

## Please pray for:

- Our ministry team: Stephen, Sue, Mike, James, & Yvonne and for Ryder & Edward, praying especially at this time for Stephen, Frances, Evie and the wider family
- All the churches in our Benefice – serving Christ in the Valley
- Those who live in *Grove Road and High Street*
- Our Salisbury Diocesan Link with the Sudan
- Our mission partners, Doug and Jacqui Marshall, Ethan and Chloe
- Bishops Nicholas, Edward & Karen <http://www.salisbury.anglican.org/thought-for-the-month/latest>
- Those caught up in the aftermath of terrorist attacks and wars
- 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 including the UK
- Toby Coulson, being baptised today, his parents Kevin and Helen and all the family
- Those taking the Open the Book Assemblies in our schools this week:



James Webster at Thorner's on Thursday

Pat Lewis-Badgett 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

## PRAYER OVER THE ADVENT CANDLE

**God of Abraham and Sarah**, and all the patriarchs of old, you are our Father too. Your love is revealed to us in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of David. Help us in preparing to celebrate his birth to make our hearts ready for your Holy Spirit to make his home among us. We ask this through Jesus Christ, the light who is coming into the world.

**Amen.**

## COLLECTS FOR ADVENT 2

### - for use in the service or for private prayer

**O Lord**, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever.

**Almighty God**, purify our hearts and minds, that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God.

**Father in heaven**, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.



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## THIS WEEK:

Mon	5 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Julian Prayer Group at SWYRE
Tues	6 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 am	Time for Prayer in the Church
Thurs	8 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Holy Communion with Revd Sue Linford
		12.30 pm	Over 60s Christmas Lunch at Chesil Court
		7.00 pm	Bell Ringing Practice
		7.00 pm	Reflect and Study at PUNCKNOWLE
Fri	9 <sup>th</sup>	2.15 pm	Tots and Prams Service
		3.30 pm	Christingle and Children's Party
Sat	10 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	School Christmas Fair

## FAMILY WORSHIP IN THE VALLEY

This week's family worship, inc. baptism is here at 10.30 am. Next Sunday's family service takes place at Puncknowle at 10.30 am (Messy Church).

## COFFEE STOP: WEDNESDAY 14<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER

Members of St. Mary's Church will host the Coffee Stop in the Village Hall on **Wednesday 14th December** from 10am till 12 noon.

Please come along and enjoy coffee and seasonal cakes with friends. All proceeds will go to Church funds.

## CAROLS AT CHRISTMAS

The annual Carol Service takes place on **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December** at 6.30 pm and will be a celebration with familiar carols and readings by members of the community along with contributions from a small choir and soloist. All are welcome! Carol singing around the Village in aid of the Children's Society takes place on **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December** starting at 6.00 pm from the Church.

## SEVEN LESSONS AND CAROLS

The School's nativity celebration, entitled 'Seven Lessons and Carols' will be performed on **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December** in the Church at 1.30 pm and 6.00 pm. All are welcome to attend what is always a very lively and thoughtful occasion. Please book the date in your diary and join the School for the celebration.

## CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

Our candlelit Christingle service will take place on **Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> December**, at 3.30 pm in the Church. Children from the School will be taking part in various ways and there is always great excitement amongst them as they look forward to it. We celebrate that Christ has come to be the *Light of the World* in this atmospheric service which is to be led by Revd Sue Linford. It is also a way of strengthening links between the Church and School and it is lovely to see church members join us for this occasion. Following the service there is a party for the children in the Village Hall and donations of food would be welcomed by Pauline Woodford (☎898327)

**Next Sunday**

**11<sup>th</sup> Dec**

**Advent 3**

**11.00 am Holy Communion**

... led by Ven Paul Taylor (Archdeacon)

Old Testament: Isaiah 35: 1-10; Epistle: James 5: 7-10

Gospel: Matthew 11: 2-11

**6.30 pm Evensong**

... led by James Webster

Psalm: 12; Old Testament: Isaiah 5: 8-end;

New Testament: Acts 13: 13-41

**DECEMBER DATES FOR THE DIARY**

14<sup>th</sup> Coffee Stop in the Village Hall run by members of the Church (10-12)  
18<sup>th</sup> Carol Service (6.30 pm)  
19<sup>th</sup> Carol Singing around the Village (6.00 pm)

**CHURCH FINANCES**

Receipts for September: £1,713 and October: £7,607 (inc Gift Aid of £4,647)

Payments for September: £3,976 and October: £4,660

Average monthly receipts (Jan-Oct 2016): £4,597

Average monthly payments (Jan-Oct 2016): £5,199

**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 Peter Broomhead.

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](mailto:julian@jipiper.co.uk)

**Burton Bradstock Parish Church**

**Part of the Bride Valley Benefice**

**Pew  
News**

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2016  
Advent 2**



**St Mary's Church**

**10.30 am Family Service  
with the Baptism of Toby Coulson**

(Toby is great-grandson of Margaret Webby)  
... led by Revd Ryder Rogers and followed by coffee

**6.30 pm Holy Communion**

... led by Revd Sue Linford  
Old Testament: Isaiah 11: 1-10;  
Epistle: Romans 15: 4-13; Gospel: Matthew 3: 1-12



**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.

Please take advantage of:

- supporting material suitable for children for each service
- soft toys for use with young children/babies during the service
- music for the sung communion services.

**Call to worship and thought for the week:**

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures for ever  
(Psalm 136: 1)

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