

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 *Middle Street* and *Mill Street*
- 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
- Bishops Nicholas and Edward <http://www.salisbury.anglican.org/thought-for-the-month/latest>
- Please pray for all those involved in our School and for those leading Open the Book assemblies this week:



Revd Ryder and Heather Rogers at Thorners on Thursday

Revd Canon Stephen Batty 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, especially Joy Newman, & their families & friends.

URGENT REQUEST

A driver is needed to enable a few of our over 60s to be able to get to the lunch on Thursday 11th February. This is an ongoing problem and so any offers will be gratefully accepted for this and future occasions when the group meets. Please contact Christine Lawrence (☎898616) or Pauline Woodford (☎898327) if you can help.

COLLECTS FOR CANDLEMAS

- for use in the services or in private prayer

Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty,
whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple,
in substance of our flesh:
grant that we may be presented to you
with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Lord Jesus Christ,

light of the nations and glory of Israel:
make your home among us, and present us pure and holy
to your heavenly Father, your God, and our God.

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna,
who lived to welcome the Messiah:
may we, who have received these gifts beyond words,
prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes to bring us to eternal life;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.



THIS WEEK:

NB Repair to the gate post on the corner of Mill Street is scheduled to start on Monday.

Mon	1 st	10.00 am	Julian Prayer Group at SWYRE
Tues	2 nd	9.00 am	Time for Prayer in the Church
Thurs	4 th	9.30 am	Morning Prayer
		10.00 am	Holy Communion led by Revd Canon Stephen Batty
		7.00 pm	Bell ringing practice

CHARITY FUNDRAISING (CMS and Sudan Medi-Link)

The next event will be a Pancake Fiesta from 10.30 am to **12.30 pm** at 25 Bindbarrow on **Tuesday 9th February** (Shrove Tuesday). Please note the change of time from that published in the BVN (p17).

LENT STUDY AND REFLECTION

Please do come and join in the five sessions of study and reflection for Lent in the Bride Valley – each of these will begin at 7.00pm and finish at 8.30pm, from **Tuesday 16th February**, at Puncknowle and Swyre Village Hall – except the meeting on the evening of Tuesday March 1st, which will be held in Burton Bradstock's Reading Room.

We will be following this year's York Course provision: '**The Psalms: Prayers for Today's Church.**' *"The psalms are the prayer book of the Bible",* writes Bishop Stephen Cottrell (who is the course's author). *"We love them because they're so old, prayed by the people of God for generations. And we love them because they're so young! They are the prayers of the people of God in their youth. The psalms are a library of praise and petition. They provide words when we don't have any words. They are there for us to inhabit, recite and build our prayers upon. They are a template for expressing who we are and all that we think and feel in the presence of God and they provide wisdom for navigating our way through the challenges and delights of life. This course will introduce you to the psalms as God's offer of words to shape your praying, words so poignant and precise that Jesus turned to them as he hung upon the cross."*

FROM THE BISHOP'S THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

'The latest statistics from the Church of England show average weekly attendance has fallen below a million. I liked the press release with this, which said this exceeds the combined membership of all UK political parties. Christmas attendance was 2.4 million and the C of E still does 3,000 funerals well over 2,000 weddings and 1,000 baptisms every week. In the Diocese of Salisbury, we have the third highest proportion of the population attending Church, typical of rural areas where churches are small but strongest... There are nearly 4,500 C of E primary schools, a quarter of all primary schools, over 200 Church secondaries, and 500 independent schools of Anglican foundation between them educating 1.3 million children. Over 400 Church schools have become academies. Dioceses recruit, train and support around 22,500 governors. So, yes there has been a long period of decline but there is also a lot of life. Why would we be surprised? Church is an enduring institution. Our hope is renewed constantly by the risen life of Jesus Christ.' (More at <http://www.salisbury.anglican.org/thought-for-the-month/latest>)

Next Sunday

8.00 am Holy Communion

...led by Revd Sue Linford

Old Testament: Exodus 34: 29-end

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2 Gospel: Luke 9: 28-43a

7th February

9.30 am Family Service

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

**Sunday
before Lent**

6.30 pm Evensong

... led by Revd Canon Stephen Batty

Psalm 89: 1-18 Old Testament: Exodus 3: 1-6

New Testament: John 12: 27-36a

FEBRUARY DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 9th Pancake Fiesta at 25 Bindbarrow (10.30-12.30)
10th Ash Wednesday Holy Communion with imposition of ashes (10.00 am)
12th Tots and Prams Service (2.15 pm)
14th Open The Book Commissioning Service at **Puncknowle** (5.00 pm)
16th Lent Course starts at PSWB Village Hall (7.00 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 and New Year greetings 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 31st January 2016
Candlemas**



St Mary's Church

8.00 am Holy Communion

...led by Revd Ryder Rogers

Old Testament: Malachi 3: 1-5

Epistle: Hebrews 2: 14-end Gospel: Luke 2: 22-40

**5.00 pm United Benefice
Choral Evensong
at SHIPTON GORGE**

Thought for the week:

You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures for evermore. (Psalm 16: 11)

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