

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.**

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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.

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We are aware that scam emails are STILL 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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9am	Holy Communion	Chaldon
10am	Morning Praise	Affpuddle
10.30am	Holy Communion	Wool
10.30am	Crafts	Bere Regis
11am	Harvest Family Service	Bere Regis
11am	Holy Communion	Winfrith

MIDWEEK SERVICE - Wednesday 14th October

10.30am	Holy Communion	Bere Regis
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Next Sunday 18th October - St Luke the Evangelist

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

Collect for the Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

O God, forasmuch as without you
we are not able to please you;
mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit
may in all things direct and rule our hearts;
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 Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

Holy and blessed God,
you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son
and filled us with your Holy Spirit:
may we honour you,
not only with our lips
but in lives dedicated to the service
of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Readings: Isa. 25.1-9; Phil. 4.1-9; Matt. 22.1-14

Gospel: Matt. 22.1-14

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, "Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet." But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, "The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet." Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. 'But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, "Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?" And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

Zoom Link for 8.30am Online Morning Prayer

Online morning prayer is on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. All are very welcome. Please use the Zoom link:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/72503517950?pwd=m0czFlrz0Wo7JBGGL5fAwpbclYBe4Ll>

Meeting ID: 725 0351 7950

Holy Rood Church Wool needs you...

Please would you consider helping to clean the Holy Rood Church, this is done weekly at a time to suit you and takes about an hour, depending on how fussy you like to be! I will talk you through what to do, ideally someone will be with you; all equipment and cleaning materials provided and you can do at any time during the week prior to your allocated weekend. If you are able please help, the more on the list the fewer times in the year your name will come up. Please contact Sue 07714389330 or email sue@whomwah.com

Thank you

Do you know who could give a good home to a cherished baby grand piano?

This Yamaha baby grand GC1, currently in professional storage, measures 151cm by 146cm and is in excellent condition. The owner has recently passed away and the family would like it to go to a good home.

If you can help or for more details, please contact the Benefice Office.

ANNUAL LEAVE

Please note, the Benefice Office will be closed from 2pm on Friday 16th October for annual leave. Reopening on Wednesday 28th October at 9am.

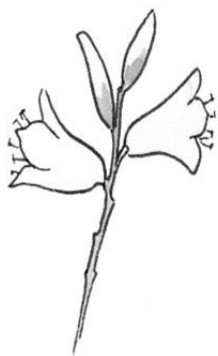


WOOL COMMUNITY CINEMA PRESENTS

'Finding Your Feet'
at the d'Urberville Hall
on Friday, 23rd October

Doors open 6.30pm,
show starts at 7pm.

You are warmly invited to attend a
Memorial Service at
The Church of the Holy Rood, Wool
on Sunday 1st November 2026 at 3pm



In this service of hymns and readings we offer you an opportunity to remember loved ones and to give thanks for their lives. During the service the names of those who have died during the past two years are read along with others you may wish to remember. You will also have an opportunity to light a candle in memory of a loved one.

Afternoon tea and coffee served afterwards.

from The West Purbeck Benefice



**WEST PURBECK
COMMUNITY
BEREAVEMENT
SUPPORT GROUP**

If you think you might benefit from Bereavement Support, you are warmly invited to come along to the bereavement course on Tuesday at 10.30am in the small meeting room at the d'Urberville Centre. You will be very welcome.

If you have any questions or for further information, please ask Val or Sue or contact the West Purbeck Benefice Office on 07729 484866 or email office@westpurbeck.org.uk



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SUGGESTIONS FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

The work of the Church: Please pray for The Anglican Church of Burundi. 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, Dorset Council, Town and Parish Councils and the services they provide, and local elections.

Pray for the residents of Hollow Oak, Hyde, Lane End, Lower Woodbury and Turnerspuddle; West Road in West Lulworth; School Lane, High Street and Pigeon Close in Winfrith and East Knighton; Ross Crescent and St. Julian's Road in Bovington, Sandhills Crescent in East Burton, Primrose Lane in East Stoke.

