

Please pray for:

- For all who suffer as a result of conflict – that God will bring peace
 - For Those who live in *Grove Road and High Street*
 - Our Salisbury Diocesan Link with the Sudan
 - Our new mission partners and their three children serving in North Africa
 - Bishops Nicholas, Graham and Edward
<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)
 - Revd Ryder Rogers taking the assembly at Thorner's on Thursday
 - Julian Piper taking the assembly at the school on Friday
- ... & remember those who have died & their families & friends



CRIB SERVICE – HELP NEEDED!

If you are able to help run *The Star Trail*, which is an interactive, labyrinth-style of worship and therefore needs some volunteers to make it work, please let Revd Jean Thorn know **as soon as possible** (☎898799).

CAROL SINGING

Please join us for traditional carol singing around the village to raise funds for the Children's Society on **Monday 17th December at 6.00 pm**. We meet outside the Church and please bring a torch!

COLLECTS FOR ADVENT 2

- for use in the services or in private prayer

O 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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THIS WEEK

Wed	12 th	9.30 am	Morning Prayer
		10.00 am	Holy Communion (Order 2)
Thurs	13 th	7.00 pm	Bell ringing practice
Fri	14 th	2.00 pm	Tots and Prams Service
		3.30 pm	Christingle Service

RSVP FOR PARISH AWAY DAY: 12th JANUARY 2013

Invitations have now been distributed to everyone in the Village via the BVN. Please note the update which is that the day is to be facilitated by **Bishop Graham**. Do make a special note in your diaries and keep the date free for this very important day of reflection. You are asked to let Marion Dewey (marion.dewey@virgin.net) or Audrey Smith (☎897227) know if you are able to attend.

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE AND PARTY

Everyone is welcome to the Christingle Service on **Friday at 3.30 pm**. The party takes place in the Village Hall afterwards and both are organised in the name of the Church by members of the congregation and local helpers. If you would like more details (including any last minute information about what help might be required) please contact Pauline Woodford (☎898327).

ENVELOPES FOR REGULAR GIVING 2013

There are still some envelopes for 2013 to be collected from the box by the font. For further information about Gift Aid/giving through regular envelopes please see Irene Piper (☎898603) or for information about standing orders, please see Ian Ibbotson (☎898484).

SCHOOL CHRISTMAS EVENTS

This year, the **Nativity** will take place in the Church on **Tuesday 17th at 1.30 pm** and **6.00 pm**. Everyone is welcome to attend – please come and support the children and staff after all their hard work in preparing this important presentation. Carols around the tree takes place in school on **Friday 21st December at 9.15 pm** and, once again, everyone is welcome to join in this festive celebration with the children and their parents.

MISSING BRACELET

Following a wedding at St. Mary's last September, a lost bracelet was handed in to the vestry. The owner has only recently come forward to claim it but, unfortunately, it has now disappeared. If anyone knows of its whereabouts, will they please speak to Howard Bongers.

MOTIVATION UPDATE

One of our 2012 charities, Motivation, has been chosen as a Daily Telegraph Christmas Charity this year. It's wonderful news for Motivation and you can find more details at <https://telegraph.paythru.com/>

Next Sunday

8.00 am Holy Communion

Old Testament: Zephaniah 3: 14-end
Gospel: Luke 3: 7-18

9.30 am Family Service

... followed by coffee

16th December 11.00 am Holy Communion by extension

Old Testament: Zephaniah 3: 14-end
Epistle: Philippians 4: 4-7
Gospel: Luke 3: 7-18

Advent 3

6.30 pm Evensong

Old Testament: Isaiah 35
New Testament: Luke 1: 57-66

DATES FOR THE DIARY

CAROL SERVICE

The candlelight service of lessons and carols takes place on

Sunday 23rd December at 6.30 pm

CHRISTMAS EVE

The **Crib Service** takes place at **5.30 pm** and there will be a

Midnight Communion Service at **11.30 pm**

DEDICATION OF GIFTS AND GIFT AID

In dedicating our offertory, we not only recognise those gifts donated through the offertory plate but also those given through standing orders and by any visitors to their home churches as we all dedicate ourselves in God's service. If you are a tax payer, please use one of the orange envelopes for your offering.

PASTORAL ASSISTANTS & PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

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

If there is someone that you would like to be included in our prayers for the sick, please contact Pauline Woodford (☎898327) or a Churchwarden.

FLOODLIGHTING:

If you would like to have St. Mary's floodlit for a baptism or wedding, or in memory of someone, please speak to the Churchwardens, 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 9th, 2012

Advent 2

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9.30 am Family Service

... followed by coffee

11.00 am Holy Communion

Old Testament: Malachi 3: 1-4
New Testament: Philippians 1: 3-11
Gospel: Luke 3: 1-6

6.30 pm Evensong

Old Testament: Isaiah 40: 1-11
New Testament: Luke 1: 1-25

The Traidcraft stall will be in Church **this week**.
Please support it and help the producers to earn a just
reward.



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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:

'Prepare in the desert the way for the Lord. Make a straight road
in the dry lands for our God.' (Luke 3: 4)