

The West Purbeck Benefice Prayer

Holy God we thank you that you have called us to be your people across the West Purbeck Benefice.

We praise you for the beauty that surrounds us,
the people who make up our communities,
the visitors whom we welcome

and above all for the gift of faith you have given to us.

Help us through prayer and worship to grow closer to you,
through service and care to reflect your love,

and through mission to share your Good News with all around us.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



Sunday 10th May 2026
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9am	Holy Communion	Chaldon
10am	Morning Praise	Affpuddle
10.30am	Holy Communion	Wool
10.30am	Crafts	Bere Regis
11am	Family Service & APCM	Bere Regis
11am	Holy Communion	Winfrith

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Usual hours The Benefice Office is staffed Wednesday 9-12 and 12.30-4 and Friday 9-1.30.

For enquiries outside these times contact the Vicar.

NEXT MIDWEEK SERVICE—Wednesday 13th May

10.30am	Holy Communion	Bere Regis
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Next Sunday 17th May - Ascension Sunday

9am	Holy Communion	Bere Regis
9am	BCP Holy Communion	Wool
10.45am	Prayer and Praise:	Streamed
Zoom link:	https://us06web.zoom.us/j/5152255413	Meeting ID: 515 225 5413
11am	Holy Communion	Affpuddle
11am	Songs of Praise	Winfrith

PLEASE BEWARE EMAIL SCAMS!

We are aware that scam emails are circulating. Any genuine email from Revd Richard Bartlett will have his email address vicar@westpurbeck.org.uk and the West Purbeck Benefice Logo in the signature. Please don't click on any links in suspect emails!

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Collect for the Sixth Sunday of Easter

God our redeemer,
you have delivered us from the power of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:
grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life,
so by his continual presence in us he may raise us
to eternal joy;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

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Post Communion prayer for the Sixth Sunday of Easter

God our Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life:
may we thirst for you,
the spring of life and source of goodness,
through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

Readings: Acts 17.22-31; John 14.15-22

Gospel: John 14.15-22

'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

'I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.'

A Collect for Ascension Day

Risen Christ,
you have raised our human nature to the throne of heaven:
help us to seek and serve you,
that we may join you at the Father's side,
where you reign with the Spirit in glory,
now and for ever. **Amen**

West Purbeck Benefice services on YouTube

You can now view videos of some services and Café Church on the West Purbeck Benefice YouTube channel. Search for YouTube West Purbeck or use the link:

<https://youtube.com/@west-purbeck-benefice?si=lnGnvFjnDyoAIHUp>

Weekly drop-in, Thursdays 8 - 11am

'TEA & TOAST'

St John the Baptist Church
Bere Regis, B20 7HQ

With kids toy area
+ Doggy biscuits for
Canine companions!

WITH 1/2 TERM KIDS SPECIAL
THURS 28TH MAY 8-11AM DROP-IN
FREE KIDS CRAFT TABLE
KIDS TOY & BOOK SALE
All children must be accompanied



LULWORTH CAR PARKING

We are again planning to open the Glebe Field, below the Church in West Lulworth, for visitor parking to raise funds for the four Churches in the Lulworth Parish. This has previously proved very popular and has helped towards paying our annual Church expenses. We rely on 4 volunteers to staff the car park for each of the two-hour sessions throughout the day.

This year we are hoping to open the car park on the following days:

May Bank Holiday weekend – May 23rd, 24th, 25th

July 25th and 26th; August Bank Holiday weekend – Aug. 29th, 30th, 31st

We are looking for volunteers to help us complete a rota. If you feel you are able to join our team of volunteers please contact Clive Goddard 07811617274

Your help will be greatly appreciated.

West Purbeck Benefice Annual Meetings

APCMs

Bere Regis	Sunday 10th May 12.15pm after the service
Affpuddle	Sunday 24th May 10.15am after the service



An Invitation from Salisbury Diocese Sign up for our Volunteer Day now!

Are you a volunteer in a church or parish?

We would love for you to join our Volunteers Day, with resources and sessions to help you in your context, as well as a celebratory lunch on 5th June, Emmaus House, Wilton, SP2 0FG. This day is for anyone who volunteers and serves regularly in their church, in an official or unofficial capacity.

Book to grab your space: <https://buff.ly/luPO7Wy>

Little Moments Community Café

A new community café will run on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10am to 12 noon in the small hall at the D'Urberville Centre, Wool.

BREAKFAST CLUB

We meet at Holme for Gardens on the second Wednesday every month at 10am (next meeting 13th May). **All welcome!**

Please telephone Mary to let her know if you are coming on 01929 556086.

SUGGESTIONS FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

The work of the Church: Please pray for the Church of Pakistan (United). Also please pray for the Bible Society and Messy Church.

This Benefice: We pray for all those who are not able to join in with worship at this time. We pray for all those volunteering in their community with transport, prescriptions and shopping. Also, the Police, Fire and Rescue, Ambulance Services and Hospitals.

Pray for the residents of Bladen Valley, Chalk Pit Close and Chamberlaynes in Bere Regis; Britwell Drive and Burngate in West Lulworth; Crown Yard and Blacknoll Lane in Winfrith and East Knighton; Lulworth Road, Macville Avenue, Locks Court and Locks Piece in Wool, Lytchett Lane in Bovington.

