

## 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 *Hive Close and Howarth Close*
  - 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
  - Toby Coulson, baptised here last week, his parents Kevin & Helen and all the family
- Those who are ill or housebound (those known to you & an updated list will be read at each service)
- ... & remember those who have died, & their families & friends



## PRAYER OVER THE ADVENT CANDLE

**Lord Jesus**, light of the world,  
John told the people to prepare, for you were very near.  
As Christmas grows closer day by day,  
help us to be ready to welcome you now. **Amen.**  
(Ed: Apologies for printing the prayer for the wrong week last time!)

## COLLECTS FOR ADVENT 3

### - for use in the services or for 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:

Mon	12 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	School Nativity Rehearsal
Tues	13 <sup>th</sup>	11.30 am	School Dress Rehearsal
		2.00 pm	School 'Seven Lessons and Carols'
		6.00 pm	School 'Seven Lessons and Carols'
Wed	14 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Church Coffee Stop in the Village Hall
Thurs	15 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Holy Communion by Extension with Mike Read
		7.00 pm	Bell Ringing Practice
Fri	16 <sup>th</sup>	9.15 am	Carols around the tree at the School
Sat	17 <sup>th</sup>	3.00 pm	Tea and Cake in the Village Hall with Stephen and Frances

## CAROLS AT CHRISTMAS

The annual Carol Service takes place next **Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> December**, 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 on **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December** starting at 6.00 pm from the Church (bring a torch and warm clothes).

## SEVEN LESSONS AND CAROLS

The School's nativity celebration, entitled 'Seven Lessons and Carols' will be performed on **Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> December**, in the Church at 2.00 pm and 6.00 pm. **All** are welcome to attend what is always a very lively and thoughtful occasion. Please book the date in your diary and join the School for the celebration.

## COFFEE STOP

Members of St. Mary's will host the Coffee Stop in the Village Hall on **Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> December**, from 10am till 12 noon. Please come along and enjoy coffee and seasonal cakes with friends.

## FAIR TRADE

The Traidcraft stall will be in Church today. Please help by purchasing items so that producers can gain a just reward.



## TEA AND CAKES IN THE VILLAGE HALL

All church members throughout the Bride Valley are welcome to come along to Burton Village Hall on **Saturday 17 December** for 'tea and cakes' between 3.00pm – 4.30pm. Stephen and Frances will be attending and it is an opportunity to wish them both a Happy Christmas as well as a chance to say 'thanks' to all the clergy who have been supporting the many church services during Stephen's absence. There will be some Christmas music in the background and a carol or two to sing before we leave

**Next Sunday**

**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

**18<sup>th</sup> Dec**

**Advent 4**

**6.30 pm Carol Service**

... led by Yvonne Buckland

**DECEMBER DATES FOR THE DIARY**

19<sup>th</sup> Carol Singing around the Village (6.00 pm)

**FAMILY WORSHIP IN THE VALLEY**

This week's family worship takes place at Puncknowle at 10.30 am (Christmas Messy Church in the Village Hall). NB There is NO Family Service in this Church next Sunday because of the Evening Carol Service.

**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.

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](mailto:julian@jipiper.co.uk)

**Burton Bradstock Parish Church**

**Part of the Bride Valley Benefice**



**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.

**Pew News**

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> Dec 2016  
Advent 3**



St Mary's Church

**11.00 am Holy Communion**

... led by Ven Paul Taylor (Archdeacon)

Old Testament: Isaiah 35: 1-10; Epistle: James 5: 7-10

Gospel: Matthew 11: 2-11

**6.30 pm Evensong**

... led by James Webster

Psalms: 12; Old Testament: Isaiah 5: 8-end;

New Testament: Acts 13: 13-41

**Call to worship and thought for the week:**

Let them praise his name with dance, making melody to him the tambourine and lyre!  
For the Lord takes pleasure in his people; he adorns the humble with salvation  
(Psalm 149: 3-4)

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**Churchwardens:** Chrissie Bailey (☎897603) & Peter Broomhead (☎897408)