

Please pray for:

- Our Salisbury Diocesan Link with the Sudan; see: <http://twitter.com/#!/sudanlink> or the Neema Crafts Facebook page
- Our CMS Partners, Andy & Susie Hart, Ben & Katie Ray and their families
- Bishop Nicholas: <http://www.salisbury.anglican.org/news/new-bishop-calls-for-celebration-of-diversity>
- Those who live in *Northover Close* and *Roberts Close*
- Young people: especially Lucy and Jess starting university and Jake starting his new job.
- Those who are ill or housebound (those known to you & an updated list will be provided at each service)



... and remember those who have died, especially James Thorner and Al Palmer, and their families and friends

UNITED VALLEY SERVICE

The next united service will be at Shipton Gorge **next Sunday** at **11.00 am**. Please make a note in your diary and do your best to attend (having put your clocks back one hour the night before!)

COLLECTS FOR BIBLE SUNDAY OR TRINITY 18 - for use in the services or in private prayer

Blessed Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning; grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of thy holy Word, we may embrace, and ever hold fast, the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; 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 judge and saviour, teach us to be open to your truth and to trust in your love, that we may live each day with confidence in the salvation which is given through Jesus Christ our Lord.

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast: for here we receive you, here the memory of your passion is renewed, here our minds are filled with grace, and here a pledge of future glory is given, when we shall feast at that table where you reign with all your saints for ever.

Post Communion



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THIS WEEK

Tues	25 th	7.00 pm	Home Group @ Old Walls
Wed	26 th	9.30 am	Morning Prayer
		10.00 am	Holy Communion (order 2)
Thurs	27 th	7.00 pm	Bell ringing practice

FAITH AND PRAISE ON THE WEB

On this Bible Sunday, please have a look at the Bible Society's website for lots of information and help with devotions: <http://www.biblesociety.org.uk/>

HARVEST

Thank you from Ann Read to all those who brought gifts into the Church for the Harvest Festival. We were able to make up 20 gift parcels for the sick and elderly in the parish. The remainder of the produce was taken to Chancery House in Bridport. They were very thankful for our contribution to their lunches.

THE POSADA

The posada (figures of Mary and Joseph) will be making their journey again this year, starting on Advent Sunday (27th Nov), spending each night in a different home and arriving at the Crib Service on Christmas Eve. More details next week.

THE BIBLE

The display in the church from **2.00 pm to 4.00 pm** celebrating the King James version, four hundred years old this year, will continue until **29th October**. Today, Bible Sunday, we are warmly welcoming **Mrs Gillian Robinson**, a Bible Society representative, who will be speaking at the morning services. At all three services, the contents of the Bible Society boxes for giving throughout the past year will be blessed and there will be retiring collections for the Society. In the afternoon from 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm there will be a marathon Bible reading by various members of our community. Anyone who is at present without a Bible Society box and would like one, please contact Hilary Mousley.

QUIET DAYS AT THE RECTORY

Please see the programme on p30 and the booking form on p37 in the Bride Valley News for further information. The next Quiet Day is on **November 5th** and is entitled 'The Old Testament – who, what, when, where & why?'. Advanced booking is essential – please contact Revd Jean Thorn for more information.

GIFT AID OFFICER

St Mary's Burton Bradstock seeks an honorary Gift Aid Officer from January 2012. The time involved is under 1 hour per week and about 4 hours to do the annual return. This work currently produces a vital income of £5,500 annually for Church Funds. Please contact Ian Ibbotson for further details

Next Sunday

October 30th

**4th before
Advent**

8.00 am Holy Communion

Epistle: 1 John 3: 1-3

Gospel: Matthew 5: 1-12

11.00 am United Valley Service

at SHIPTON GORGE

3.00 pm Memorial Service

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

• **Bible Quizzes**

The event starts at **2.30 pm** on **Sunday 27th November** (Advent Sunday) at LATCH (Litton Cheney). There will be refreshments during the afternoon and we conclude with the presentation of the cup and shields. Please share transport if possible to enable the maximum number of people to attend. Further details from Heather Rogers (897780)

• **Clearing the compost heap!**

Able-bodied folk with wheelbarrows are required to help clear the mound of compost at the back of the churchyard created from the grass clippings over a long period. A trailer has been booked for **9.00 am** on **Saturday 5th November** so please keep the date free if you are able to help. Bring bags/sacks if you want to help yourself to some of the well-rotted compost!

'LET'S GROW' VOUCHERS

Please support our local school by collecting the vouchers, which are now available from **Morrisons** until the end of this week, and leaving them in the box beside the door of the church.



PASTORAL ASSISTANTS:

If you would like to know about the work of a Pastoral Assistant do please ask.

Pastoral Assistants are here and available for visiting. If you, or anyone you know, would like such a visit, please contact Ann Read (01308 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 Howard Bongers or Basil Dent.

Please take this leaflet home with you for reference and prayer, and ask a sidesman for another copy to take to someone unable to be at church today. 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

October 23rd, 2011

Bible Sunday

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9.30 am Family Communion

Speaker: Mrs Gillian Robinson of the Bible Society

...followed by coffee

11.00 am Morning Prayer:

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Old Testament: Nehemiah 8: 1-4a, 8-12

New Testament: Matthew 24: 30-35

6.30 pm Evening Prayer

Old Testament: Isaiah 55: 1-11

Gospel: Luke 4: 14-30

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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:

We are to love God with our whole being, and love others as much as we love ourselves