

Please pray for:

- For all who suffer as a result of conflict – that God will bring peace
- Those who live in *Darby Lane* and *Donkey Lane*
- Our Salisbury Diocesan Link with the Sudan; *see:*
<http://www.salisbury.anglican.org/mission/the-sudan-link/prayer-wall>
- 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 all who are mourning the loss of loved ones at Christmas especially Bill Attrill, Joan Gillett, John Tillman, Helen Mayo & their families & friends

COLLECTS FOR THE CHRISTMAS WEEKEND - for use in the services or in private prayer

Almighty God, you make us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as we joyfully receive him as our redeemer, so we may with sure confidence behold him when he shall come to be our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

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.

Almighty God, you have given us your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin: grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; 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.

God our Father, who's 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.

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Post Communion



THIS WEEK

Tues	27 th		NO home group this week (& until 4 th Jan)
Wed	28 th	9.30 am	Morning Prayer
		10.00 am	Holy Communion (order 2)
Thurs	29 th	7.00 pm	Bell ringing practice

FAITH AND PRAISE ON THE WEB

The story of Christmas is brought to life, especially for young children at www.whychristmas.com

HOME GROUP

The home group will re-start in January with a bring-and-share supper on **Wednesday 4th 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 4th, May 6th, July 1st, September 2nd, November 4th at 12.30 pm in the Village Hall. Please note the dates in your diaries and join us for these Valley events.

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 9th December. Several parents said how much they enjoyed the service and the children certainly had fun at the party. Over £70 pounds was raised.

Thank you also to all the supporters who have home boxes for the Society. The contents totalled £492 and will be used towards giving every child in the U.K. a good childhood.

Carol singing was rescheduled for last Saturday evening. After a brief sing in the area around the Church we gathered around the Christmas Tree and sang to those arriving at the Village Hall for the quiz. £86.53p was collected which, when added to prior donations, produced a total of £126.53p. Thank you to everyone who sang and/or made a donation.

Anybody who would like a box for their loose change please contact Pauline Woodford (01308 898327)

Next Sunday

Jan 1st

**Naming and
circumcision
of Christ**

8.00 am Holy Communion

Epistle: Galatians 4: 4-7
Gospel: Luke 2: 15-21

9.30 am Family Service

... followed by coffee

11.00 am Songs of Praise

Old Testament: Numbers 6: 22-end
New Testament: Luke 2: 15-21

6.30 pm Evensong

Old Testament: Deuteronomy 30: 11-end
New Testament: Acts 3: 1-16

MISSION COMMITTEE CHOSEN CHARITIES 2012

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.barnabafund.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)

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

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December 24th, 2011

Christmas Eve

5.30 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



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December 25th, 2011

Christmas Day

8.00 am Holy Communion

Epistle: Hebrews 1: 1-4
Gospel: John 1: 1-14

11.00 am Christmas Day Service

Gospel: Luke 2: 1-20



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Welcome

We extend Christmas greetings and a warm welcome to all those worshipping with us, 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:

Jesus Christ, the world's Saviour, is here with us,
born as a human baby