Those who are ill or have asked for our prayers:

We pray for Peter Wharf, Daisy Martin; Pat House; Barry Quinn; Maureen Long; John Scott; Mary Richter; Margaret Coles; Jane Heywood; Zena Warne; Sue and Geoff Allen; Elizabeth Pearce; Shannon; Shelley

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 Colin Hutchins, Joshua Sealy

Also the families and friends of those whose anniversary of death falls at this time.

Please pray for

Samuel Davison

who will be baptised at Holy Trinity, West Lulworth on Wednesday, 14th October and his family and friends.

Please pray for the family and friends of

Joshua Jack Sealy

whose funeral will take place at Holy Rood Church, Wool on Friday, 9th October.

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Harvest Festival

**11
OCT**

**11AM FAMILY
SERVICE + LUNCH,
ST JOHN THE
BAPTIST, BERE
REGIS, BH20 7HQ**



**25
OCT**

**2-4PM MESSY CHURCH + SUPPER,
THE MEMORIAL HALL, BOVINGTON,
BH20 6JQ**

Come Ye Thankful People

Purbeck Village Quire

**In memory of Nancy Scott
long term member of the quire**



**4pm Saturday 10th
October St Laurence's
Church**

Alfpuddle DT2 7HH (just off B3390).

Followed by refreshments!

Bovington Together

Messy Church

SUNDAY 25TH OCT
TIME: 2-4PM
EVERYONE IS WELCOME

Harvest Festival

FREE FAMILY-FRIENDLY CRAFTS, ACTIVITIES & STORY, FINISHING WITH FREE SHARED MEAL OF 'COMMUNITY SOUP' & BREAD

CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT

WE'LL BE GATHERING VEG GROWN IN THE COMMUNITY TO MAKE THE SOUP, SO FOR THOSE WHO CAN - PLEASE GET GARDENING!

VENUE: MEMORIAL HALL, KING GEORGE V ROAD BOVINGTON, BH20 6JQ RSVPS HELP CATERING!

EMAIL: MISSIONER@WESTPURBECK.ORG.UK

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Answered prayer

Thank you for praying for Shannon and her mother Karen. Shannon requires extensive specialist spinal surgery and there have been lengthy disputes over funding. It seemed like there would be no solution and Shannon would be left in constant pain on her back. She cannot even use a wheelchair now. Our prayers for help have been answered and finally funding has been agreed and hope has been restored through the grace of God. Please continue to pray for the success of this surgery so that this young woman can live a full life.

Thank you. Rev. Jenny.

BERE REGIS Village Hall
presents
THE RETURN OF The Village Quiz

Wed. 21st Oct. 7.30pm

Upper Village Hall

Teams of up to 5 people.
£10 a team.
Bring your own drinks & snacks.
Questions set by Susan Stone.
There will also be a RAFFLE.

All profits to the Village Hall Maintenance Fund.
To book in your team, email Alison, poppingplace@gmail.com
(All teams must book.)

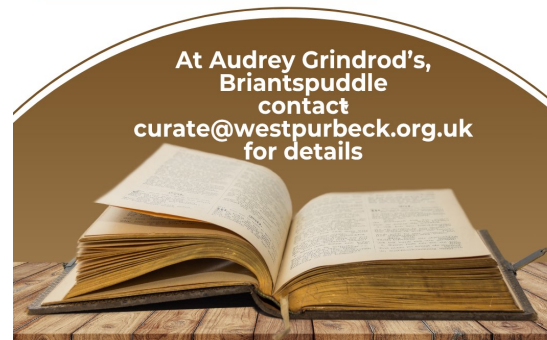
Join Us for

ROMANS BIBLE STUDY

**1 OCT, 8 OCT,
22 OCT, 5 NOV,
19 NOV, 3 DEC, 10 DEC**

**2-4
PM**

At Audrey Grindrod's,
Briantspuddle
contact
curate@westpurbeck.org.uk
for details



BREAKFAST CLUB

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

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

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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!



