

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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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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10am	Morning Praise	Affpuddle
10.30am	Holy Communion - Harvest	Wool
10.30am	Crafts	Bere Regis
11am	Family Service	Bere Regis
11am	Holy Communion	Winfrith
6pm	Harvest	Chaldon

MIDWEEK SERVICE - Wednesday 16th September

10.30am	Holy Communion	d'Urberville Centre, Wool
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Next Sunday 20th September - The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

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

Collect for the Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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 Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy;
and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall,
keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful,
and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Readings: Gen. 50.15-21; Rom. 14.1-12; Matt. 18.21-35

Gospel: Matt. 18.21-35

Then Peter came and said to him, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.
'For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

Please pray for

Natalie Hennessy and Charlie Robinson

who will be married on Saturday 12th September at St Andrew's, East Lulworth
and their family and friends

Please pray for

Griffin Chan

who was baptised on 7th September at St John the Baptist, Bere Regis
and their parents, godparents, family and friends

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Poppy Cascade 2026

Guerrilla Gardeners have now taken the previous years cascade out of storage and we are now are hoping to do another display this year as all appears to be in good order!

The Risk Assessment has now been completed, those involved have now been contacted and everybody is on board to give it another go.

We are now at the stage in requesting help to check poppies, re attach poppies where needed and attach more poppies from the pile we had from last year and if need be, make more... at this stage we don't think more is needed but do watch out on **facebook** and on posters around the village.

So please come along if you can (equipment provided but if you have your own scissors or needles then bring along) you don't need to be able to sew, help with clearing and making refreshments could be your task?!

September dates are as follows, all sessions are:

10 til 12noon Holy Rood Church, Wool

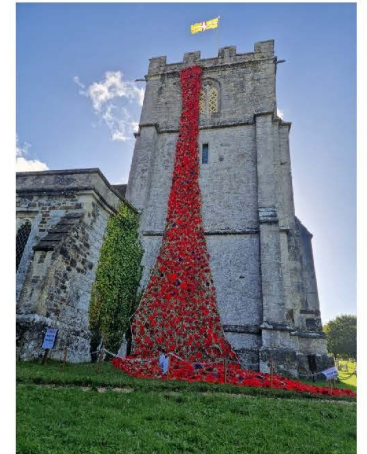
Tuesday 8th September

Tuesday 15th September

Friday 18th September

Thursday 24th September

Tuesday 29th September



Refreshments will be provided!

Contact Sue Burroughs or any of the GGs for details, join the Guerrilla Gardeners Facebook Page or look out in Wool Community plus information in the LINK

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DEANERY NEWS - St Edwards Way Pilgrimage

A group of 16 pilgrims set out last week to walk St Edward's Way, led by Rev Hilary Bond and the acting Bishop of Salisbury, Karen Gorham. Pilgrims from different Christian churches across Dorset and Wiltshire made up the hardy walkers, who were taking three days to walk the 33 miles, crossing heath-land, forest and water meadows, staying overnight in church halls.



The route follows the path taken by people carrying the body of St Edward the Martyr from Corfe Castle to Shaftesbury Abbey. He was reputedly murdered by his stepmother in the 10th century.

The walk was developed by Dorset Ramblers and Bishop Karen led the inaugural pilgrimage in 2021.

Hilary encouraged pilgrims to think about what a pilgrimage is – and how it differs from a normal walk. She said it was about the intention you set out with: “We are a group of Christians walking with the intention of connecting with the world around us, with one another, and with God, with the hope that might change us by the time we get to the end.”

Pictured are the pilgrims leaving St Andrew's, Bloxworth.

SUGGESTIONS FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

The work of the Church: Please pray for The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia. Also please pray for the Church Mission Society and our Home groups.

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 Turberville Court, Turberville Road and The Warren in Bere Regis; Main Road and Morey's Close in West Lulworth; Crown Yard and Blacknoll Lane in Winfrith and East Knighton; Windsor Close and Victoria Close in Bovington, Tollgate and Vicarage Close in Wool.

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; Fr. Tony Ball; 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 Christopher Jones; Colin Hutchins

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

Archbishop Sarah's statement on the devastating floods in Nepal and Tibet

I am praying for all those affected by the devastating flash floods in Nepal and Tibet. I pray for those who are grieving, and for those who are still waiting for news of their missing loved ones. I pray for the emergency workers in the region, operating in immensely difficult conditions to rescue people and bring relief. I pray too for those who are injured, and for the doctors and nurses working tirelessly to bring healing and rebuild lives.

Into the hands of our loving God, and in the name of Jesus Christ, I place all those who watch, wait and weep.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Harvest Festival



St. Nicholas, Chaldon Herring



Sunday 13th September 6pm at
St Nicholas Church DT2 8DN

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

RIDE+STRIDE for Churches

Ride + Stride 2026 will take place on Saturday 12th September.

Please save the date.

Dorset Historic Churches Trust are once again inviting YOU to raise money for your local church by becoming a cyclist or to walk to a number of local/Deanery churches (or even further afield) 50% of the money you raise is returned to your church. Once again, we hope that some of you will be keen to take part again this year. Last year 2025, over £100,000 was raised and very close to an all-time record of £112,500 back in 2021.

Money was raised from hundreds of sponsors with 50% being returned to nominated churches. Here at Holy Rood £1,000 was raised with half coming back to the church. One key point is that Gift Aid is recovered, so please if you are a tax payer then please tick the Gift Aid box when you come to sponsor our Riders and Striders.

