

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 *Coast Road and Darby Lane*
 - Our Salisbury Diocesan Link with the Sudan
 - Our mission partners, Doug and Jacqui Marshall, Ethan and Chloe
 - 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
 - All those for whom Christmas/New Year is a sad time – through bereavement, war and natural disasters (including the continued flooding in the north)
 - 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 & their families & friends.



COFFEE STOP

The recent Village Hall Coffee Stop organised by the Church raised £43.10 for the Village Defibrillator fund. Thanks to all who supported the event.

COLLECTS FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS & ST JOHN - for use in the services or in private prayer

Almighty God, who wonderfully created us in your own image and yet more wonderfully restored us through your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as he came to share in our humanity, so we may share the life of his divinity; 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.

Merciful Lord, cast your bright beams of light upon the Church:
that, being enlightened by the teaching of your blessed apostle and evangelist Saint John, we may so walk in the light of your truth that we may at last attain to the light of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ your incarnate Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Grant, O Lord, we pray, that the Word made flesh proclaimed by your apostle John may, by the celebration of these holy mysteries, ever abide and live within us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth the life of an earthly home: help your Church to live as one family, united in love and obedience, and bring us all at last to our home in heaven;
through Jesus Christ our Lord



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THIS WEEK:

Tues	29 th	9.00 am	Time for Prayer in the Church
Thurs	31 st	9.30 am	Morning Prayer
		10.00 am	Holy Communion led by Revd Sue Linford
		7.00 pm	NO bell ringing practice this week
		Midnight	Ringing in the New Year

SCHOOL CHRISTMAS TREE

We hope you have enjoyed investigating the School Christmas Tree which was previously exhibited as part of the Christmas Tree Festival at the United Church. The children printed their wishes on the back of the decorations and they are well worth reading.

UNITED VALLEY LUNCHESES

The dates for the Valley Lunches for 2016 are as follows:

- 6th March
- 1st May
- 3rd July
- 4th September
- 6th November

The lunches take place in Burton Bradstock Village Hall at 12.30 pm and all are invited - bringing a dish of their choosing to share, whilst enjoying fellowship over lunch. The Fairtrade stall is usually present with a wide variety of items for sale.

DAILY BIBLE READING NOTES

With the growth of tablet and smart phone ownership, there are now many *free* daily Bible reading apps available for iPads or Android devices from the App Store or Play Store. Alpha International have developed one such scheme entitled '**The Bible in One Year**' which includes topical notes (updated for current circumstances) and provides three daily sequential readings from Psalms/Proverbs, the New Testament and the Old Testament cleverly linked into a common theme. Look for 'The Bible in One Year' in your App store or Google the title on a computer or laptop. The Bible readings are included each day so you can read them alongside the notes on your device.

HOME GROUP

The Home Group will recommence on Tuesday 5th January at 7.00 pm and Wednesday 13th January at 3.00 pm. Further details about the study material and venues will be available next week.

CHURCH FINANCES

Income for November 2015	£2297
Average monthly income January to November 2015	£3997
Average monthly expenditure January to November 2015	£4559

Burton Bradstock Parish Church

Part of the Bride Valley Benefice

Next Sunday

8.00 am Holy Communion

...led by Revd Ryder Rogers
Old Testament: Isaiah 60: 1-6
Epistle: Ephesians 3: 1-12 Gospel: Matthew 2: 1-12

3rd January

9.30 am Family Service

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

Epiphany

6.30 pm Evensong

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

JANUARY DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 4th Julian Prayer Group at Swyre (10.00 am)
5th Home Group re-starts (7.00 pm)
7th Charity Coffee Morning and Swap Shop in the Reading Room (10.30 am)
8th Tots and Prams Service (2.15 pm)
31st United Valley Choral Evensong at Shipton Gorge (5.00 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
☎ 01308 898603 e: julian@jipiper.co.uk

Pew News Sunday 27th December 2015
John the Apostle



St Mary's Church

11.00 am Holy Communion

...led by Revd Canon Stephen Batty
Old Testament: Exodus 33: 7-11a
Epistle: 1 John 1 Gospel: John 21: 19b-end

6.30 pm Evensong

...led by James Webster
Psalm: 97 Old Testament: Isaiah 6: 1-8
New Testament: 1 John 5: 1-12

Thought for the week:

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart; I will recount all of your wonderful deeds. I will be glad and exult in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.
(Psalm 9)

Rector: Revd Canon Stephen Batty, The Rectory, Church Street, Burton Bradstock (☎898799)
Churchwardens: Chrissie Bailey (☎897603) & Ian Ibbotson (☎898484)



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.