

**PLEASE PRAY FOR**

- Those who are sick, especially Chloe Evans Lippett, Doreen Bennett, Jane Dibdin, Max Watters and Barbara Poole.
- Those who can no longer get to church:
- Those who have left requests on the prayer board.
- Those who have died and the families and friends who mourn them.

**NOTICES**

**Thank you** all so much for my gifts and the lovely things you said to me. I felt really valued and appreciated. We are members of a team, so I'm sure we shall meet again. If you like Evensong, Bothenhampton has one at 6.00pm on the third Sunday of the month. January 20th is the next one ! Love and thanks to you all. Sue Smith

There are a few places available at the **Bridport Christmas Day Lunch**. If you have a friend or neighbour who you think may be alone on Christmas Day, please would you be kind enough to let them know. A delicious lunch, Father Christmas, Seasonal music and a warm welcome await them. Transport can be provided as long as it is booked by 18th December. We are also looking for a few more drivers to help with the lunch. You would need to do a local pick up(s) between 11 and 11.45 am with return journey from 2.30-3.00 pm. Cars with easily accessible (highish) seats and roomy boots are particularly needed. Please telephone the organiser, Jill Henderson on 01308 538385.

The bell ringing team are making beautiful **Christmas wreaths** again in aid of church funds. If you would like to order one please let Jane Tower know by 9/12/18. Tel 01308 427104 or email [janeandtyrone@gmail.com](mailto:janeandtyrone@gmail.com). £10 each

**Taize Prayer Event** is on the 9th December Bridport United Church at 3.30pm. People ideally seated by 3.15pm. There will be some soup afterwards.

**CHRISTMAS HAMPER FUNDRAISING QUIZ** Despite the awful weather we had a good turn out for our quiz the other week and raised an amazing £450. Thank you to everyone who braved the wind and rain to support us.

**57 CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS** will be given to children from St Mary's and Bridport Primary Schools. Many thanks to all who have contributed towards this and to the XALT congregation who will be making up the stockings.

**Churches Together Carol Service** 7.00 pm on Thursday 13th December at Bridport United Church. All welcome!

**NOTICES FOR NEXT WEEK**

Please send Items for the Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December pewslip to Lesley Hill ([lesleyhill2017@btinternet.com](mailto:lesleyhill2017@btinternet.com) tel 01308 422417) by 10.00am on Wed 12<sup>th</sup> December

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**Welcome to St. Mary's**

**9th December 2018**

**Advent 2**



Please join us for tea and coffee after the 9.30 am service

**TODAY'S SERVICES**

**9.30 am Parish Communion**, Revd Pete Stone celebrant

**Readings:** Philippians 1:3-11; Luke 3:1-6

**Hymns:** 46, 644, 604, 423, 569

**4.00pm XALT Informal Service in Church House** "Those who wait"

**TODAY'S COLLECT**

Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds, that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God.  
*Archbishops Council 2000*

**THIS WEEK**

Tuesday	9.00am	Morning Prayer in Meeting Room
	7.00pm	Service of Light
Wednesday	11.30 – 1.00	Cupboard Love, 'Walk-in' Wednesday
	1.30pm	Christmas Stories for Bridport Primary School
	7.00pm	Advent Pathways
Thursday	9.30am & 1.30pm	Christmas Stories for Bridport Primary School
	7.00pm	Choir Practice
	7.45 pm	Bell ringing practice
Friday	9.30 – 11.00am	Tots Time in Church House

**NEXT SUNDAY**

**9.30 am Parish Communion** Revd Deb Smith celebrant  
**Readings:** Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:7-18

## THE EPISTLE IS TAKEN PHILIPPIANS 1

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that on the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

## THE GOSPEL READING IS TAKEN FROM LUKE 3

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:  
"Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight.  
Every valley shall be filled,  
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,  
and the crooked shall be made straight,  
and the rough ways made smooth;  
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God." '

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