Those who are ill or have asked for our prayers:

We pray for Peter Wharf, Brenda; Daisy Martin; Pat House; Barry Quinn; Maureen Long; John Scott; Mary Richter; Val Leak; Margaret Coles; Fr. Tony Ball

We are pleased to pray for all those whom we are asked to pray for. In order to keep our prayer intentions up to date we will include names for one month. At the end of each month, if you would like either yourself or the person whom you have asked us to pray for to remain on the prayer list for a further month, please inform one of the clergy or the Benefice Office. If you are asking for prayer for someone else please remember to ask their permission for us to include them in The Link. Thank you for being a part of this important ministry of prayer.

We pray for the families and friends of those who have died in recent days

Heather Edwards; Peter Warr; Damian Cullinane; John Pitman; Susan Newman; Cherry Pitman
Also the families and friends of those whose anniversary of death falls at this time.

Please pray for the family and friends of

Peter Warr

whose funeral will take place at St Nicholas, Chaldon and committal at Harbour View on Thursday, 14th May

Frank Weller

whose funeral and burial will take place at Holy Rood, Wool on Friday 15th May

Damian Cullinane

whose ashes will be interred at Conniger Lane cemetery, Wareham on Friday 15th May

Your church could receive a £1,000 bonus

Tesco and our partner, easyfundraising, have come together again to give a little help to our churches this May. With the Tesco Community Pledge, your church could receive one of five £1,000 funding pots!

Holy Rood is registered with easyfundraising. Please do sign up in support – each time you shop with Tesco via [easyfundraising](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) until 31st May, your church has a chance to receive £1,000 in funding. You can check to see if your church is registered on the www.easyfundraising.org.uk website.

From Dorset Wildlife Trust's Living Churchyards newsletter - Spring 2026:

With help from the Scouts, Beavers and Bere Regis Wildlife Group, St John the Baptist, Bere Regis have planted a new hedgerow in the churchyard which is made up of mixed native plants specifically chosen for their benefits to pollinators and butterflies. Hedgerows really are a boon for biodiversity – offering food, nesting materials and habitat – it's wonderful to see this value added to the churchyard for wildlife and young people involved in the effort!



LAMENTATION FOR THE NAKBA: Interfaith service Friday 15th May, 7pm, Lady St Mary Church, Wareham

The Dean of Salisbury, Nick Papadopoulos, alongside members of the three Abrahamic traditions, will remember the Palestinian catastrophe - the Nakba - when hundreds of thousands were driven from their homes. It is an ongoing catastrophe as Palestinians are still being killed and displaced.

A night of remembrance through poetry, music & testimony. Please stay for refreshments.

WOOL CHARTER FAIR

**Saturday 9th May, Millennium Square,
Wool, 12.30am until 5:00pm**

*The fair celebrates the
Royal Charter which was signed by
King Edward in the year 1280.*

Enjoy a day of exciting displays and stalls, including:

WOOL WOMEN'S INSTITUTE	COLESHILL AUXILIARY RESEARCH TEAM
WOOL YOUTH CLUB	DORSET DIGGERS
HIDDEN DELI WOOL	DORSET HELP AND CARE
JURASSIC SLICE PIZZAS	D'URBERVILLE AMATEUR DRAMATIC SOCIETY
PURBECK ICE CREAM	FRIENDS OF WOOL LIBRARY
St Mary and Joseph's Catholic Church	GUERILLA GARDENERS
WOOL CARNIVAL BARBECUE	HOLYROOD CHURCH, WOOL
DORSET WEAVERS, SPINNERS & DYERS	BOUNCY CASTLES
HURDLE MAKER - STEVE BROWN	MINIATURE RAILWAY
POOLE BOBBIN LACE CIRCLE	SLIMMING WORLD
de CARILLON DUTCH STREET ORGAN	THE FALCONS CREST
VERWOOD TOWN CRIER	WOOL GIRL GUIDING
WOOLIE WOMBLERS	WOOL COMMUNITY CINEMA
	WOOL COUNTRY MARKET

**Refreshments,
Pizzas and Bar & Barbecue!**
Limited parking available at the D'Urberville Centre

Holy Rood Church at the Charter Fair

Please can you donate some prizes for Holy Rood's Bottle Tombola at Wool Charter Fair on Saturday 9th May.

Bottles/jars all welcome: eg. jars of sweets, lemonade, jars of jam, sauce, small fruit juice drinks - anything in a jar or bottle, it doesn't have to be alcohol but the odd bottle or two will be acceptable. Please get your donations to Sheila, Danzella or Toni by Wednesday 6th May.

Thank you

The Woolie Womblers



The next parish litter-pick is on Saturday 16th May meeting outside the D'Urberville Centre at 9.30am or whenever you can make it. I urge all to come along and bring friends and neighbours to help make our parish look its very best.

There are litter pickers, rubbish bags, hoops for said bags, hi-viz jackets and gloves plus a list of potential areas that you can clear. If you have some time to give please come along. Bag collection is available to save you carrying a full bag around with you. See you there!

Contact: Jayne Simmons or Susan Burroughs on Facebook or leave a message on The Woolie Womblers Facebook page.