

### Please pray for:

- For all who suffer as a result of conflict – that God will bring peace
- Those who live in *Cliff Road* and *Coast Road*
- Our Salisbury Diocesan Link with the Sudan; see:  
<http://www.salisbury.anglican.org/mission/the-sudan-link/prayer-wall>
- Our CMS Partners, Andy & Susie Hart, Ben & Katie Ray and their families following the devastating fire which burnt out Andy and Susie's house
- Bishop Nicholas: <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)



... & remember those who have died, especially Bill Attrill, Joan Gillett, John Tillman, Helen Mayo & their families & friends

### HOME GROUP

The home group will re-start in January with a bring-and-share supper on **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> at 6.00 pm** at 4 Burton Mill, Grove Road when plans for meetings up to Lent will be discussed. **All** are welcome to this event.

### BRIDE VALLEY SHARED LUNCHES

Dates for the lunches in 2012 are as follows:

March 4<sup>th</sup>, May 6<sup>th</sup>, July 1<sup>st</sup>, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, November 4<sup>th</sup> at 12.30 pm in the Village Hall. Please note the dates in your diaries and join us for these Valley events.

### COLLECTS FOR THE FOURTH OF ADVENT - 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.

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*Post Communion*



### THIS WEEK

Tues	20 <sup>th</sup>	7.00 pm	<b>NO</b> home group this week (& until 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan)
Wed	21 <sup>st</sup>	9.30 am	Morning Prayer
		10.00 am	Holy Communion (order 1)
Thurs	22 <sup>nd</sup>	7.00 pm	Bell ringing practice
Sat	24 <sup>th</sup>	5.30 pm	Crib Service
		11.30 pm	Midnight Mass

### FAITH AND PRAISE ON THE WEB

Both the charities to be supported by the Church in 2012 have websites with lots more information about their activities:

- <http://www.barnabasfund.org/>
- <http://www.motivation.org.uk/>

### PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES 2012.

Please would you collect your envelopes in church (by the font), check your name, box number, address and postcode and let Ian Ibbotson know of any discrepancies. (For Gift Aided Donations the name should be the signatory to the Gift Aid Form.) If you would like to have envelopes for regular giving or wish to donate by standing order please ask the treasurer, Ian Ibbotson (898484). You do not need to be a tax payer to use the envelope scheme or standing order but if you are, the church can claim an extra 25p for every pound you give. Thank you for your generosity.

### SITUATIONS VACANT:

We are urgently seeking a dynamic, computer-literate executive for the position of **Advertising Manager** for the Bride Valley News. This is an honourable and honorary position, very important to the financial viability of the BVN. Contact Revd Bob Thorn or the Administrator, Liz Slater, for further information on this vital work. Please talk to anyone you know who may have these skills and encourage them to think about taking on the work.

### THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of the Christingle on 9<sup>th</sup> December. Several parents said how much they enjoyed the service and the children certainly had fun at the party. Over £70 pounds was raised for the valuable work of the Society.

Thank you to all our supporters who have home boxes for the Society. This money totalled £492 and will be used towards giving every child in the U.K. a good childhood. Anybody who would like a box for their loose change please contact Pauline Woodford (898327)

Owing to the foul weather on Monday, carol singing had to be cancelled, which was disappointing for both singers and listeners. Unfortunately we have been unable to reschedule this and so the overall fund-raising for this Christmas will be less.

**Christmas Eve**

**5.00 pm Crib Service**

**11.30 pm Midnight Mass**

Old Testament: 2 Samuel 7: 1-5, 8-11, 16

New Testament: Acts 13: 16-26

Gospel: Luke 1: 67-79

**Next Sunday**

**8.00 am Holy Communion**

Epistle: Hebrews 1: 1-4

Gospel: John 1: 1-14

**Christmas  
Day**

**11.00 am Christmas Day Service**

Gospel: Luke 2: 1-20

#### **2012 MISSION COMMITTEE CHOSEN CHARITIES**

The Charities for 2012 have been agreed and are as follows:

**BARNABAS:** There is printed information available in church for Barnabas and you can also find it on a website, <http://www.barnabasfund.org/>

This Charity supports Christians in countries in which they are a threatened minority. It may be that in disaster areas, a minority Christian community is overlooked when aid is being handed out. This Charity provides Christian aid and support for Christians.

**MOTIVATION:** This charity provides mobility for disabled people throughout the world. In some countries, being unable to walk is to be crawling on the ground beneath the notice of others. A Motivation wheelchair for £135 lifts people out of disadvantaged obscurity into the everyday world. See <http://www.motivation.org.uk/> for more details

#### **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 (01308 897445)

#### **CHRISTMAS (& OTHER) CARDS IN AID OF THE WELL CHARITY**

If you would still like to obtain reasonably priced cards with a Christian focus, Revd Jean Thorn is happy to show the cards for sale in aid of the Well Charity on request.

#### **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. 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  
☎ 01308 898603      ✉ [pipers@jipiper.co.uk](mailto:pipers@jipiper.co.uk)      text: 07885457938*

# **The Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin Burton Bradstock**

December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Fourth of Advent

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**8.00 am Holy Communion**

Old Testament: 2 Samuel 7: 1-11 & 16

Gospel: Luke 1: 26-38

**9.30 am Family Service**

... followed by coffee

**11.00 am Holy Communion (by extension)**

Old Testament: 2 Samuel 7: 1-11 & 16

Epistle: Romans 16: 25-end

Gospel: Luke 1: 26-38

**6.30 pm Carol Service**

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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:**

God's promised kingdom, announced both to King David in ancient times and to Mary by the angel Gabriel, will go on for ever.