Please pray for:

- For all who suffer as a result of conflict that God will bring peace
- Those who live in Howarth Close and Lower Townsend
- · Our Salisbury Diocesan Link with the Sudan.
- · Bishops Nicholas & Graham: 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)
- Revd Ryder Rogers taking the assembly at Thorners on Thursday
- Pauline Woodford taking the 'Open the Book' assembly at the school on Friday

... & remember those who have died, & their families & friends

HOME GROUP

The home group restarts again *this week* on Wednesday evening at 7.00 pm at 15 Northover Close. The pattern of meetings will be as before Lent – ie alternating Wednesday evenings and Tuesday afternoons. The next meeting will be on Tuesday 15th May at 3.00 pm at 25 Bindbarrow.

SUPPORTING OUR YOUNG PEOPLE: RACE FOR LIFE

To increase sponsorship for those taking part in the Race for Life, *Nia and Toula Kanellaki* along with *Monisha Vij* are holding a **cake sale** on the Village Green at **2.00 pm** on **Monday 7th May** (Bank Holiday) and would be grateful for donations of cakes so that they can raise a worthwhile sum for the charity. (\$\alpha\$898685)

COLLECTS FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

- for use in the services or in private prayer

Almighty God,

who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Risen Christ,

your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life: give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father.

Eternal God.

whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

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THIS WEEK 9th Wed 9.30 am Morning Prayer Holy Communion (Order 2) 10.00 am 7.00 pm Home Group at 15 Northover Close Thurs 10th 7.00 pm Bell ringing practice 11th 2.15 pm Tots and Prams Service (NB NEW TIME) Fri

FAITH AND PRAISE ON THE WEB

Footballer, *Fabrice Muamba*, spoke powerfully about the impact of prayer on his recovery to the Sun newspaper! See: http://www.thesun.co.uk/sol/homepage/news/4271858/Fabrice-Muamba-l-asked-God-to-protect-me-he-didnt-let-me-down.html

BIBLE QUIZZES

There has been a change of plan! In view of the Queen's Jubilee celebrations and the Olympics, many people are feeling over-stretched, so we are postponing the all-age quiz contests on the life of Joseph (in Genesis) until 2013. This year there will only be the schools' match and the junior village contests – all based on the book of Ruth. For some this may be a disappointment; if so, Heather apologises. For others this may feel like a reprieve!

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK - starting next Sunday!

This year's dates are **Sunday 13th to Saturday 19th May**. Collectors are urgently needed to distribute envelopes and retrieve them later in the week. Please contact *Janet Proctor* as soon as possible if you are able to help in any way (\$\alpha\$ 898594)

SALE OF PLANTS AND PRESERVES

There will be a sale of plants (perennial and bedding ones – some unusual) and some home-produced preserves at the Red House, Middle Street, Burton Bradstock **on Friday** from 10.00 am to 1.00 pm. The proceeds will be divided equally between the Church Mission Society* and the Bible Society**. All are welcome to clear the stock! *Charity number 220297 **Charity number 232759

DIAMOND JUBILEE BIG LUNCH

Thanks to all those who returned their applications in time. The good news is that all those who applied for tickets (360 people) will be able to attend and will be receiving their tickets in due course along with further details. There is a reserve list for late applicants! The Big Lunch event, along with the many others taking place in the village over the weekend, has been organised by the Diamond Jubilee Committee, a subcommittee of the Parish Council. All events are jointly funded by village groups and private donations. Recognition will be given to the groups who have supported the celebrations in the official programme which will go to every house in the village.

Next Sunday

9.30 am Family Service

... followed by coffee

13th May

11.00 am Holy Communion

Old Testament: Isaiah 22: 15-end New Testament: Acts 1: 15-end Gospel: John 15: 9-17

Matthias the Apostle

6.30 pm Evensong

Old Testament: 1 Samuel 16: 1-13a New Testament: Matthew 7: 15-27

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Charity Sale of Plants and Preserves

This takes place at The Red House, Middle Street on **Friday 11th May** from 10.00 am to 1.00 pm

Fairtrade

The next opportunity to buy Fairtrade goods in Church will be on 20th May – but please note that items will be on sale at the Valley Lunch today (Sunday) in the Village Hall

GIFT AID

If you are a tax payer, please use one of the orange envelopes at the end of the pew (after writing your name and postcode on the front) for your offering rather than putting loose cash into the plate. For further information about Gift Aid please see Irene Piper.

PASTORAL ASSISTANTS:

Pastoral Assistants are here and available for visiting. If you, or anyone you know, would like such a visit, please contact Ann Read (☎897445)

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

The Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin Burton Bradstock

May 6th, 2012

Easter 5

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8.00 am Holy Communion

New Testament: Acts 8: 26-end Gospel: John 15: 1-8

9.30 am Family Service

... followed by coffee

11.00 am Songs of Praise

New Testament: Acts 2: 42-end & 4: 32-35 Gospel: John 15: 1-8

12.30 pm United Valley Lunch

... in the Village Hall

6.30 pm Evensong

Old Testament: Isaiah 60: 1-14 New Testament: Revelation 3: 1-13

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Welcome

We extend a warm welcome to all those worshipping with us today and during the week, especially to 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.

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Thought for the Week:

To produce fruit, we need to be joined on to the true vine