

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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10am	Morning Praise	Affpuddle
10am	Junior Church	Bere Regis
10.30am	Holy Communion	Wool
11am	Family Service	Bere Regis
11am	Christingle	Winfrith
3pm	The Longest Night	Bere Regis
5pm	Carol Service	Chaldon

MIDWEEK SERVICE - 17th December

10.30am	Churches Together in Wool Carols	d'Urberville Hall, Wool
6.30pm	Carol service	Affpuddle

Next Sunday 21st December - The Fourth Sunday of Advent

9am	BCP Holy Communion	Wool
10.45am	Prayer and Praise: Carols	Streamed
Zoom link:	https://us06web.zoom.us/j/5152255413	Meeting ID: 515 225 5413
11am	Holy Communion	Affpuddle
11am	Carol service	Bere Regis
11am	Carol service	Winfrith
4pm	Carol service	Wool
4pm	Carol service	West Lulworth



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Collect for the Third Sunday of Advent

O Lord Jesus Christ,
who at your first coming sent your messenger
to prepare your way before you:
grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries
may likewise so prepare and make ready your way
by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just,
that at your second coming to judge the world
we may be found an acceptable people in your sight;
for you are alive and reign with the Father
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Post Communion prayer for the Third Sunday of Advent

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts;
kindle in us the fire of your Spirit
that when your Christ comes again
we may shine as lights before his face;
who is alive and reigns now and for ever. **Amen**

Readings: Isa. 35.1-10; James 5.7-10; Matt. 11.2-11

Gospel: Matt 11.2-11

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?' Jesus answered them, 'Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me.' As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you." Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

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/76114399372?pwd=xVYsET0h9snVWZyM4LbYc6LBC1WJx.1>
Meeting ID: 761 1439 9372

**Christmas at St.
Christopher's
Church – a warm
welcome awaits
you. Do join us.**

CHRISTMAS FANFARE AT ST CHRISTOPHER'S

An 8-piece brass ensemble from the world-famous Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra will be performing their "Christmas Fanfare" in St Christopher's Church, Winfrith Newburgh on Wednesday 17 December.

This not-to-be-missed one-off concert is being staged with the help of Artsreach in aid of the church in Winfrith.

Festive music from across the genres can be expected on the night from medieval madrigals through classics like the Coventry Carol as well as modern masterpieces such as The Snowman and Frozen. There will be something sensational here for every music lover.

The congregation at St Christopher's will assure you of a warm welcome on this winter's night with some fabulous seasonal fare and a bar to keep out the winter chill.



Tickets costing £16.00 for adults and £10.00 for children will soon be available from Winfrith Village Stores or by phone from 01305 853901, also online at www.artsreach.co.uk

**11 am on Sunday 14th
Christingle service**



**11 am on Sunday 21st
Family Carol Service**



**2 pm on Wednesday 24th
Crib Service**



**11 am on Thursday
25th Christmas Day**



St Nicholas, Chaldon Christmas Carol Service

Sunday 14 December at 5 pm



Please join us afterwards
for mulled wine and
mince pies



ST. LAURENCE'S CHURCH, AFFPUDDLE



CAROL SERVICE

With the Briantspuddle Singers

Wednesday 17th Dec at 6.30pm

followed by Mince pies & Mulled wine



Please join us & bring a friend!

SUGGESTIONS FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

The work of the Church: Please pray for Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil. Also please pray for the Church Housing Trust, our community outreach and 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 Foodbanks in Wareham and Bere Regis. Pray for the residents of Bladen Valley, Chalk Pit Close and Chamberlaynes in Bere Regis; Shirley Close and Sunnyside in West Lulworth; Thornicks and Langcotes in Winfrith and East Knighton; Chalk Pit Lane, Church Lane and Colliers Lane in Wool, Church Lane in East Stoke and Churchill Road in Bovington.

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; Lesley Weeks

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: Paul Pinnock; Sara Grayson; Dorothy Reed; Violet Cole; Wendy Morrison; Peter Hardman; Stanley Burden

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

Two former residents of Wool

Trevor Furze died peacefully in the John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, on November 24. He was headmaster of Wool C of E Primary School from 1973 to 1989. Before that he taught at St Mary's Primary School, Bridport. Trevor's ashes will be scattered on his beloved Dorset coast.

The family of **Brian Slater** have informed us that Brian recently died. Residents of Wool will remember that he was the landlord of the Ship in Wool for many years, having taken over the licence from his mother, and also ran the local shop. Most memorable were his performances with the d'Urberville Amateur Dramatic society. He had a fine singing voice and powerful stage presence, particularly in the role of The Mikado.

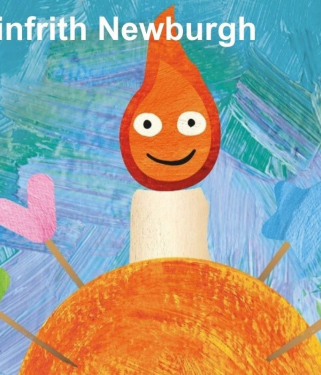


The Children's Society

Christingle Service Sunday 14 December

11am

St Christophers Church
Winfrith Newburgh



The Longest Night

*a reflective service for anyone finding
Christmas difficult
there will be a time to light a candle for a
loved one*

**St. John the Baptist
Bere Regis
14 December
3pm**



*The light shines in the darkness, and
the darkness has not overcome it.*

John 1.5



Celebrate Christmas

Sunday 7th December 5pm
Bere Regis
Christmas Concert with Wareham Choral Society

Sunday 14th December 10am
Bere Regis 11am
3pm
Junior Church
'Christmas Cake' Family Service
'The Longest Night'
a reflective service for those who find Christmas difficult

Wednesday 17th December 6.30pm
Affpuddle
Christmas Carol Service

Sunday 21st December 11am
Bere Regis
Christmas Carol Service

Come along to our special services this Christmas and celebrate the birth of Jesus

in
Bere Regis and Affpuddle

Christmas Eve 5pm
Bere Regis 9pm
Christingle Service
'Midnight in Bethlehem' Communion Service

Christmas Day 10am
Affpuddle
Christmas Day Communion Service

Bere Regis 11am
Christmas Praise

And a very Happy Christmas to you all



Carol singing around Wool village

Friday 19th December
Start 5.30pm outside Boots
Finish 7.00pm at Wool Legion



Accommodation needed in the New Year

A message from Revd Jenny Alidina on behalf of Eres:

"Hello, my name is Eres and I am an experienced house sitter who loves animals and walks dogs. I am looking for accommodation, either lodging or rental or house sitting in the West Purbeck Benefice area from the New Year for at least a month. If you know of something, please give me a call on 07790 641565 or email me at eresseer@outlook.com."

I have met with Eres on several occasions and she is a lovely person. If you would like to know more about her please do contact me: revjenny@westpurbeck.org.uk 01929 551502
Revd Jenny

Christmas Flowers in Holy Rood Church

If you would like to donate money towards the Christmas Flowers in church in memory of a loved one please place cash in an envelope and either give to myself or Toni M or member of the Clergy with your name and the name of those you would like remembered. The flowers will be placed in church on Monday 22nd or Tuesday 23rd December...and a memory card placed next to an arrangement. Thank you. If you would like to help with the flowers please contact me as 'many hands make light work' - you will be very welcome.
Sue Burroughs 01929 463803.

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:
patswiftwharf@outlook.com
01929 472246.



Some images of the Holy Rood Christmas Tree Festival



Breakfast Club Christmas Lunch at The Orchard Café.
Thanks to Mary for organising.



Christmas cheer at the Wool community lunch.