For more information on the above contact:

Jenny Hunt 01929 462570 - E Mail: theskypilot2@gmail.com
or www.dhct.org.uk



Photo taken at the Ride+Stride launch earlier in June

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Join our team for a sponsored

Pedal-a-thon

The challenge: Keep the bike going for 4 hours



Raise money for
Wareham Food Bank
and
Dorset Historic Churches Trust

It's a fun team challenge - good for a laugh
Ride a stationary exercise bike for as long as you can
- 2 mins or even half an hour
- just keep the bike going
Open to everyone including children

Sunday September 13th. 12 noon to 4pm
Holy Rood Church, Church Lane

Cafe available: Come, support and have a cuppa/tea
Bring a picnic - make a sunny afternoon of it!

How it works

Sign up to the team - forms from Toni [tmac4455@aol.com]
Organise your sponsorship money and pay our treasurer by 27/9.

Organised by friends of Holy Rood Church



HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE AND LUNCH AT BRIANTSPUDDLE

What a glorious and splendid event took place at Briantspuddle Village Hall on Sunday 6th September. We celebrated and thanked God for the wonders of nature and learnt of the trials and tribulations of farmers, environmentalists and ordinary gardeners in the last 12 months of extremely challenging and changing weather conditions. August as we all know was the hottest month ever recorded in this country and long dry weather has killed off abundant harvests and the farmers face a really challenging winter with little or no profit and less feed to support the cattle. The crisis in the Middle East has forced fuel costs for tractors and fertiliser prices through the roof.



We heard in detail from Richard Hall and Nick Gore as farmers or their representatives, David Buck, our local gardener, Lindsey Haskins from the Erica Trust, Roger Hewitt, our local ornithologist, who recounted the arrival and departures of our many varied and feathered guests

Canon Richard Bartlett led the service and several well known hymns were sung with great gusto accompanied by Richard Hall on the piano.



The service was followed by a delicious ploughman's lunch with excellent pudding provided by the Parochial Church Council members. Throughout lunch we were entertained by music provided by the Piddlers admirably led by Vivi Armitage. Over £160 was raised by the generosity of

the lunchers and will go to St Laurence's Church coffers.

Allan Smith/Robin Gainsford

Harvest Festival

**6
SEP**

**11AM SERVICE +
HARVEST LUNCH
BRIANTSPUDDLE
VILLAGE HALL,
DT2 7HT**

**WE LOOK FORWARD
TO WELCOMING
YOU**

**13
SEP**

**10.30AM HARVEST
COMMUNION
HOLY ROOD
CHURCH, WOOL
BH20 6DD**

**6PM SERVICE
ST NICHOLAS'
CHALDON HERRING
DT2 8DN**

**20
SEP**

**10.45AM
ONLINE HARVEST
(MESSAGE FOR
ZOOM LOG IN)**

**11AM HARVEST
SONGS OF PRAISE
ST CHRISTOPHER'S
WINFRITH, DT2 8JR**

**27
SEP**

**9AM HARVEST-OF-
THE-SEA
FISHERMEN'S
YARD, LULWORTH
COVE, B20 5RQ**

**ALL HARVEST
GIFTS WILL BE
DISTRIBUTED TO
THOSE WHO NEED IT**

**4
OCT**

**11AM ANIMAL
BLESSING SERVICE
ST LAURENCE'S
AFFPUDDLE
DT2 7HH**

**6PM HARVEST
EVENSONG
ST JOHN THE
BAPTIST, BERE
REGIS, BH20 7HQ**

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



**25
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**2-4PM MESSY CHURCH + SUPPER,
THE MEMORIAL HALL, BOVINGTON,
BH20 6JQ**

We're sorry, the Harvest Quiz which was to have been held on 12th September at the D'Urberville Centre has had to be cancelled.

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TO WIN THE DAY

Powerful folk-drama by Dorset-based group *Time and Tide*, following the extraordinary lives of the wives, mothers & families of the Tolpuddle Martyrs through local folk music of the time

Saturday 26th September
6.30pm for 7pm start - 8.30pm
With Raffle & Light Refreshments At Interval

For the last showing of the year, join us at:
St John the Baptist Church, Bere Regis, BH20 7HQ
For a great evening of entertainment & inspiration
Entry is free, so all can attend
But all donations given will support the upkeep & work of the church

DUCK RACE

QUACKING FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

£1
Per Duck

SEPTEMBER 19 | 5PM
At St Laurence Church, Affpuddle

Join us for an evening of excitement as hundreds of ducks race down the river.
Ducks can be purchased at Briantspuddle village shop, village hall or at the church.

TWO EXCITING DUCK RACES
LICENSED BAR
DELICIOUS BBQ | FAMILY FUN
ST LAURENCE CHURCH, AFFPUDDLE

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Wellness Practices

We had a lovely session on Tuesday morning with a great turnout. A quick reminder to everyone our next session is in a fortnight so on the 22nd September. We are now at full capacity for the morning session. Some participants were happy to move to a Tuesday afternoon group at 2 pm. If you would like to come along to the afternoon group please let me know. Autumn Season dates are September 22nd, October 6th & 20th, Nov 3rd & 17th December 1st & 8th. Rev Jenny Aldina at jennyaldina@Irishollow.co.uk

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