

## Welcome!

We extend a warm welcome and Christmas Greetings to all those worshipping with us, especially newcomers and family members or 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.

### COLLECTS FOR THE CHRISTMAS PERIOD - 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.

**Eternal God**, as Mary waited for the birth of your Son, so we wait for his coming in glory; bring us through the birth pangs of this present age to see, with her, our great salvation in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Heavenly Father**, who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of the promised saviour: fill us your servants with your grace, that in all things we may embrace your holy will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.



**Almighty God**, as we prepare with joy to celebrate the gift of the Christ-child, embrace the earth with your glory and be for us a living hope in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Eternal God**, in the stillness of this night you sent your almighty Word to pierce the world's darkness with the light of salvation: give to the earth the peace that we long for and fill our hearts with the joy of heaven through our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**Lord Jesus Christ**, your birth at Bethlehem draws us to kneel in wonder at heaven touching earth: accept our heartfelt praise as we worship you, our Saviour and our eternal God.

**God our Father**, whose Word has come among us in the Holy Child of Bethlehem: may the light of faith illumine our hearts and shine in our words and deeds; through him who is Christ the Lord.



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## THE NEXT FORTNIGHT

Tues	24 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 am	Time for Prayer (in the Church)
Wed	25 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	NO Morning Prayer (Christmas Day Service at 11.00 am)
		10.00 am	NO Holy Communion (at 8.00 am)
Thurs	26 <sup>th</sup>	7.00 pm	NO bell ringing practice
Tues	31 <sup>st</sup>	9.00 am	Time for Prayer (in the Church)
Wed	1 <sup>st</sup>	9.30 am	Morning Prayer
		10.00 am	Holy Communion (order 1)
Thurs	2 <sup>nd</sup>	7.00 pm	Bell ringing practice

### CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

Many thanks to all those who helped in so many different ways at this year's Christingle Service and party. Particular thanks to Lesley Dove and her team who organized and worked so hard to produce the tea. The total collection including candle boxes, donations and the sale of sweet jars amounted to £89.38. Carol singing around the Village this year resulted in a record total of £232.13. Thank you to all the singers and those who donated money. The last carol sung (by very hoarse voices) was in the 'Shoes' where Mandy and Will Hay kindly revived us with mulled wine & mince pies.

### 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Please pray for:

- All who suffer as a result of conflict – that God will bring peace
- Our mission partners, Doug and Jacqui Marshall and their two children
- For families – our own and those of others – to know the peace and joy of Christ's birth at Christmas, and for those missing a loved one
- 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, & their families & friends.

Next Sunday

5<sup>th</sup> January

Epiphany

**8.00 am Holy Communion**

...led by Revd Ryder Rogers

Epistle: Ephesians 3: 1-12 Gospel: Matthew 2: 1-12

**9.30 am Family Service**

...led by Revd Bob Thorn and followed by coffee

**6.30 pm Evensong**

... led by Revd Sue Linford

Psalm: Old Testament: Jeremiah 31: 7-14

New Testament: John 1: 29-34

**DATES FOR THE DIARY**

**TOTS AND PRAMS SERVICE**

The next service is on **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> January** at 7.00 pm, led by Jan Godfrey

**JULIAN PRAYER GROUP**

The next meeting will be on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January** at Swyre at 10.00 am

**PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**

The next meeting is on **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2013

4<sup>th</sup> in Advent

**11.00 am Holy Communion**

...led by Revd Peter Saunt

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

Gospel: Matthew 1: 18-end

**6.30 pm Candlelight Carol Service**

... led by Revd Sue Linford

December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2013

Christmas Eve

**5.30 pm Crib Service**

... led by Revd Bob Thorn & Revd Sue Linford

**11.30 pm Midnight Holy Communion**

... led by Revd Ryder Rogers

Old Testament: Isaiah 52: 7-10 Epistle: Hebrews 1: 1-14 Gospel: John 1: 1-14

December 25<sup>th</sup>, 2013

Christmas Day

**8.00 am Holy Communion**

... led by Jean Thorn

Epistle: Titus 2: 11-14 Gospel: Luke 2: 1-14

**11.00 am Christmas Day Service**

... led by Mike Read

December 29<sup>th</sup>, 2013

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Christmas

**8.00 am Holy Communion**

... led by Jean Thorn

Epistle: Hebrews 2: 10-end Gospel: Matthew 2: 13-end

**11.00 am United Valley Service at PUNCKNOWLE**

... led by Revd Bob Thorn