

PLEASE PRAY FOR

...those who can no longer get to church, Jean Ling and Edwin Greenslade.

....those who are ill or in need, Chloe Evans-Lippett, and Julia.

....those who have left requests on the prayer board.

.....those who mourn the loss of loved ones,

...our clergy, Deb, Pete, Ann and Janis; our retired clergy, our LLMs, LPAs, DCCs; our Churchwarden, Chris; and our Verger, Pat.

... and St. Mary's Primary School.

TAIZE PRAYER

Today, Sunday 9th December at Bridport United Church beginning at 3.30pm. (People ideally seated by 3.15pm.)

There will be some soup being served up in the Bridport United Church after the Taize Prayer – let BUC know numbers.

BRIDPORT NATIVITY

Saturday 22nd December 11.00 am BUCKY DOO SQUARE (or in BUC, if wet). This year's Bridport Nativity is due to be held in Bucky Doo Square. However, for this to happen we need at least SIX STEWARDS to ensure the safety of the public attending and watching. It would be a great shame if we had to CANCEL the event for lack of stewards. Please let the Secretary of CTiBD know as soon as possible that you are able to come on the day from about 10.00 am onwards and please bring a high viz jacket if you have one (let Daphne know if you haven't). (Sec: Daphne 01308 897415, dekins@btinternet.com)

Volunteering can be fun and will enable this popular event to go ahead. Thank you.

In Christ's name

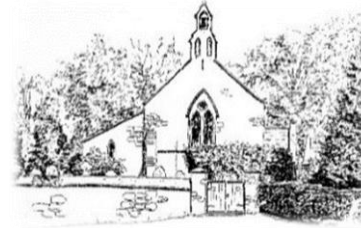
Rev'd Philip Ringer

Chairman of CTiBD

ADVENT GROUP

There will be an Advent Group again this year at St. Mary's, Bridport on 5th, 12th, and 19th December, more details when available.

Welcome to St Mary's Church, Walditch.



9th December, 2018

Second Sunday of Advent

TODAY'S SERVICE

11.15am. BCP Communion with Deb Smith.

NOTICES FOR ST. MARY'S, WALDITCH

Monday, 17th Dec, starting 6pm at Shute Haye. Carols around the Village.

Sunday, 23th December at 11.15am. Service of the Word.

Monday, 24th December at 4pm. Crib Service.

Tuesday, 25th December at 11.15am. Christmas Festal Eucharist.

Sunday, 30th December at 10am. Team Service at St. Swithuns.

SAMARITAIN'S PURSE - OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

The three men with the van have collected 231 shoe boxes from Dave and Gill Kelley's house. This year the boxes will be distributed to poor children in Bosnia. Thank you to all who have filled one or more boxes this year.

St. Mary's has an Audio loop system. If you would like to make use of it, please switch to "T" on your hearing aid. Chris Wellman-Herold produces this weekly sheet. Items for inclusion in future sheets should please reach him by mid-day on the preceding Wednesday. (chris.w-h@hotmail.co.uk or 281096). If you would like an e-mail copy of the sheet every week, please e-mail or call Chris.

SERVICE FOR NEXT SUNDAY, 16th December, 2018.

4pm Carol Service with Ann Ayling.

**TODAY'S NEW TESTAMENT READING:
PHILIPPIANS 1.3-11.**

³ I thank my God every time I remember you, ⁴constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, ⁵because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶I 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. ⁷It 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. ⁸For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. ⁹And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight ¹⁰to help you to determine what is best, so that on the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, ¹¹having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

TODAY'S COLLECT

O Lord, raise up we pray thee thy power and come among us,
and with great might succour us;
that whereas, through our sins and wickedness
we are sore let and hindered in running the race that is set before us,
thy bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us;
through the satisfaction of thy Son our Lord,
to whom with thee and the Holy Spirit
be honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen**

BRIDPORT CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH

There are a few places available. 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.

TODAY'S GOSPEL READING : LUKE 3.1-6.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
Glory to you, O Lord

¹ 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, ²during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, ⁴as 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. ⁵ 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; ⁶ and all flesh shall see the salvation of God." '

This is the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Heavenly Father,
who didst send thy Son to redeem the world
and wilt send him again to be our judge:
give us grace so to imitate him
in the humility and purity of his first coming
that when he shall come again,
we may be found ready to greet him
with joyful love and steadfast faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

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