

Please pray for:

- For all who suffer as a result of conflict – that God will bring peace
- Those who live in *Chesil Court* and *Church Street*
- 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 Tilman & their families & friends



THE POSADAS – THE JOURNEY TO CHRISTMAS

The figures of Mary and Joseph are continuing their way around the villages until they return to the Churches for the Crib Services on Christmas Eve.

THANKS

Thanks to all those who helped out with the Chesil Court lunch on Thursday and with the Christingle and children's party on Friday

COLLECTS FOR THE THIRD OF ADVENT - for use in the services or in private prayer

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you:
grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries
may likewise so prepare and make ready your way
by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just,
that at your second coming to judge the world
we may be found an acceptable people in your sight;
for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

God for whom we watch and wait,
you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son:
give us courage to speak the truth, to hunger for justice,
and to suffer for the cause of right, with Jesus Christ our Lord.

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts;
kindle in us the fire of your Spirit that when your Christ comes
again we may shine as lights before his face;
who is alive and reigns now and for ever.

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Post Communion



THIS WEEK

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| Mon | 12 th | 6.00 pm | Carol Singing (meet at the Church) |
| Tues | 13 th | 7.00 pm | NO home group this week (& until 4 th Jan) |
| Wed | 14 th | 9.30 am | Morning Prayer |
| | | 10.00 am | Holy Communion (order 2) |
| | | 2.00 pm | Memorial Service for the life of Bill Attrill |
| | | 5.00 pm | PCC Meeting |
| Thurs | 15 th | 2.30 pm | Funeral Service for Joan Gillett |
| | | 7.00 pm | NO bell ringing practice (annual dinner) |
| Fri | 16 th | 2.30 pm | Thanksgiving Service for the life of John Tilman |
| Sat | 17 th | 11.00 am | Bridport Nativity in Buckydoo Square |

FAITH AND PRAISE ON THE WEB

Roll on Christmas is a Facebook application from the Bible Society which enables you to cast friends in the key roles of the Christmas Story.

Have a look and put your friends in the story at <http://www.rollonchristmas.com/>

CAROL SINGING

All singers are encouraged to come to our carol singing around the Village in aid of The Children's Society tomorrow, **December 12th**. Please meet outside the Church at **6pm** with a torch. Details are available from Pauline Woodford (01308 898327)

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:

A dynamic, computer-literate executive is sought 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. Please contact Revd Bob Thorn or the Administrator, Liz Slater, for further information on this vital work.

St Mary's, Burton Bradstock, seeks an **Honorary Gift Aid Officer** from January 2012 – with responsibility for claiming in excess of £5,500 per year from HMRC for Church funds. The time involved is under 1 hour per week and about 4 hours to do the annual return. It does involve keeping records but not handling money. Please contact Ian Ibbotson (898484) for further details.

Please talk to people about these important tasks and help us to find those with skills.

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Next Sunday

8.00 am Holy Communion

Old Testament: 2 Samuel 7: 1-11 & 16
Gospel: Luke 1: 26-38

December 18th

9.30 am Family Service

... followed by coffee

**4th of
Advent**

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

THOUGHTS ON WORSHIP (Re Deuteronomy 8: 10-11)

I believe that worship is not about telling God what He already knows, although He is certainly worthy of our praise. Praise enables *us* to recall who God is – it's an antidote to the forgetfulness we've been discussing. As we magnify the Lord, it's not that we make Him bigger – He just gets bigger in our eyes. Congregational worship lets us remind *each other* of the goodness of God, as we speak to each other in psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Living surrounded as we do by confusing messages, as we come together in worship, we align our hearts and minds with truth. And being thankful is healthy for us too. Gratitude means that we actively celebrate and relish the good things God does. So praise matters! *Lucas on Life Every Day Bible Notes (03/04 Dec)*

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 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 text: 07885457938

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

December 11th, 2011

Third of Advent

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9.30 am Family Service

... followed by coffee

11.00 am Holy Communion

Old Testament: Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-11
Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24
Gospel: John 1: 6-8, 19-28

6.30 pm Evensong

Old Testament: Malachi 3: 1-4 and chapter 4
New Testament: Philippians 4: 4-7

The **Traidcraft stall** will be in church this Sunday
Please support it and help those producing the goods to
earn a just reward.



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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:

In Jesus, God will be fulfilling the Messianic prophecies about the promised Saviour