

Please pray for:

- Our ministry team: Stephen, Sue, Mike, James, & Yvonne and for Ryder & Edward, praying especially at this time for Stephen, Frances, Evie and the wider family
- All the churches in our Benefice – serving Christ in the Valley
- Those who live in *Lower Townsend and Middle Street*
- Our Salisbury Diocesan Link with the Sudan
- Our mission partners, Doug and Jacqui Marshall, Ethan and Chloe
- Bishops Nicholas, Edward & Karen <http://www.salisbury.anglican.org/thought-for-the-month/latest>
- Those caught up in the aftermath of terrorist attacks and wars
- 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 including the UK



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 Val Parsons, & their families & friends

PRAYER OVER THE ADVENT CANDLE (ADVENT 4)

Lord Jesus, light of the world,
blessed is Gabriel, who brought good news;
blessed is Mary, your mother and ours.
Bless your Church preparing for Christmas;
and bless us your children, who long for your coming. **Amen.**

COLLECTS FOR ADVENT 4

- for use in the services or for 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.



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FOR CHRISTMAS EVE:

Almighty God, as we prepare with joy to celebrate the gift of the Christ-child, embrace the earth with your glory and be for us a living hope in Jesus Christ our Lord.

THIS WEEK:

Mon	19 th	6.00 pm	Carol Singing around the Village
Tues	20 th	9.00 am	Time for Prayer
Thurs	22 nd	10.00 am	Morning Prayer
		7.00 pm	Bell Ringing Practice
		7.00 pm	Reflect and Study at PUNCKNOWLE

CAROLS AND SERVICES AT CHRISTMAS

The annual **Candlelight Carol Service** takes place **today** at 6.30 pm and will be a celebration with familiar carols and readings by members of the community along with contributions from a small choir and soloist. All are welcome!

Carol singing around the Village in aid of the Children's Society takes place tomorrow, **Monday 19th December**, starting at 6.00 pm from the Church (bring a torch and warm clothes).

Our Services celebrating the birth of Jesus continue with the **Crib Service** on Saturday (Christmas Eve) at 5.30 pm and the **Midnight Communion service** at 11. 30 pm.

CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP

Everyone is welcome to our service on Christmas morning at 11.00 am, led by Yvonne Buckland. This will be an occasion for the whole family and any visitors/guests as we celebrate the birth of Jesus, our Saviour. All are invited to bring any gifts they have already opened and would like to show during the service.

SEVEN LESSONS AND CAROLS

Those who attended the School's Christmas celebrations last week were not only impressed with the way in which all the children sang with gusto but also that the older children had learnt all the Bible passages for the seven lessons by heart and repeated them without hesitation. The new carols were particularly impressive and these words come from the third carol:

Two thousand years, or more, ago
(No Christmas trees, no falling snow),
Three wise men travelled from afar
Led by a brand-new star.

It makes me want to celebrate,
To tell the world the 'God is great!'
That through a humble, lowly birth
Our Saviour should come to earth.

To find the holy, promised One,
God's precious child, His new-born Son.
And angels filled the sky with praise
That blessed day of days!

It makes me want to celebrate,
To tell the world the 'God is great!'
That he should send his light to shine
Forever on all mankind.

A stable was the only place
In Bethlehem where there was space!
(No palaces, no feather bed;
A manger had to do instead.)

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St Mary's Church



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.

Please take advantage of:

- supporting material suitable for children for each service
- soft toys for use with young children/babies during the service
- music for the sung communion services.

5.30 pm Crib Service

... led by James Webster

Christmas Eve
24th Dec

11.30 pm Midnight Communion

... led by Revd Sue Linford

Old Testament: Isaiah 52: 7-10; Epistle: Hebrews 1: 1-12
Gospel: John 1: 1-14

Christmas Day **11.00 am Service for Christmas Day**
25th Dec

A celebration for all the family (and visitors)

... led by Yvonne Buckland

Old Testament: Isaiah 9: 2-7; Gospel: Luke 2: 1-20

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 Peter Broomhead.

8.00 am Holy Communion

... led by Revd Ryder Rogers

Old Testament: Isaiah 7: 10-16; Epistle: Romans 1: 1-7
Gospel: Matthew 1: 18-end

6.30 pm Candlelight Carol Service

... led by Yvonne Buckland



Call to worship and thought for the week:

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

(Psalm 150: 6)

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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