

Please pray for:

- For all who suffer as a result of conflict – that God will bring peace
 - Those who live in *North Hill Close* and *Northover Close*
 - Our Salisbury Diocesan Link with the Sudan; see:
<http://www.salisbury.anglican.org/news/sudanese-bishops-arrive>
 - 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)
 - Mike Read who is leading the 'Open the Book' assembly at the school on Friday
- ... & remember those who have died & their families & friends



QUIET DAYS AT THE RECTORY

The next Quiet Day is on **Saturday** from 9.30 am to 4.30 pm and is entitled 'School for Prayer'. During the day, there will be the opportunity to explore different methods of contemplative prayer and meditation. Come prepared to relax and pray – maybe in ways that are new to you as well as your own accustomed style. Further details are available from Revd Jean Thorn with whom bookings should be made (deposit £5 and a donation of ~£10). ☎01308 898799

COLLECTS FOR 3rd BEFORE LENT - for use in the services or in private prayer

Almighty God, who alone can bring order to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity: give your people grace so to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, among the many changes of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Eternal God, whose Son went among the crowds and brought healing with his touch: help us to show his love, in your Church as we gather together, and by our lives as they are transformed into the image of Christ our Lord.

Merciful Father, who gave Jesus Christ to be for us the bread of life, that those who come to him should never hunger: draw us to the Lord in faith and love, that we may eat and drink with him at his table in the kingdom, where he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

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Post Communion



THIS WEEK

Mon	6 th	5.00 pm	Parochial Church Council
Wed	8 th	9.30 am	Morning Prayer
		10.00 am	Holy Communion (order 2)
		3.15 pm	'Friends' Cake Sale at the School
		7.00 pm	Home Group at 14 Hive Close
Thurs	9 th	7.00 pm	Bell ringing practice
Fri	10 th	11.00 am	Tots and Prams Service
Sat	11 th	9.30 am	Quiet Day at the Rectory

FAITH AND PRAISE ON THE WEB

C of E Church attendance has decreased again but the number of people attending the Church's 'Fresh Expressions' activities has reached an encouraging 30,000 with over 1000 such groups linked to the Church of England.

For more information about Fresh Expressions see: <http://www.freshexpressions.org.uk/>

TRAIDCRAFT

The **Traidcraft stall** will be in church next Sunday. Please support it and help those producing the goods to earn a just reward.



KESWICK IN DEVON 2012

This year's Keswick in Devon week starts on **Monday 5th March** and takes place in Sidmouth. The preachers are Charles and Hilary Price from Toronto. Sessions take place each day at 10.45 am (except Monday) and 7.45 pm. The evening sessions focus on '1Samuel: Finding and Maintaining Spiritual Reality' and the morning sessions on 'Authentic Praying – a journey in Psalms'. No booking required! There is also a bookstall and missions exhibition. Further details are available from Mike Read who has plenty of experience of attending Keswick in Devon over the years

LENT LUNCHES

Plans are progressing well for a series of **Frugal Lent Lunches** to take place on each of the six Fridays during Lent (starting 24th Feb) as social events but also to raise funds for this year's charities. Thanks to those who have already volunteered. If you would be prepared to host a lunch (possibly in partnership with friends or neighbours) or would like more details, please ask Heather Rogers (☎897780) or Liz Orza (☎897451) so that each week can be covered.

HOME GROUP

The group meets on alternate **Wednesday** evenings (7.00 pm) and **Tuesday** afternoons (3.00 pm) and, until Lent, is discussing interesting material on the covenants between God and his people through the Old Testament

Next Sunday

9.30 am Family Service
... followed by coffee

12th February

11.00 am Holy Communion
Old Testament: Proverbs 8: 1, 22-31
Epistle: Colossians 1: 15-20
Gospel: John 1: 1-14

2nd before Lent

6.30 pm Evensong
Old Testament: Genesis 2: 4b - end
New Testament: Luke 8: 22-35

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Valley Lunches

The next Valley Lunch in the Village Hall will be on **Sunday 4th March at 12.30 pm**
Please make a note of the date and join us.

Keswick in Devon

This runs in Sidmouth from **Monday 5th March to Friday 9th March**

GIFT AID

If you are a tax payer and not currently using a standing order or regular envelope for your giving to the Church, we should be grateful if you would use one of the orange envelopes at the end of the pew for your offering. This enables the Church to claim an extra 25% from HM Revenue & Customs at no cost to you. Over the course of the year, these additional sums make a significant difference to our finances.

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)

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

February 5th, 2012

3rd before Lent

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8.00 am Holy Communion

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 9: 16-23
Gospel: Mark 1: 29-39

9.30 am Family Service

... followed by coffee

11.00 am Songs of Praise

Old Testament: Isaiah 40: 21-end
New Testament: Mark 1: 29-39

6.30 pm Evensong

Old Testament: Numbers 13: 1-2, 27-33
New Testament: Philippians 2: 12-28

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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:

The good news about God is far too good to keep to ourselves