

Please pray for:

- For all who suffer as a result of conflict – that God will bring peace
- Those who live in *Burton Road* and *Charles Road*
- Our Salisbury Diocesan Link with the Sudan; *see:*
<http://www.salisbury.anglican.org/mission/the-sudan-link/prayer-wall>
- Our CMS Partners, Andy & Susie Hart, Ben & Katie Ray and their families following the devastating fire which has burnt out Andy and Susie's house
- Bishop Nicholas: <http://www.salisbury.anglican.org/thought-for-the-month/latest>
- Those who are ill or housebound (those known to you & an updated list will be provided at each service)



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

SITUATIONS VACANT:

A dynamic, computer-literate executive is sought for the position of **Advertising Manager** for the *Bride Valley News*. This is an honourable and honorary position, very important to the financial viability of the BVN. Please contact Revd Bob Thorn or the Administrator (Liz Slater) for further information on this vital work.

The Church seeks an **Honorary Gift Aid Officer** from **January 2012**. The time involved is under 1 hour per week and about 4 hours to do the annual return. Please contact Ian Ibbotson for further details of this vital post, without which the annual income could be reduced by more than £5,500.

Please pray that folk will be able to take on these important roles and discuss them with those who might be able to serve in this way.

COLLECTS FOR ADVENT SUNDAY

- for use in the services or in private prayer

○ Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever.

Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds, that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God.

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Post Communion



THIS WEEK

Tues	6 th	3.00 pm	NO Home Group this week (& until 4 th Jan)
Wed	7 th	8.30 am	Prayer Meeting followed by breakfast
		9.30 am	Morning Prayer
		10.00 am	Holy Communion (order 1)
Thurs	8 th	7.00 pm	Bell ringing practice
Fri	9 th	11.00 am	Tots and Prams Service
		3.30 pm	Christingle Service followed by children's party
Sat	10 th	10.30 am	Christmas Fayre in the School

FAITH AND PRAISE ON THE WEB

Bishop Nicholas challenges us as we celebrate Christmas with joyful simplicity at <http://www.salisbury.anglican.org/thought-for-the-month/latest>

BIBLE QUIZZES

Congratulations to the 'Riders and Striders and Scribes' team who won the Berdoe Shield in the *Bride Valley Senior* contest. Liz Orza*, Irene Piper and Clare Viney beat runners-up Burton Bradstock (Susan Paul*, Cilla Jones & Geoffrey Seward) & Puncknowle (Felix Jones*, Pam Coventry and Greg Green) who all played valiantly and with considerable skill.

(*Capt)

The John Paul Shield for the Junior *Bride Valley* teams went to Litton Cheney and the School's Cup was won by Thorners.

Although our children in Burton Bradstock were narrowly beaten in their games, they won everyone's appreciation for their politeness, courtesy and sportsmanship.

Congratulations to Libby, Jasmine, Maisy, James and Seamus. Well done, all of you! Thanks to all who supported, provided food or transport and practical help of every kind and, of course, to Heather Rogers for all the preparations, training sessions and question writing.

CHRISTINGLE

Come and celebrate the annual candlelit Christingle on **Friday at 3.30 pm** in which children from the school will be taking part and followed by a party in the Village Hall. Donations of party food for the children would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Pat Broomhead (01308 897408) if you can help.

CAROL SINGING

All singers are encouraged to come to our carol singing around the Village in aid of The Children's Society on **Monday December 12th**. Please meet outside the Church at **6pm** with a torch. Details are available from Pauline Woodford (01308 898327)

THE POSADAS

The figures of Mary and Joseph are now making their way around the villages until they return to the Churches for the Crib Services on Christmas Eve.

Next Sunday

December 11th

**3rd of
Advent**

9.30 am Family Service

... followed by coffee

11.00 am Holy Communion

Old Testament: Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-11

Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24

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

6.30 pm Evensong

Old Testament: Malachi 3: 1-4 and chapter 4

New Testament: Matthew 14: 1-12

The Traidcraft stall will be in church
on this Sunday



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **School Christmas Fayre**

Saturday 10th December from 10.00 am to 12 noon at the School

- **Christmas Classics** with the Bridport Choral Society

Saturday 10th December at 7.30 pm in Bridport United Church alongside the annual Christmas Tree Festival. Tickets (£6) are available from Choir members or on the door

- **Carol Singing:**

Monday 12th December at 6.00 pm in aid of the Children's Society

- **PCC**

Wednesday 14th December at 5pm

PASTORAL ASSISTANTS:

Pastoral Assistants are here and available for visiting. If you, or anyone you know, would like such a visit, please contact Ann Read (01308 897445)

CHRISTMAS CARDS IN AID OF THE WELL CHARITY

If you would like to obtain reasonably priced cards with a Christian focus, Revd Jean Thorn is happy to show the cards for sale in aid of the Well Charity on request.

FLOODLIGHTING:

If you would like to have St. Mary's floodlit for a baptism or wedding, or in memory of someone, please speak to Howard Bongers or Basil Dent.

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

<http://www.burtonbradstock.org.uk/pewnews.html>

Items for next week/requests for email copy to Julian Piper by 9am Thursday, please

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The Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin Burton Bradstock

December 4th, 2011

Second in Advent

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8.00 am Holy Communion

Old Testament: Isaiah 40: 1-11

Gospel: Mark 1: 1-8

9.30 am Family Service

... followed by coffee

11.00 am Songs of Praise

Old Testament: Isaiah 40: 1-11

New Testament: Mark 1: 1-8

6.30 pm Evening Prayer

Old Testament: 1 Kings 2: 1-28

New Testament: Matthew 11: 2-11

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Welcome

We extend a warm welcome to all those worshipping with us today and during the week, especially to 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. Information about the church is on the stand in the south aisle – please browse and take/purchase items of interest.

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Thought for the Week:

John the Baptist prepares the way for the coming of the Messiah by helping the people to realign their lives (*see Mark 1: 4-8*)