

## 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 11th January 2026**  
**Baptism of Christ**

### Sunday 11th January - Baptism of Christ

9am	Holy Communion	Chaldon
10am	Morning Praise	Affpuddle
10am	Junior Church	Bere Regis
10.30am	Holy Communion	Wool
11am	Family Service	Bere Regis
11am	Holy Communion	Winfirth

### MIDWEEK SERVICE - 14th January

10.30am	Holy Communion	Bere Regis
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### Next Sunday 18th January - Second Sunday of Epiphany

9am	Holy Communion	Bere Regis
10.45am	Prayer and Praise:	Streamed
Zoom link:	<a href="https://us06web.zoom.us/j/5152255413">https://us06web.zoom.us/j/5152255413</a>	Meeting ID: 515 225 5413
11am	Holy Communion	Affpuddle
11am	Covenant Service	Wool Methodist Church
11am	Songs of Praise	Winfirth

### Collect for the Baptism of Christ

Eternal Father,  
who at the baptism of Jesus  
revealed him to be your Son,  
anointing him with the Holy Spirit:  
grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit,  
that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children;  
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**

### 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](mailto:vicar@westpurbeck.org.uk) and the West Purbeck Benefice Logo in the signature. Please don't click on any links in suspect emails!

**www.westpurbeck.org.uk**

**The Office** [office@westpurbeck.org.uk](mailto:office@westpurbeck.org.uk) / 07729 484 866  
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.

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## Post Communion prayer for the Baptism of Christ

Lord of all time and eternity,  
you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father  
in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son:  
by the power of your Spirit  
complete the heavenly work of our rebirth  
through the waters of the new creation;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Readings:** Isa. 42.1-9; Acts 10.34-43; Matt. 3.13-end

### Gospel: Matt 3.13-17

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?' But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.' Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'

### West Purbeck Benefice services on You Tube

You can now view videos of some of the Christmas services and Café Church on the West Purbeck Benefice You Tube channel. Search for You Tube West Purbeck or use the link: <https://youtube.com/@west-purbeck-benefice?si=lnGnvFjnDyoAIHUp>

### Zoom Link for 8.30am Online Morning Prayer

Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. All are very welcome. Use the Zoom link:  
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75544435624?pwd=GqlvnzbsyZpjHnzyWZgzen0Fa3mfmC.I>  
Meeting ID: 755 4443 5624

### Please pray for the family and friends of

**Marvin and Patricia Pitfield**, whose ashes were buried at St John the Baptist, Bere Regis  
on Wednesday 7th January; also

**Sarah Kirk**, whose funeral will take place at Holy Trinity, West Lulworth on Tuesday 13th January; and  
**David Gibbs** whose funeral will take place at St John the Baptist, Bere Regis on Monday 19th January.

### CANDLES FOR UKRAINE

I have a contact with a lady in Dorchester who is collecting candle stubs. These are melted down and remade into new candles for people in Ukraine who are without electricity. If each church could collect old stubs I am happy to receive and deliver them to her.

Many thanks, Sue Marsh 01929 400259

# LULWORTH PLAYERS PRESENT THE PRINCESS & THE FROG

By Warren McWilliams

**FRI 6<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 7:30pm**  
**SAT 7<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2:00pm & 7:30pm**



**TICKETS**  
**ADULTS £10**  
**CHILD £5**



**SCAN NOW TO BOOK!**

**thelulworthplayers@gmail.com**

This show is by arrangement with Stage Script Ltd

# Music & Thomas Hardy

*Poems & prose with folksongs  
& traditional dance tunes*



## 'Hardy Annuals'

*Jan Wyld & Richard Hall (Readers)  
Richard Willets (Violin),*

**BRIANTSPUDDLE VILLAGE HALL**

**3pm, Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February**

**Tickets: £12.50 (in aid of St Laurence church)  
(to include finger buffet & tea/coffee)**

**available from Elizabeth Whatley 01305 897302  
or [mistletoeandhobbs@icloud.com](mailto:mistletoeandhobbs@icloud.com)  
& Briantspuddle Village Shop (cash only)  
or at the door if still available**

### QUIZ NIGHT AND SUPPER

Chaldon Herring Village Hall. 7pm Friday 16th January. Tickets: £10 from Winfrith Village Stores. Places limited to 40 so don't miss out!

Cash Bar.

### SUGGESTIONS FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

**The work of the Church:** Please pray for Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America.

Also please pray for the Mission for Seafarers and our Maintenance Teams.

**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 Royal British Legion and the Army at Bovington and Lulworth.

Pray for the residents of Briantspuddle, Egdon Close, Elder Road and Green Close in Bere Regis; West Road in West Lulworth; Crown Yard and Blacknoll Lane in Winfrith and East Knighton; Dorchester Road and Duck Street in Wool, Duncan Crescent in Bovington, East Burton Road in East Burton.

#### **Those who are ill or have asked for our prayers:**

We pray for Peter Wharf, Catherine; Joe; Louisa Botterill; Brenda and David; Mark; Heather Edwards; Daisy Martin; Pat House; David; Barry Quinn; Nancy Scott; Maureen Long

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:** Stanley Burden; Amanda Tucker; David Gibbs; James Debenham; Sarah Kirk  
Also the families and friends of those whose anniversary of death falls at this time.

### A message from the Guerrilla Gardeners Wool

A huge thank you to everyone who has supported us this past year... whether it be kind words of encouragement, donations and/or supporting our fund raising and of course those who give their time and we must mention the beautiful post box toppers created by Dawn G.

Our aim as always is to enhance our local environment and this year we have been very busy with bulb planting, keeping the Braytown Triangle beautiful with all the planting on the telephone box and around the tree etc plus the Poppy displays on both the Triangle and the Footbridge and of course the huge cascade from the Holy Rood Church Tower and the Christmas displays in both areas. The year has ended with the Bench on the Braytown Triangle being repaired, I think you will all agree it looks fabulous so thank you John who worked on it and thank you to the Parish Council who will be supporting us with this final project.

Happy New Year everyone from all of us

Holy Rood's annual Quiz night; February 7th, 7pm at the D'Urberville.

Booking through Toni (tmac4455@aol.com); £5 per head paid on the night (see poster).

Please can anyone donate a raffle prize? Give to Toni, Jenny, Sheila, Danzella.

Thank you, Toni



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The poster features a green background with a white border. It includes the West Purbeck Benefice logo, a photo of an open Bible and a cup of coffee, and a hand holding a coffee cup. The text is as follows:

**'Connecting with Jesus'**  
**4<sup>th</sup> January**

**Winfrith Newburgh Village Hall**

**Coffee + Pastries from 10.30am**  
**Family Friendly Service from 10.45am**

**BREAKFAST CLUB**

We meet at Holme for Gardens on the second Wednesday every month at 10am (next meeting 14th January). **All welcome!**

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

**Thursday Tea and Toast at St John the Baptist, Bere Regis**  
**8am until 11am on Thursdays.**

All ages are welcome; there will be some toddler-age toys available. Dogs and their owners are very welcome (including doggie biscuits!). For more information, please contact Pat Wharf:

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