

Please pray for:

- Our ministry team: Ryder, Sue, Philip, Peter, Mike, James, & Yvonne and our new Rector designate, Revd Canon Stephen Batty, preparing to move to join us.
- All who suffer as a result of conflict – that God will bring peace
- Those who live in *Burton Road* and *Charles Road*
- All the churches in our Benefice – serving Christ in the Valley
- Our mission partners, Doug and Jacqui Marshall, Ethan and Chloe
- Our Salisbury Diocesan Link with the Sudan*
- Bishops Nicholas, Graham 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 Eileen Desbordes, Daphne Hewlett & their families & friends.

... We also pray especially for those for whom Christmas this year is a particularly difficult time as they remember lost loved ones.

* *We are asked to pray especially for the congregations of Twic East Diocese and for Bishop Ezekiel as he leads them, Malakal Diocese and for Bishop Hilary as he leads them; and give thanks for the life of the late former Bishop of Cueibet, Ruben Maciir Makoi, & pray for his family & Diocese*

COLLECTS FOR ADVENT 4 AND CHRISTMASTIME - 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.



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.



Lord Jesus Christ, your birth at Bethlehem draws us to kneel in wonder at heaven touching earth: accept our heartfelt praise as we worship you, our Saviour and our eternal God.

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THIS WEEK:

Tues	23 rd	9.00 am	Time for Prayer in the Church
Wed	24 th	9.30 am	NO Morning Prayer or Holy Communion
		5.30 pm	Crib Service
		11.30 pm	Midnight Holy Communion
Thurs	25 th	7.00 pm	NO bell ringing practice

WELCOME AND CHRISTMAS GREETINGS!

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/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.

FOOD BANK

We have received a postcard from St Mary's, Bridport, thanking us for the food we have been supplying since January, for which they are very grateful. Thanks are also due to the kind volunteers on the rota who transport the contents of the food box to Bridport. This practical help is much appreciated.

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

Thanks to all who helped with our Christingle. It was a happy occasion with many excited children who enjoyed both the service and the party. This year included a very brief talk about the work of WAVES which is run by the Society for vulnerable children and based in Weymouth.

Carol singing round the village was well attended and as usual finished at 'The Shoes' where we were kindly hosted by Mandy and Will. Thanks to all who sang and all who donated. The total was £198.99p.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the Society this year. Details of our grand total of £861.89 for 2014 are listed on the porch notice board.

2015 ENVELOPES FOR REGULAR GIVING

Thanks to all those who contribute regularly to the Church. For those who currently use weekly envelopes, please find your named 2015 box of envelopes **by the font**. If you do not currently use them and would like to do so, please contact Irene Piper (☎898603)

MESSAGE FROM OUR RECTOR DESIGNATE

The message from Revd Canon Stephen Batty read out in Church last Sunday is now at the Pew News website (address overleaf). There is also a card on the notice board.

**Next
Sunday**

28th Dec

**Holy
Innocents**

11.00 am Holy Communion

...led by Revd Philip Ringer
Old Testament: Jeremiah 31: 15-17
New Testament: 1 Corinthians 1: 26-29 Gospel: Matthew 2: 13-18

6.30 pm Evensong (St John)

... led by Revd Ryder Rogers
Psalm: 97 Old Testament: Isaiah 6: 1-8
New Testament: 1 John 5: 1-12

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

We wish everyone all the blessings of the Christmas season as we remember how God came to earth through a tiny baby.

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, 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 9.00 am **Thursday**, please*
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of
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December 21st, 2014

Advent 4



8.00 am Holy Communion

...led by Revd Ryder Rogers
Epistle: Romans 16: 25-end Gospel: Luke 1: 26-38



9.30 am Family Service

... led by Revd Ryder Rogers and followed by coffee

6.30 pm Carol Service

... led by Revd Philip Ringer

December 24th, 2014

Christmas Eve

5.30 pm Crib Service

...led by Revd Ryder Rogers

11.30 pm Holy Communion

... led by Revd Ryder Rogers

December 25th, 2014

Christmas Day

8.00 am Holy Communion

...led by Revd Sue Linford



11.00 am Christmas Morning Service

... led by Yvonne Buckland



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Thought for the Week:

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light, those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has the light shined. (*Isaiah 9: 2*)