOOM Coffee and Chat after Church - if you would like to join us online for a virtual chat please follow this link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83954023559?pwd=djdyZVFiTVJsdXJ5NkFRaDh0SS9IZz09 for security you will need to wait to be admitted from the waiting room.

PRAYER MINISTRY - The ministry team including our Lay Pastoral Assistants are ready to add any prayer requests to their daily prayers, please do not hesitate to contact one of us. If the request is not for you personally please ask the person's permission where possible.

FAIRTRADE SHOPPING - While we are all supporting our local shops, in far flung places some will be struggling. On the Fairtrade table this week:

Rich roast ground coffee from a Latin America co-operative, 227 g., strength 4, £4.25 Decaf organic ground coffee from a different co-operative, 227g., strength 3, £4.25 Luxury mint thins, chocolate from Ghana, 200g £4

Luxury ginger thins, as above, 200g £4

Mixed fruit chutney from Swaziland, out of date so half price, 300g £2

Please telephone - Liz Orza 07799333205 (purchases can be delivered to your door)

ONE WORLD WORSHIP @ Othona - Sunday 3 May 2020 (4.30pm for a 5pm start)

Everyone is warmly invited to join the Othona Community remotely in their beautiful chapel for their monthly One World Worship this Sunday afternoon. Liz Howlett, the new associate priest in the Bride Valley, lives and works at Othona and she and her colleagues would be delighted if you were able to join them. (In ordinary times we hold a monthly service that's open to local friends to attend. Unlike a liturgy in church, what happens can vary widely from month to month. The ethos is very inclusive - not everybody taking part will be Christian. Among the elements in the service will be songs you can listen to or join in, and prayers, with some requests from the network of Othona friends across the UK and beyond.)

A Zoom meeting has been set up for this - please use the link below. The link will be open from 4.30pm on Sunday and the actual worship will begin at 5pm.

Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82634144764

Benefice Churches

From the source

Littlebredy

Long Bredy

Litton Cheney

Puncknowle

Swyre

Chilcombe

Shipton Gorge

Burton Bradstock

To the sea

BVN - There will not be any printed copies of the BVN during the corona virus restrictions. The intention is for there to be a reduced edition available on the village websites from May 1st with possible "safe" printing off from the websites for those who need it (? Neighbours or family members).

CHURCH FINANCES - During this time of lockdown, church expenditure continues and churches across the valley will struggle financially. Church income from services in the form of weekly envelopes and plate collections is currently not possible. Many parishioners who use these methods for their financial giving have asked how they may continue to support their church's finances. Please discuss with your Church Treasurer the most appropriate and helpful way for you.

How to access village helplines during Coronavirus:

Litton Cheney: Facebook page 'Litton Cheney Observer' Website: littoncheney.org.uk

Richard Jones: 482602 John Vercoe: 482110 John Firrell: 482313

Puncknowle, Swyre & West Bexington: Sally Bowsher (parish clerk): 8989987

Long Bredy: Jackie Cain: 482379 Ruth Cullingford: 482562

Burton Bradstock: www.burtonbradstockvillage.org/church or telephone 07425-412105

If anyone would be willing to volunteer their help please telephone the helpline.