

## Please pray for:

- Our ministry team: Stephen, Sue, Peter, Mike, James, & Yvonne and also for Ryder
- All the churches in our Benefice – serving Christ in the Valley
- Those who live in *Charles Road* and *Chesil Court*
- Our Salisbury Diocesan Link with the Sudan\*
- Our mission partners, Doug and Jacqui Marshall, Ethan and Chloe
- All who suffer as a result of conflict – that God will bring peace
- The refugee crisis: for those risking their lives to flee conflicts across the world and for those endeavouring to provide for them in other countries.
- Bishops Nicholas and Edward <http://www.salisbury.anglican.org/thought-for-the-month/latest>
- Those taking the Open the Book assemblies in our schools this week:  
Revd Canon Stephen Batty at Thorne's on Thursday  
Julian, Mary and Sue at Burton on Friday
- Those who are ill or housebound (those known to you & an updated list will be read at each service)  
... & remember those who have died, & their families & friends.



*\* We are asked to pray especially for the congregations of Rejaf Diocese and for Bishop Enoch as he leads them, Kapoeta Area Diocese and for Bishop Isaac as he leads them and for Torit Diocese and for Bishop Bernard as he leads them.*

## COLLECTS FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT - for use in the services or in private prayer

**Almighty God,** give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Almighty God,** as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**O Lord our God,** make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord.



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## THIS WEEK:

Tues	8 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 am	Time for Prayer in the Church
Thurs	10 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Morning Prayer
		10.00 am	Holy Communion led by Revd Sue Linford
		12.30 pm	Over 60s Christmas Lunch
		7.00 pm	Bell ringing practice
Fri	11 <sup>th</sup>	2.15 pm	Tots and Prams Service
		3.30 pm	Christingle Service and Children's Party
Sat	12 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	School Christmas Fayre

## HANDBELL RINGING

St. Mary's Hand Bell Ringers will be playing at two services this Christmas. The first is our **Parish Christingle** this coming Friday (11th) at 3.30pm. The service will be led by Canon Stephen Batty and children from the school will be taking part in a variety of ways including a carol from the school choir. Do come and support our children at this event and then enjoy a cup of tea in the Village Hall afterwards. The Hand Bell Ringers will also be playing in our **Village Carol Service** at 6.30pm on **Sunday December 20th.**

**Advanced notice:** Carol singing around the village for The Children's Society is on the following day (**December 21st**).

## NO MORE WALLPAPER PLEASE!

Grateful thanks to all those who have provided old rolls of wallpaper for use by those attending the Tots and Prams Service. There are now enough to satisfy the need for some time, so please do not bring any more at the moment!

## CHURCH FINANCES (JANUARY TO OCTOBER)

Income for October 2015	£2694
Monthly average income (Jan-Oct 2015)	£4167
Monthly average expenditure (Jan-Oct 2015)	*£4881

(\*Taking account of the PCC decision to pay the balance of Parish Share from reserves)

## HOME GROUPS

The Home Group will not now be meeting during the Christmas Season. Meetings will recommence on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January at 7.00 pm and Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January at 3.00 pm. Further details about the study material and venues will be available nearer the time.

**Next Sunday**

**11.00 am Holy Communion**

...led by Revd Canon Stephen Batty

Old Testament: Zephaniah 3: 14-end

Epistle: Philippians 4: 4-7 Gospel: Luke 3: 7-18

**13<sup>th</sup> December**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

**6.30 pm Evensong**

...led by Yvonne Buckland

Psalm 50: 1-6 Old Testament: Isaiah 35

New Testament: Luke 1: 57-66

#### DECEMBER DATES FOR THE DIARY

20<sup>th</sup> Village Carol Service (6.30 pm)

21<sup>st</sup> Carol Singing around the Village (6.00 pm)

24<sup>th</sup> Crib Service (5.30 pm)

Midnight Communion (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 and are able to do so, please use one of the *orange* Gift Aid envelopes for your offering. Those using orange envelopes on a regular basis might prefer to use a numbered envelope (no fixed weekly or total amount required) or a standing order. Please ask Irene Piper (☎898603) for more information.

#### PASTORAL ASSISTANTS & PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

Pastoral Assistants are available for visiting. If you or anyone you know would like such a visit, please contact Pauline Woodford (☎898327) or Christine Lawrence (☎898616). 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, Chrissie Bailey or Ian Ibbotson.

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 9.00 am **Thursday**, please

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## Burton Bradstock Parish Church

### Part of the Bride Valley Benefice



### 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 or 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.

**Pew News**

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2015**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**



St Mary's Church

**8.00 am Holy Communion**

...led by Revd Canon Stephen Batty

Old Testament: Malachi 3: 1-4

Epistle: Philippians 1: 3-11 Gospel: Luke 3: 1-6

**9.30 am Family Service**

... led by Revd Ryder Rogers and followed by coffee

**6.30 pm Evensong**

...led by Mike Read

Psalm 75 Isaiah 40: 1-11 New Testament: Luke 1: 1-25

#### Thought for the week:

"It is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ ..." (Philippians 1: 9-10)

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