

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 15th December 2024
3rd Sunday of Advent

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Usual hours The Benefice Office is staffed Wednesday 9-12 and 12.30-3.30 and Friday 9-12.
For enquiries outside these times contact the Vicar.

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 and the West Purbeck Benefice Logo in the signature. Please don't click on any links in suspect emails.

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Sunday 15th December - 3rd Sunday of Advent

9am	Holy Communion	Bere Regis
9am	Holy Communion	Wool
10.45am	Prayer and Praise Carol service	Streamed
Zoom link:	https://us06web.zoom.us/j/5152255413 Meeting ID: 515 225 5413	
11am	Holy Communion	Affpuddle
11am	Holy Communion	West Lulworth
11am	Songs of Praise	Winfrith Newburgh
3pm	Canzonetta concert - All welcome	Wool
6pm	Carol service	Chaldon

Mid-Week Service: Wednesday 18th December

10:30am	Churches Together Carols & Coffee	D'Urberville Centre, Wool
	followed by Community lunch	
6.30pm	Carol service	Affpuddle

Sunday 22nd December - 4th Sunday of Advent

9am	Holy Communion	Affpuddle
10.30am	Holy Communion	Wool
11am	Holy Communion with	
	Nine Lessons and Carols	Bere Regis
11am	Carol Service	Winfrith Newburgh
4pm	Carol service	Wool

New Benefice office hours and Christmas holiday

From the start of December, the office opening hours are:

Wednesday 9am - 12.00pm and 12.30pm - 4pm and Friday 9am - 1.30pm.

The office will close at 1.30pm on Friday 20th December, reopening at 9am on Friday 3rd January.

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Collect for 3rd 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 3rd 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: Zephaniah 3.14-end; Philippians 4.4-7; Luke 3.7-18

Gospel: Luke 3.7-18

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.'

And the crowds asked him, 'What then should we do?' In reply he said to them, 'Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.' Even tax-collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, 'Teacher, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.' Soldiers also asked him, 'And we, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.'

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

Revd David Chillman - Retirement Presentation

As most of you know Revd David will be leaving us at the end of the year to take up a well deserved retirement.

David's farewell service will be on Sunday 29th December at 10.30am at Holy Trinity West Lulworth, followed by a 'bring and share' lunch in West Lulworth Village Hall from 12 noon. Please bring finger food to share. A presentation to David and Jude will be made at the lunch. Anyone wishing to contribute to this can contribute as follows:

Bank Transfer: Account name: PCC Lulworth Winfrith and Chaldon
Account number: 04671015 Sort code: 60-07-01

Reference: Please mark any transfer with: Rev David - retirement
Alternatively cheques made out to the PCC can be sent to the Hon Treasurer as follows: P.J. Lawlor, 8 Colliers Lane, Wool, Dorset, BH20 6DL
Note: To avoid getting caught up in the Christmas rush it would be helpful for any donations to be made by mid-December.



Last Sunday was the Cake Service at Bere Regis.



Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club met on 11th December for a Christmas lunch at Orchard Café. It was delicious and a good time was had by all. Thank you to Mary for organising.

We meet at Holme for Gardens on the second Wednesday every month at 10am (next meeting 8th January). **All welcome!** Call Mary for details on 01929 556086



LOCAL FOOD BANK

At this season of Christmas, please remember families who are struggling. Donations can be made to the local food bank in Wareham. The local drop-off point is with Judy Hill in High Street Close.

Christmas Flowers in church

Each year we ask for donations towards flowers in church over Christmas. The donation can be in memory of a loved one and a card will be placed with the persons name by an arrangement.

Thank you.

If you would place the donation in an envelope with the name and hand it to me or Treasurer (Toni) or an LPA or any member of the Clergy by Wednesday 18th December it will be greatly appreciated.

Sue Burroughs 463803



Helpers needed for Christmas preparations at Holy Rood Church

Christmas Flowers in Holy Rood Church will be on Saturday 21st December starting at 10am. If you can help please come along, there will be refreshments to keep us going. *Thank you, Sue Burroughs*

SUGGESTIONS FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

The work of the Church: Please pray for The Anglican Church of Tanzania. Also please pray for our Pastoral Team

This Benefice: We pray for all those who are isolating or 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 Bere Regis Surgery, the Wellbridge Surgery and all NHS staff. Also farms across all parts of the Benefice.

Pray for the residents of West Street and White Lovington in Bere Regis; Church Road and Farm Lane in West Lulworth; Crown Yard and Blacknoll Lane in Winfrith and East Knighton; Elles Road, Gaza Road and Foxbury in Bovington, Frome Avenue in Wool.

Those who are ill or have asked for our prayers:

We pray for Peter Wharf; Irene; Brian Horn; John Mitchell; Dawn Maple; Eric Maple; Annette Kessler; Amanda Tucker; Frankie; Karen; Liz Draisey; Revd Stephen and Lesley Coles.

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:

Jean Nommick, Irene Mayo; Christopher Ridley; Peter Lockyer; Robert Abbott; Colin Broadhurst; David Hyde

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

Please pray for the family and friends of:

Peter Lockyer

whose funeral takes place at St John the Baptist, Bere Regis on 16th December.

Jean Nommick

whose funeral takes place at St Laurence, Affpuddle on 16th December

Colin Broadhurst

whose funeral takes place at Holy Trinity, West Lulworth on 18th December

Robert John Brown (Bob) Abbott

whose cremation service takes place at Harbour View on 20th December

ST. LAURENCE'S CHURCH
AFFPUDDLE



CAROL SERVICE



With the Briantspuddle Singers
Wednesday 18th Dec at 6.30pm
followed by
Mince pies & Mulled wine



Please join us & bring a friend!

24th December
4pm
St. John the Baptist
Bere Regis

Christingle 2024
All welcome!


Canzonetta at Christmas

A concert of
festive songs and carols
Sunday 15th December 3pm
Church of the Holy Rood
Church Lane, Wool, BH20 6DD



CHURCHES TOGETHER IN WOOL

Carols and Coffee
At the D'Urberville
Centre, Wool
10.30am on
18th December
Followed by
Community lunch



Holy Rood Social Dates & Events

15th Dec Canzonetta concert in Holy Rood church 3pm

18th Dec Carol Service 10.30am and Christmas Community Lunch - FREE (crackers, pud etc) 12.00noon D'Urberville hall

Refreshments at all these events - many with mulled wine & mince pies

Enter our prize-winning Christmas Cracker Joke Quiz (£1). Quiz sheet from Toni (tmac4455@aol.com) £20 prize!



Free admission

Retiring collection for the church funds
join us for mulled wine and mince pies as we celebrate our



20th Anniversary 2004-2024

