

Please pray for:

- All who suffer as a result of conflict – that God will bring peace
- Those who lost life and/or property in the recent flooding on the East Coast
- Our new mission partners, Doug and Jacqui Marshall and their two children
- Those who live in *Southover and Annings Lane*
- All the Churches in our benefice – serving Christ in the Valley
- Our Salisbury Diocesan Link with the Sudan
- 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 read at each service)

... & remember those who have died, especially Patricia and Pepe Irisarri, Eva Braidwood & their families & friends.

COLLECTS FOR 3rd OF ADVENT - 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	16 th	6.00 pm	Carol singing around the Village
Tues	17 th	9.00 am	Time for Prayer (in the Church)
Wed	18 th	9.30 am	Morning Prayer
		10.00 am	Holy Communion (Order 1)
Thurs	19 th	7.00 pm	NO bell ringing practice
Fri	20 th	9.15 am	Carols around the tree in the school

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY: CAROL SINGING

Bring some joyful Christmas greetings from our Church to the people of Burton Bradstock! Join us tomorrow evening (16th) for carol singing round the village and raise much needed money for The Children's Society. We meet at 6pm, with torches, outside the Church.

CHURCH FETE

We are very pleased to welcome **Peter Tompkins** as the new chair of the fete committee. There remains a vacancy on the committee, please consider well if you would be the one (to make all the difference.....)!

CMS PARTNERS

We are delighted to announce the names of our new CMS partners who will shortly be going out to Malta to work with a mission to refugees. They are Doug and Jacqui Marshall and their two young children. We hope to have more information soon.

REGULAR GIVING ENVELOPES

Envelopes for next year are in a box beside the font. Please take your named box. If you are not currently a regular giver and would like to contribute in this way, please talk with Irene Piper (☎898603) or, if you would prefer to give by standing order, please talk with Ian Ibbotson (☎898484)

ADVANCED WARNING

There will be a scaffold tower in the church on **Monday 20th January 2014** in connection with improvements to the smoke detection system. Access to various areas of the church will be severely restricted on this day.

CHRISTMAS PEW NEWS

Next week's Pew News will be a combined edition covering the period up to 4th January 2014. Please let Julian have any items by 9.00 am on Thursday 19th December.

Next Sunday

11.00 am Holy Communion

...led by Revd Peter Saunt

22nd December

Old Testament: Isaiah 7: 10-16 Epistle: Romans 1: 1-7

Gospel: Matthew 1: 18-end

4th of Advent

6.30 pm Candlelight Carol Service

... led by Revd Sue Linford

DATES FOR THE DIARY

TOTS AND PRAMS SERVICE

The next service is on **Friday 10th January** at 2.15 pm

DEANERY ART REFLECTIONS

The next session, reflecting on the Epiphany through art, will be held at St Mary's Bridport on **Monday 6th January** at 7.00 pm, led by Jan Godfrey

JULIAN PRAYER GROUP

The next meeting will be on **Monday 6th January** at Swyre at 10.00 am

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

The next meeting is on **Monday 3rd 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 and are able to do so, 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 15th, 2013

2nd in Advent

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8.00 am Holy Communion

...led by Revd Ryder Rogers

Old Testament: Isaiah 35: 1-10 Gospel: Matthew 11: 2-11

9.30 am Family Service

... led by James Webster

6.30 pm Evensong

... led by Revd Bob Thorn

Psalms: 68: 1-19 Old Testament: Zephaniah 3: 14-end

New Testament: Philippians 4: 4-7

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Welcome!

We extend a warm welcome to all those worshipping with us today and during the week, especially 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. Supporting material suitable for children for each Sunday's service is available, and please ask if you would like soft toys for use with young children/babies during the service.

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Thought for the Week:

"Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up and the poor have good news preached to them."

(Matthew 11:8,9)