

Please pray for:

- For safe travel and a restful, peaceful and enjoyable Christmastime
 - For all who suffer as a result of conflict – that God will bring peace
 - For those who live in *Lower Townsend and Middle 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)
- ... & remember those who have died, especially Brenda Cheney and those who died in the shooting in the USA, & their families & friends



COLLECTS FOR ADVENT 4

- for use in the services or in private prayer

God our Redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Eternal God, as Mary waited for the birth of your Son, so we wait for his coming in glory; bring us through the birth pangs of this present age to see, with her, our great salvation in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Heavenly Father, who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of the promised saviour: fill us your servants with your grace, that in all things we may embrace your holy will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.



COLLECTS FOR CHRISTMAS NIGHT

Eternal God, in the stillness of this night you sent your almighty Word to pierce the world's darkness with the light of salvation: give to the earth the peace that we long for and fill our hearts with the joy of heaven through our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

God our Father, in this night you have made known to us again the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ: confirm our faith and fix our eyes on him until the day dawns and Christ the Morning Star rises in our hearts. To him be glory both now and for ever.



COLLECT FOR CHRISTMAS DAY

Lord Jesus Christ, your birth at Bethlehem draws us to kneel in wonder at heaven touching earth: accept our heartfelt praise as we worship you, our Saviour and our eternal God.

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THIS WEEK

Mon	24 th	5.30 pm	Crib Service: The Star Trail
		11.30 pm	Midnight Communion
Tues	25 th	8.00 am	Holy Communion
		11.00 am	Christmas Day Worship
Wed	26 th	9.30 am	Morning Prayer
		10.00 am	Holy Communion (2) for St Stephen's Day
Thurs	27 th	7.00 pm	Bell ringing practice

CRIB SERVICE: CHRISTMAS EVE at 5.30 pm

The Service will take the form of **A Star Trail**, which is an interactive, labyrinth-style of worship. All are welcome – if you have friends and family staying with you, please bring them along as it will be a very family-friendly service.

CHRISTMAS MORNING SERVICE: CHRISTMAS DAY at 11.00 am

The **Christmas Day service** 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

Thanks to all those who came and supported the various school events during last week – the wonderful Nativity (x2) on Tuesday and the 'Carols around the Tree' on Friday.

RSVP FOR PARISH AWAY DAY: NOW URGENT

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 (12th January 10.30am to 4.00 pm) 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.

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

Pauline and David Woodford thank all those who helped in so many different ways at our Christingle Service and party. Our 30 strong carol singers produced a sound, which was judged by the listeners, to be the best ever in recent years. Our collection amounted to £175.21p. Thank you, on behalf of the Society, to the singers and the givers. Well done! We are also most grateful to David and Pauline for organising these events and for giving so much time and effort to ensure their success.

Next Sunday

30th December

**Naming and
Circumcision of
Christ**

8.00 am Holy Communion

Epistle: Galatians 4: 4-7
Gospel: Luke 2: 15-21

11.00 am United Valley Service
at Burton Bradstock

DATES FOR THE 2013 DIARY

UNITED VALLEY SERVICE

Do join us for this service which will be at **Burton Bradstock** at **11.00 am** next Sunday

JULIAN PRAYER GROUP

The next meeting will be on **Friday 4th January at 10.00 am**

CHESIL COURT COFFEE MORNING

The next Coffee Morning will be on **Thursday January 10th at 10.30 am**

TOTS AND PRAMS SERVICE

The next service will be on **Friday 11th January at 2.15 pm**

RECTORY QUIET DAY

The next Quiet Day (Sacred Circles) will be on **Saturday 12th January** from 10.00 am

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

The next meeting is on **Monday 11th February at 5.00 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 23rd, 2012

Advent 4



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

December 24th, 2012

Christmas Eve



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

December 25th, 2012

Christmas Day



8.00 am Holy Communion

Epistle: Hebrews 1: 1-4
Gospel: John 1: 1-14

11.00 am Morning Worship for Christmas Day

Welcome

Christmas Greetings and a warm welcome to all those worshipping with us today and during the week, especially to family members, 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.