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**Parish Office:** Monday: 10.00 – 12.00pm  
 Thursday and Friday: 10.00 – 13.00pm  
 Wednesday 14.00 – 18.00pm (Fr Patrick)

**Simon's Shoulder;** Bear one another's burdens Galatians 6.2: In your Prayers please remember those parishioners and others who are ill, homebound, or recovering from surgery, especially Monica Whaley, Rita Lyons, Catherine Elgar, Beryl Harding, Elaine Wright and all those injured in conflict. Please also remember in your prayers Pascal Lyons at this time.

**May they rest in Peace;** Please pray for the soldiers killed in Afghanistan, and all who have died recently. We pray for Vincent Tubbs, Sabina Walker and all whose anniversaries fall at this time. May they all rest in peace, Amen.

**Anointing of the Sick;** This beautiful sacrament will be available at the end of Mass this weekend. For all those who wish to have the healing and strength of the Lord in sickness or advancing years.

**Reconciliation (Confession):** Father Patrick will be available for this Sacrament at the following times before Christmas; Sunday December 20 at 9.00am and Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December at 6pm and by appointment.

**Christmas Masses:** Please note the times this year. There will be a Mass on Christmas Eve at 6.30 pm which although adults are welcome it is especially arranged for children. Midnight Mass will be earlier this year; carols will start at 10.00pm followed by Mass at 10.30pm. On Christmas Day there will be just on Mass at 9.30 am. Following hard on the heels of Christmas Day we have our usual weekend masses on Saturday and Sunday which will of course be the Feast of Holy Family.

**Christmas Collections** As usual all the Christmas collections at Mass this year will go into our fund towards our parish priest's stipend. Your generosity is much appreciated.

**St Therese of Lisieux:** The England and Wales 2009 Souvenir Books of the Relics of St Therese of Lisieux on sale in the porch at £3.50 each for you to purchase.

**Popes of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century:** There are a few books for sale @ £5.00 each if you would like to buy one.

**Website** You will be pleased to know that our website is now fully operational so please take a look. The bulletin is there each week and the current rotas for the ministries are also included. You will find it at [www.stmichaelstetbury.org.uk](http://www.stmichaelstetbury.org.uk)

**Christmas Flowers:** Many thanks to those who contributed to the flowers collection last weekend. If you missed the collection there will be a basket at the back of the church this weekend for any contributions, thank you. Thank you to the ladies who always make our church look lovely.

Liturgy this week 19 <sup>th</sup> to 25 <sup>th</sup> December 2009		
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Fourth Sunday of Advent (Year C)	
	Reconciliation	5.00pm
	Mass	5.30pm
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Reconciliation	9.00am
	Mass	9.30am
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December	Reconciliation	6.00pm
	Mass	7.00pm
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Eve	
	Blessing of the Crib and Mass	6.30pm
	Carols	10.00pm
	Mass	10.30pm
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> December	Mass	9.30am

*Next Week's readings: 1 Samuel 1:20-22; 1 John 3: 1-2, 21-24; Luke 2: 41-52*

**Ammerdown:** is a Catholic retreat centre with an interfaith dimension having been founded by Lord Hylton on his estate near Radstock and about 15 miles from Bath. It was established as a place of Reconciliation between people and religions right after the Second World War. It has 4 star accommodation and food and virtually all the rooms are en suite. Fr. Patrick regularly does retreats there. Copies of the Programme of retreats for 2010 are available in the porch. You might want to attend one of their offerings!

**Parish Office:** Due to Elaine having a minor knee operation this week; she will be in the office on Monday morning and Carol will be in on Wednesday.

**Parish Finance:**  
 Weekend 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> December 2009; Collection raised £182  
**With many thanks.**

<b>THIS WEEK – 19<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> December 2009</b>		
<b>Lector: Saturday:</b> Mary Dignam	<b>Sunday:</b> Sue Ingall	
<b>Minister of Holy Communion: Saturday:</b> Rosemary Latter	<b>Sunday:</b> Pam Orr	
<b>Church Cleaning:</b> Sue Ingall and Gill Weedon		
<b>NEXT WEEK – 26<sup>th</sup> December 2009 to 1<sup>st</sup> January 2010</b>		
<b>Lector: Saturday:</b> John Weedon	<b>Sunday:</b> Richard Lark	
<b>Minister of Holy Communion: Saturday:</b> Maureen Eastman		<b>Sunday:</b> Patricia Dent
<b>Church Cleaning:</b> Mary Kitchen and Helen Fathers		