

Please pray for:

- Our ministry team: Stephen, Sue, Peter, Mike, James, & Yvonne and also for Ryder
- All the churches in our Benefice – serving Christ in the Valley
- Those who live in *Church Street* and *Cliff Road*
- Our Salisbury Diocesan Link with the Sudan*
- Our mission partners, Doug and Jacqui Marshall, Ethan and Chloe
- Those suffering the effects of the recent flooding
- All who suffer as a result of conflict – that God will bring peace
- 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.
- Bishops Nicholas and Edward <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 read at each service)
... & remember those who have died, especially Brian Lane, Dorothy Clifford & their families & friends.



** We are asked to pray especially for the congregations of Nzara Diocese and for Bishop Samuel as he leads them, Terekeka Diocese and for Bishop Paul as he leads them and for Khartoum Diocese and for Archbishop Ezekiel as he leads them and the Internal Province of Sudan*

COLLECTS FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY 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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THIS WEEK:

Tues	15 th	9.00 am	Time for Prayer in the Church
Wed	16 th	10.00 am	Coffee Stop in the Village Hall
Thurs	17 th	9.30 am	Morning Prayer
		10.00 am	Holy Communion led by Revd Sue Linford
		7.00 pm	NO bell ringing practice this week

COFFEE STOP WEDNESDAY 16 DECEMBER

The Church is hosting the next 'Coffee Stop' in the Village Hall this coming Wednesday 16th December, from 10.00 am till Noon. A hot drink and a Christmas biscuit will be available for 50p with mince pies and stollen also available.

Please come along, chat to friends and support the purchase and installation of a Village Defibrillator.

CAROLS AND BELLS

The hand bell ringers will be playing in our **Village Carol Service** at 6.30pm on **Sunday December 20th**.

Carol singing around the village for The Children's Society is on **Monday 21st December**. We will be meet outside the church at 6pm. Please bring a torch with you.

CHRISTINGLE THANKS

Many thanks to all who contributed to our joyful Christingle Service and party on Friday: the Christingle-making team, Greta Heal for the oranges, the kitchen team led by Susan Paul, parents and congregation who gave food, Claire Staple (headteacher), bell ringers, the 'chickens' and not forgetting Father Christmas! Our special thanks to Pauline Woodford for pulling it all together for the children.

HOME GROUPS

The Home Group will not now be meeting during the Christmas Season. Meetings will recommence on Tuesday 4th January at 7.00 pm and Wednesday 13th January at 3.00 pm. Further details about the study material and venues will be available nearer the time.

PRAYER AT THE ADVENT CANDLE (3RD OF ADVENT)

Blessed are you, sovereign Lord, just and true: to you be praise and glory for ever.
Your prophet John the Baptist was witness to the truth as a burning and shining light.
May we your servants rejoice in his light, and so be led to witness to him
who is the Lord of our coming kingdom,
Jesus our Saviour and King of the ages.

Blessed be God for ever.

Next Sunday

8.00 am Holy Communion

...led by Revd Canon Stephen Batty

Old Testament: Micah 5: 2-5a

Epistle: Hebrews 10: 5-10 Gospel: Luke 1: 39-45

20th December

9.30 am Family Service

...led by Revd Canon Stephen Batty and followed by coffee

4th Sunday of
Advent

6.30 pm Village Carol Service

...led by Revd Sue Linford

DECEMBER DATES FOR THE DIARY

21st Carol Singing around the Village (6.00 pm)

24th Crib Service (5.30 pm)

Midnight Communion (11.30 pm)

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 Ian Ibbotson.

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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Burton Bradstock Parish Church

Part of the Bride Valley Benefice

Pew News Sunday 13th December 2015
3rd Sunday of Advent



St Mary's Church

11.00 am Holy Communion

...led by Revd Canon Stephen Batty

Old Testament: Zephaniah 3: 14-end

Epistle: Philippians 4: 4-7 Gospel: Luke 3: 7-18

6.30 pm Evensong

...led by Yvonne Buckland

Psalms 50: 1-6 Old Testament: Isaiah 35

New Testament: Luke 1: 57-66



Welcome!

We extend a warm welcome 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.

Supporting material suitable for children for each Sunday's service is available, and please ask if you would like soft toys for use with young children/babies during the service.

Thought for the week:

"I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming ... He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire." (Luke 3:16)

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