



# Benefice of Abbotsbury, Portesham and Langton Herring



## NOVEMBER 2023

On November 1st, we will following 43 years as a group of churches will become part of a new benefice, The Benefice of Bride Valley and Chesil. Each will church still be a parish in its own right and responsible for its every day running. I will receive a new licence which will be for the whole benefice. One of the first tasks the new benefice will undertake together will be to appoint a new Rector . To do this a profile needs to be prepared which encompasses all the churches and area. This is being prepared and of course the most important part of a profile is what sort of Rector we would wish to have lead us forward as a new group of churches. As people we will have thoughts on this and please do email me with any thoughts you have, this is you opportunity to speak out! AD Penny Sayer will be guiding us through this when a few of us gather in the early part of November and it would be really good to have some input from you all to take to this meeting.

### Benefice Service 29th October

We will come together as the existing benefice for the last time on October 29th. Whilst this will be a sad occasion, it will give us the opportunity to celebrate all that has happened, all those who have served the churches and continue to serve into the future. At this service there will be a table with post-it notes for you mark one special time in the benefice that sticks out in your mind and also what you would like in a new rector. As I said this is your chance to shape the future of the benefice. I hope to get a photo of everyone there. We will be singing hymns that tell a story.



**Benefice Service**  
**Sunday 29th October**  
**11am Langton Herring**  
 Parish Communion  
 followed by a 'bring 'n' share lunch.  
 At this service we will celebrate the past and look to the future  
 All Welcome



**All Souls Service**  
 6.30pm  
 2nd November  
 St.Peter's Church,  
 Portesham  
 A short service with the  
 opportunity to  
 remember a loved one

# Services for November

| Date   | Abbotsbury<br>St Nicholas's  | Langton Herring<br>St Peter's | Portesham<br>St Peter's        |
|--|------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> October                        |                              | 11am<br>Benefice Service      |                                |
| Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November                      |                              |                               | 6.30<br>All Souls Service      |
| Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> November                        | 11am<br>Parish Communion     | 9am<br>Holy Communion BCP     | No Service                     |
| Remembrance Sunday<br>Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> November | 10.50<br>Remembrance Service | 9am<br>Parish Communion CW    | 10.15 am<br>Act of Remembrance |
| Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> November                       | No Service                   | 10am<br>Family Praise         | 11am<br>Parish Communion       |
| Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> November                       | 10am<br>Family Praise        | 7.30pm<br>Evening Prayer      | 9am<br>Holy Communion BCP      |
| Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December<br>Advent Sunday       | 11am<br>Parish Communion     | No Service                    | No Service                     |

# Readings for November

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|---------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| 5 <sup>th</sup> November  | 1 John 3.1-3              | Matthew 5.1-12    |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> November | 1 Thessalonians 14.13-end | Matthew 25.1-13   |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> November | 1 Thessalonians 5.1-11    | Matthew 25.14-30  |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> November | Ephesians 1.15-end        | Matthew 25.31-end |

## Please remember in your prayers.

Philip Bilton; Margaret Connolly; Margaret Hamilton; Di;Reuben; Andy Cutting; Rowland Foote; Peter Lones.

Remember all those who are finding life hard and for the recently bereaved. Pray for our local school, for all displaced people and for our link diocese, the Sudan and for the war in the middle east.

Please email [aplhchurches@gmail.com](mailto:aplhchurches@gmail.com) with prayer requests.



**Candles on St Catherine's Hill, Abbotsbury**  
**Sunday 26th November 2023,**  
 The service to remember St Catherine of Alexandria and loved ones will start at 3.45 pm

Everyone is invited to buy a lantern bag @ £2 from local shops or the Lantern Workshop at Strangways Hall on the day from midday till 3pm, there will also be a workshop for the candle-bags at the Abbey Tith Barn Christmas Sale on Saturday 25th November.

Please telephone Barbara Laurie at 01305 871532 (email [thcbar1@gmail.com](mailto:thcbar1@gmail.com)) for more details.



**Bible Study Group**  
 Join us for lively discussion  
 Friday 3pm @  
 Methodist Hall, Portesham

For more information  
 01305 266994

Donations for both Portland and Weymouth food banks are still desperately needed and can be left at Langton Church or Portesham Rectory.  
 Thank you

**Craft and Coffee Morning**

**Saturday**  
**4th November**  
**10.30 am until midday**



**Langton Herring Village Hall**

Coffee, Cakes, Bacon Baps and Veggie alternatives plus  
 Christmas Tombola, Bric a Brac, Books and Crafts




In aid of St. Peters



Abbotsbury and Portesham Royal British Legion

**Village Café**

**Saturday 11th November**  
**10-12 noon**

**Portesham Village Hall**  
 The fabulous raffle includes

- Monart spa voucher,
- The gallery poppy scarf,
- Rossis ice cream voucher,
- Mapperton gardens season ticket 2024,
- Ford Farm cheese and wine hamper,
- Sculptures by the lakes voucher,
- Bovington tank museum voucher,
- Farmer palmers voucher,
- Christmas hamper,
- Tropic box of goodies

and many more fabulous prizes  
 Tombola - Cakes - Bric -a-Brac





**CHRISTMAS TEA PARTY**

**Sunday 19th November**

**Portesham Village Hall**  
**2.30 - 4.30 pm**  
 Cakes  
 Raffle  
 Tombola  
 Christmas Gifts

St. Peter's Church  
 Portesham

Portesham Arts Club

is pleased to present an evening with the internationally acclaimed cellist

**František Brikcius**



who will play glorious solo cello classics by Bach, Handel, Bloch and Kosiková

on  
**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30 pm**  
 in the wonderful, candlelit surroundings of  
**St Peter's Church, Portesham**

František Brikcius, born in Prague, has been playing the cello since early childhood. He studied cello at the Prague Conservatoire as well as in Japan and the United Kingdom. He has won many prizes including at the International Spring Competition, London (2000) and the International Spring Competition, Jihlava (2003). He has been granted fellowships or awards by the Czech Music Foundation (CMF), the Czech Ministry of Culture, the EU Socrates-Erasmus programme, and the Golden Klein Foundation. He has performed in a soloist at festivals in some 25 countries in Europe, Africa and Asia and he gives cello master classes in the United Kingdom, France and Italy.

Bar and refreshments available  
 Tickets £15.00 per person  
 All profits will be donated to St Peter's Church for their upgrading project  
 Contact: [www.ticketsource.co.uk/portesham-arts-club](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/portesham-arts-club)  
 or phone: Julie Mason 01305 871117