

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 *Mill Street and Norburton*
- 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



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 Val Parsons, & their families & friends

PRAYER OVER THE ADVENT CANDLE (CHRISTMAS DAY)

Lord Jesus, Light of light,
you have come among us.
Help us who live by your light
to shine as lights in your world.
Glory to God in the highest. **Amen.**

COLLECTS FOR CHRISTMAS EVE

- for use in the services or for private prayer

FOR CHRISTMAS EVE:

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.

FOR CHRISTMAS NIGHT:

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.

God our Father, in this night you have made known to us again
the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ:
confirm our faith and fix our eyes on him until the day dawns
and Christ the Morning Star rises in our hearts.
To him be glory both now and for ever.



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DURING THE WEEK:

Tues 27th 9.00 am Time for Prayer in the Church
Thurs 29th 10.00 am No mid-week service this week
7.00 pm No bell ringing practice

The bells will be rung at midnight on New Year's Eve to celebrate the
New Year.

Tues 3rd 9.00 am Time for Prayer in the Church
Thurs 5th 10.00 am Morning Prayer with the church wardens
7.00 pm Bell ringing practice

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Celia Cummins sends Christmas and New Year Greetings to her friends in Burton Bradstock. She would like to remain in touch and Heather Rogers will gladly provide Celia's email to anyone who would like to contact her.

THE LATE VAL PARSONS

There is a private family cremation for the late Val Parsons but there will be a celebration of her life in a memorial service to be held at the end of March.

COLLECTS FOR CHRISTMAS DAY AND NEW YEAR'S DAY

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.

POST COMMUNION

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.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was circumcised
in obedience to the law for our sake
and given the Name that is above every name:
give us grace faithfully to bear his Name,
to worship him in the freedom of the Spirit,
and to proclaim him as the Saviour of the world; who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

POST COMMUNION

Eternal God, whose incarnate Son was given the Name of Saviour:
grant that we who have shared in this sacrament of our salvation
may live out our years in the power of the Name above all other names,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Burton Bradstock Parish Church

Part of the Bride Valley Benefice

**Pew
News**

**24th December 2016
to 1st January 2017**



St Mary's Church



Welcome!

We extend a warm welcome and season's 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.

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.

5.30 pm Christmas Eve Crib Service

... led by James Webster

11.30 pm Midnight Communion

... led by Revd Sue Linford

Old Testament: Isaiah 52: 7-10; Epistle: Hebrews 1: 1-12
Gospel: John 1: 1-14

11.00 am Service for Christmas Day

A celebration for all the family (and visitors)

... led by Yvonne Buckland

Old Testament: Isaiah 9: 2-7; Gospel: Luke 2: 1-20

Call to worship and thought for the week:

My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord, and let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and ever. (*Psalm 145: 21*)

Rector: Revd Canon Stephen Batty, The Rectory, Church Street, Burton Bradstock (☎898799)
Churchwardens: Chrissie Bailey (☎897603) & Peter Broomhead (☎897408)

**Sunday
1st January**

Naming of Jesus

**11.00 am United Benefice
Holy Communion (said)**

... led by Revd Sue Linford and followed by coffee
Old Testament: Numbers 6: 22-end; Epistle: Galatians 4: 4-7;
Gospel: Luke 2: 15-21

**Sunday
8th January**

Epiphany

11.00 am Holy Communion

... led by Revd Ryder Rogers and followed by coffee
Old Testament: Isaiah 60: 1-6; Epistle: Ephesians 3: 1-12;
Gospel: Matthew 2: 1-12

6.30 pm Evensong

... led by Vicky Thomas
Old Testament: Isaiah 60: 1-9; New Testament: John 2: 1-11

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.

NEXT EDITION

The next edition of Pew News will be for **Sunday 8th January**. Please let Julian have copy by Thursday 5th January (9.00 am).

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
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