

### Please pray for:

- Our ministry team: Ryder, Sue, Philip, Peter, Mike, James, & Yvonne and Revd Canon Stephen Batty and his wife Frances preparing to join us.
- All who suffer as a result of conflict – that God will bring peace
- Those who live in *Chesil Court* and *Church Street*
- All the churches in our Benefice – serving Christ in the Valley
- Our mission partners, Doug and Jacqui Marshall, Ethan and Chloe  
(please see the latest newsletter on the Missions board)
- 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 are asked to pray especially for the congregations of the newly inaugurated Diocese of Malek-Rup and for Bishop Elect, Marial, the newly inaugurated Area Diocese of Abyei and for Bishop Elect, Michael and for the newly inaugurated Diocese of Duk and for Bishop Elect, Daniel

### COLLECTS FOR CHRISTMAS 1 AND HOLY INNOCENTS - for use in the services or in private prayer

**Heavenly Father**, whose children suffered at the hands of Herod,  
though they had done no wrong:  
by the suffering of your Son  
and by the innocence of our lives  
frustrate all evil designs and establish your reign of justice and peace;  
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 in Trinity**, eternal unity of perfect love:  
gather the nations to be one family,  
and draw us into your holy life  
through the birth of Emmanuel,  
our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Lord Jesus Christ**,  
in your humility you have stooped to share our human life  
with the most defenceless of your children:  
may we who have received these gifts of your passion  
rejoice in celebrating the witness of the Holy Innocents  
to the purity of your sacrifice  
made once for all upon the cross;  
for you are alive and reign, now and for ever.



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### THIS WEEK:

Mon	29 <sup>th</sup>	1.20 pm	Funeral service for the late Eileen Desbordes at Yeovil Crematorium
Tues	30 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 am	Time for Prayer in the Church
Wed	31 <sup>st</sup>	9.30 am	Morning Prayer
		10.00 am	Holy Communion (order 1)
Thurs	1 <sup>st</sup>	7.00 pm	NO bell ringing practice (ringing at midnight)

### 2015 MISSIONS CHARITIES

The PCC has approved suggestions for 2015 when we will be supporting **Farm Africa** (charity number 326901) and **The Sailors' Society** (charity number 237778). More details of specific events will follow later (especially for those who like to knit!). Information about the charities themselves is below:

**Farm Africa's** local staff provide the tools and expertise to enable smallholders in eastern Africa to increase their harvests, whether they farm crops, livestock, fish or the forest. They train them to be more commercial, adding value to surpluses by milling, drying, or turning their produce into products that fetch a higher price. With better food for their families and reliable incomes from their businesses, farmers can build for the future.

Eight out of ten rural Africans scrape their living from small plots. Soils are often poor, drought ever near. **Farm Africa** brings in the smart crops, drought-busting techniques and marketing skills that make such tough farming viable, profitable and sustainable. Where land is arid and crop cultivation hard, many farmers make their living by keeping animals. **Farm Africa** helps with basic animal health services.

**Farm Africa** is pioneering fish farming in Kenya, which ensures sustainable protein supplies and a major new source of income. They also help forest communities replace traditional tree-cutting and wood and charcoal selling with new eco-friendly enterprises that protect biodiversity and provide a sustainable income for future generations.

**The Sailors' Society** provides a personal lifeline for merchant seafarers on board ship and when they step ashore in port. Founded in 1818, the **Sailors' Society** is a not-for-profit Christian Society associated with all the free churches although it remains independent and not directly affiliated to any one particular church. **The Society** is present at many of the key ports around the globe where it maintains a staff of professional Chaplains who are experienced in multi-faith and cross-cultural work. Chaplains and volunteers assist thousands of merchant seafarers each year; extending a hand of friendship, hospitality and pastoral care to all those seafarers they meet regardless of their rank or circumstance.

**The Society people** meet seafarers right where they work – on board the huge variety of cargo and cruise ships at the strategic ports of the world. They also bring with them practical services like SIM phone cards to connect with loved ones at home, the latest newsprint in many languages and are able to change foreign money into local currency for shopping etc.

**Next  
Sunday**

**4<sup>th</sup> Jan**

**Epiphany**

**8.00 am Holy Communion**

...led by Revd Ryder Rogers  
Epistle: Ephesians 3: 1-12 Gospel: Matthew 2: 1-12

**9.30 am Family Service**

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

**6.30 pm Evensong**

... led by Vicky Thomas  
Psalm 98 Old Testament: Isaiah 60: 1-9  
New Testament: John 2: 1-11

**JANUARY DATES FOR THE DIARY**

9<sup>th</sup> Tots and Prams Service (2.15 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, 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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**The Parish Church  
of  
St Mary the Virgin  
Burton Bradstock**

**Pew  
News**

December 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014

Holy Innocents

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**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

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**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/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.

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**Thought for the Week:**

... God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise  
(1 Corinthians 1: 27)