

Please pray for:

- For all who suffer as a result of conflict – that God will bring peace
 - For Those who live in *Hive Close* and *Howarth Close*
 - 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)
- ... & remember those who have died, especially Brenda Cheney, & their families & friends



CRIB SERVICE

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 **without delay** (☎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 3

- for use in the services or in private prayer

O Lord Jesus Christ,

who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you:
grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries
may likewise so prepare and make ready your way
by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just,
that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people
in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy
Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

God for whom we watch and wait,

you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son:
give us courage to speak the truth, to hunger for justice,
and to suffer for the cause of right, with Jesus Christ our Lord.

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts;

kindle in us the fire of your Spirit
that when your Christ comes again
we may shine as lights before his face;
who is alive and reigns now and for ever.

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THIS WEEK

Mon	17 th	1.30 pm	School Nativity Rehearsal
		6.00 pm	Carol Singing around the Village
Tues	18 th	1.30 pm	School Nativity in Church
		6.00 pm	School Nativity in Church
Wed	19 th	9.30 am	Morning Prayer
		10.00 am	Holy Communion (Order 1)
Thurs	20 th	7.00 pm	No bell ringing practice (annual dinner)
Fri	21 st	9.15 am	Carol Singing around the tree (at the school)

CHRISTMAS MORNING SERVICE

The **Christmas Day service at 11am** is for everyone to come and celebrate together. You are welcome to come dressed as part of the Christmas story - shepherds, sheep, angels and stars particularly welcome - or you will be equally welcome just as you are. If you have been lucky enough to open a present before Church it would be lovely if you could bring your gift to show us all. However you choose to come, you will be very welcome - as in the words of the carol, 'What I can I give Him: give my heart'.

SCHOOL CHRISTMAS EVENTS

This year, the **Nativity** will take place in the Church on **Tuesday 18th 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 am** and, once again, everyone is welcome to join in this festive celebration with the children and their parents.

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: 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.

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.

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).

Next Sunday

23rd December

Advent 4

Christmas Eve

9.30 am Family Communion

... followed by coffee

11.00 am Morning Prayer

Old Testament: Micah 5: 2-5a

New Testament: Luke 1: 39-45

6.30 pm Carol Service

5.30 pm Crib Service

11.30 pm Midnight Communion

Old Testament: 2 Samuel 7 1-5, 8-11, 16

Epistle: Acts 13: 16-26

Gospel: Luke 1: 67-79

DATES FOR THE DIARY

UNITED VALLEY SERVICE

The service on **Sunday 30th December** will be at **Burton Bradstock** at **11.00 am**

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 16th, 2012

Advent 3

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8.00 am Holy Communion

Old Testament: Zephaniah 3: 14-end

Gospel: Luke 3: 7-18

9.30 am Family Service

... followed by coffee

11.00 am Holy Communion by extension

Old Testament: Zephaniah 3: 14-end

Epistle: Philippians 4: 4-7

Gospel: Luke 3: 7-18

3.00 pm Family Service at LATCH

6.30 pm Evensong

Old Testament: Isaiah 35

New Testament: Luke 1: 57-66

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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 answered, "If you have two shirts, share with the person who does not have one. If you have food, share that also." (*Luke 3: 11*)