

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 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
10am	Junior Church	Bere Regis
10.30am	Holy Communion	Wool
11am	Family Service with blessing of animals	Bere Regis
11am	Holy Communion	Winfrith

MIDWEEK SERVICE - Wednesday 9th July

10.30am	Holy Communion	D'Urberville Centre, Wool
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Next Sunday 20th July - 5th Sunday after Trinity

9am	Holy Communion	Bere Regis
9am	Holy Communion	Wool
10.45am	Prayer and Praise online	Streamed
Zoom link:	https://us06web.zoom.us/j/5152255413 Meeting ID: 515 225 541	
11am	Holy Communion	Affpuddle
11am	Songs of Praise	Winfrith

Collect for the Fourth Sunday after Trinity

O God, the protector of all who trust in you,
without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy:
increase and multiply upon us your mercy;
that with you as our ruler and guide
we may so pass through things temporal
that we lose not our hold on things eternal;
grant this, heavenly Father,
for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Post Communion Prayer for the Fourth Sunday after Trinity

Eternal God,
comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken,
you have fed us at the table of life and hope:
teach us the ways of gentleness and peace,
that all the world may acknowledge
the kingdom of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Readings: Deut. 30.9-14; Col. 1.1-14; Luke 10.25-37

Gospel: Luke 10.25-37

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. 'Teacher,' he said, 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the law? What do you read there?' He answered, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself.' And he said to him, 'You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.' But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, "Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend." Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?' He said, 'The one who showed him mercy.' Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'

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/79258438056?pwd=KmyLDuKnxEtE64taaufvva4L0KSMHZe.1>
Meeting ID: 792 5843 8056

ORDINATION AT SALISBURY CATHEDRAL

On Saturday afternoon, Revd Lydia Reese and ten others were ordained priest at Salisbury Cathedral. As part of this service, their hands were anointed, symbolising that they are now God's hands in the world. As priests, they can now lead Holy Communion services and conduct weddings.

The ordinations were carried out by the Bishop of Salisbury, Rt Revd Stephen Lake, with the Bishop of Sherborne, Rt Revd Karen Gorham and the Bishop of Ramsbury, Rt Revd Dr Andrew Rumsey.

Bishop Robert Atwell, former Bishop of Exeter, spoke at the ordination services. He said, "Your task is to make the love of God visible...it's a wonderful adventure and a life-giving enterprise."

Lydia was supported by an enthusiastic crowd from across West Purbeck Benefice.

The images (left) are by Spencer Mulholland from the Diocese of Salisbury website.

DO YOU RECOGNIZE
THESE GLASSES?
Have you lost a pair of spectacles?
Available to collect from the
Benefice office



Thursday Tea and Toast at St John the Baptist, Bere Regis 8am until 11am 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 at patswiftwharf@outlook.com or on 01929 472246.

BREAKFAST CLUB

We meet at Holme for Gardens on the second Wednesday every month at 10am (next meeting 13th August).

All welcome!

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

Expertise needed at Holy Rood

Is there anyone out there who can help us apply for grants for the many varied jobs needing doing in our church?

This is needed to help YOUR parish church become more accessible and modern. You would be helping your community. The online nature of the forms and the uploading of evidence is beyond my skills.

Please - From Toni (Treasurer) via church office.



SUGGESTIONS FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

The work of the Church: Please pray for The Church of North India (United). Also please pray for the Church Housing Trust, our community outreach, Churches Together.

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 West Street and White Lovington in Bere Regis; Beech Close and Bindon Road in West Lulworth; Water Lane and Shilling Plot in Winfrith and East Knighton; Highwood, Holme Bridge and Holme Lane in East Stoke, Hillside Road in Wool.

Those who are ill or have asked for our prayers:

We pray for Peter Wharf; Catherine; Joe; Louisa Botterill; Brenda and David; Wendy Morrison; Hillie Montgomery; Pam; Mark; Eileen Rolls

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:

Geoffrey Crawford Cornfield; Patrick Craddock; Mark Underwood; Alan Cox; the Reverend Hugh Maddox

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

Please pray for

Charlie Bennett and Christopher Stickland, who will be married at Holy Rood Church, Wool on Saturday 12th July, **and their family and friends.**

Please pray for the friends and family of

Geoffrey Crawford Cornfield

whose funeral will take place at Holy Trinity, West Lulworth on Monday 14th July.

And also of **The Reverend Hugh Maddox** whose funeral will take place at Lady St Mary, Wareham on Thursday 24th July at 12 noon. He will be remembered with fondness throughout the Benefice.

THIS SUNDAY

**St. John the Baptist Church
Bere Regis**

Pet Service



13 July 2025

11am blessing of the animals

kids activities from 10am



CAFÉ CHURCH - I am the Good Shepherd

Much fun was had at Café Church this month as we reflected on Jesus as the Good Shepherd.

When Jesus says, 'I am the Good Shepherd' he is recalling all that the people know about good shepherding in the Middle East described in Psalm 23: caring for their flock, leading them to still water they can drink easily and protecting them from predators. But Jesus goes on to relate this image to one of salvation when he says that he is the door to the sheepfold. Jesus cares for many sheep who know his voice and they are all one flock. He lays down his life for his sheep and takes it back up again – foreshadowing his death and

resurrection. Finally, this good shepherd is a leader. Our drama team portrayed an election for a leader comparing what each candidate had to offer the people. We heard from the Chief Priest Annas, a Chief Rabbi Shammai, a Roman Prefect – Pilate, and Jesus. Unsurprisingly, the most popular leader was Jesus who listens,



knows and loves his people and speaks the truth to them and would lay down his life for them.

God of love,
turn our hearts to your ways;
and give us peace.