★ **1/2 TERM KIDS SPECIAL**
THURS 29TH OCTOBER, 9-11AM DROP-IN
WITH FREE KIDS CRAFTS
Everyone welcome - children must be
accompanied by an adult

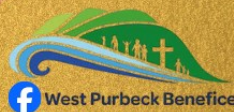
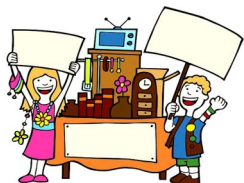


Table Top Sale

Saturday October 17th

11.00-12.30pm

The D'Urberville Hall Wool



£5 per table

Booked in advance

Toni: tmac4455@aol.com by Oct 13th

Bacon Butties from 11am



• Table Top Sale • Saturday 17th
October •

• D'Urberville Hall • 11-12.30 •

- Do you have crafts or wares to sell?
- Would you like to sell them by renting a table (£5 each) at our event?
- Do you have items to recycle?
- Either rent a table to sell them yourself or donate them to us to sell.
- Could you donate a cake for us to sell?
- Would you like a bacon bap?

Then come along.

All profits in aid of the 'new churchyard
paths' project at Holy Rood.

Contact Toni tmac4455@aol.com

HARVEST & FLOWER FESTIVAL

St John the Baptist Church, Bere Regis, BH20 7HQ

A week of autumnal celebration!
Sunday 4th – Sunday 11th October

FESTIVAL OPENING

Evensong Service

Sunday 4th October 6:00 PM

Start the week gently with a quiet, traditional evening service.

OPEN CHURCH & DISPLAYS

Open Daily: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Drop in throughout the week to enjoy the church
decorated in autumnal splendour, featuring
stunning displays of festive fresh & dried
flowers & foliage



FESTIVAL FINALE & LUNCH

Sunday 11th October

10:30 AM – Coffee & Kids' Crafts: Arrive early
for a warm cuppa and activities for the children.

11:00 AM – Family Harvest Service:
An upbeat, child-friendly celebration.

12:30 PM – Harvest Soup Lunch: Following the
service, share a delicious home cooked soup lunch together.



COMMUNITY GIVING & SUPPORT

Wareham Foodbank Collections: We are
collecting donations of tinned and long-life food all
week. Please leave items in the church.

Community Cakes: Donations of cakes to share at
the community lunch would be gratefully received the
morning of Sunday 11th October.



Drop by & join in as you'd like!

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Purbeck Deanery Synod Open Meeting



St Stephen's School, Terekeka, South Sudan

**Talk by Mike Quinlan on the Wareham Parish link
with Terekeka as part of the Salisbury Diocese
Partnership with the Sudans**

***Come and hear how we in Purbeck Deanery can
benefit from a link with the church in South Sudan:***

- ***Learning from Christians in Sub-Saharan Africa
where over 30% of the Christians in the world live***
- ***Supporting children in education in a country
where only 30% of the population are literate***
- ***Sharing in the world-wide mission of the church
and gaining a vision for growth***

7:30pm Thursday 22nd October

**at All Saints' Church Hall,
Ullwell Road, Swanage BH19 1LL**

Refreshments served from 7pm



Purbeck Deanery is exploring how we might develop a link which the parish of Wareham already has with the Diocese of Terekeka in South Sudan. The hope is that we might make it a link with all four benefices of Purbeck Deanery. A small working group is being formed to lead this forward, and I am hoping that someone in West Purbeck Benefice might be prepared to be our representative in this group. If you feel that you may be interested, please let me know and I can give you more information.

Thank you.

Richard Bartlett

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS - AFFPUDDLE - 4TH OCTOBER 2026



We had a gorgeous morning in Affpuddle celebrating St. Francis Day on the 4th October with a Blessing of the Animals. We remembered St. Francis and his exuberant and compelling love of Christ and his teaching that all creation sings God's praises. We blessed our animal companions as well as the creatures of the River Piddle, the forest, and the

meadow, and prayed for their wellbeing. The dogs in attendance got a biscuit with their blessing, which was much appreciated! It was a joy to join in remembering the 800th anniversary of Francis' death and giving thanks for his life and witness with Franciscans around the world.

