

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 *Church Street* and *Cliff Road*
- Our Salisbury Diocesan Link with the Sudan
- Our mission partners, Doug and Jacqui Marshall, Ethan and Chloe
- 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.
- All those for whom Christmas is a sad time – through bereavement, war and natural disasters
- Bishops Nicholas 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 & their families & friends.



COLLECTS FOR THE 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT & CHRISTMAS - 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.

Almighty God, you make us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as we joyfully receive him as our redeemer, so we may with sure confidence behold him when he shall come to be our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Eternal God, who made this most holy night to shine with the brightness of your one true light: bring us, who have known the revelation of that light on earth, to see the radiance of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Almighty God, you have given us your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin: grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Eternal God, for whom we wait,
you have fed us with the bread of eternal life:
keep us ever watchful,
that we may be ready to stand before the Son of man,
Jesus Christ our Lord.



THIS WEEK:

Mon	21 st	6.00 pm	Carol Singing round the Village (please bring a torch)
Tues	22 nd	9.00 am	Time for Prayer in the Church
Thurs	24 th	10.00 am	NO Holy Communion this week
		7.00 pm	NO bell ringing practice this week

We welcome you to all our services over the Christmas Season:



CHRISTMAS EVE

5.30 pm Crib Service

...led by Revd Canon Stephen Batty

11.30 pm Midnight Communion

... led by Revd Sue Linford

Old Testament: Isaiah 52: 7-10

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



CHRISTMAS DAY

8.00 am Holy Communion

... led by Revd Sue Linford and Mike Read

Old Testament: Isaiah 52: 7-10

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

11.00 am Service for Christmas Day

... led by Mike Read

PRAYER AT THE ADVENT CANDLE (4th OF ADVENT)

Blessed are you, sovereign Lord, merciful and gentle: to you be praise and glory for ever. Your light has shone in our darkened world through the child-bearing of blessed Mary; grant that we who have seen your glory may daily be renewed in your image and prepared like her for the coming of your Son, who is the Lord and Saviour of all.

Blessed be God for ever.

PRAYER AT THE ADVENT CANDLE (CHRISTMAS DAY)

Blessed are you, sovereign Lord, King of peace: to you be praise and glory for ever. The new light of your incarnate Word gives gladness in our sorrow, and a presence in our isolation. Fill our lives with your light, until they overflow with gladness and praise.

Blessed be God for ever.

Next Sunday

27th December

**John the
Apostle**

11.00 am Holy Communion

...led by Revd Canon Stephen Batty
Old Testament: Exodus 33: 7-11a
Epistle: 1 John 1 Gospel: John 21: 19b-end

6.30 pm Evensong

...led by James Webster
Psalm: 97 Old Testament: Isaiah 6: 1-8
New Testament: 1 John 5: 1-12

GREETINGS:

Celia Cummins sends warmest Christmas and New Year greetings to all her friends in the Church and Village. She comments that she has adapted well to her new environment including the shops which are 'huge in comparison to Bridport'!
The Pilsdon Community have sent a copy of their Christmas Newsletter which is in the south aisle for reference.

JANUARY DATES FOR THE DIARY

4th Julian Prayer Group at Swyre (10.00 am)
8th Tots and Prams Service (2.15 pm)
31st United Valley Choral Evensong at Shipton Gorge (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* 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*
☎ 01308 898603 e: julian@jipiper.co.uk

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 20th December 2015
4th Sunday of Advent**



St Mary's Church

8.00 am Holy Communion

...led by Revd Canon Stephen Batty
Old Testament: Micah 5: 2-5a
Epistle: Hebrews 10: 5-10 Gospel: Luke 1: 39-45

9.30 am Family Service

...led by Revd Canon Stephen Batty and followed by coffee

6.30 pm Candlelight Carol Service

...led by Revd Sue Linford

Thought for the week:

[Christ said] "Behold, I have come to do your will." ...And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.
(Hebrews 10:10)

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Churchwardens: Chrissie Bailey (☎897603) & Ian Ibbotson (☎898484)