

## 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 February 2026**

**The Sunday next before Lent**

### Sunday 15th February - The Sunday next before Lent

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

### ASH WEDNESDAY - 18th February

10.30am	Holy Communion	The D'Urberville Centre
5pm	Holy Communion	Bere Regis

### Next Sunday 22nd February - The First Sunday of Lent

9am	BCP Holy Communion	Affpuddle
9am	Holy Communion	West Lulworth
10.30am	Holy Communion	Wool
11am	Holy Communion	Bere Regis
11am	Holy Communion	Winfirth

### Collect for the Sunday next before Lent

Almighty Father,  
whose Son was revealed in majesty  
before he suffered death upon the cross:  
give us grace to perceive his glory,  
that we may be strengthened to suffer with him  
and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

## 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](mailto: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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**The Office**

office@westpurbeck.org.uk / 07729 484 866

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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## Post Communion prayer for the Sunday next before Lent

Holy God,  
we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ:  
may we who are partakers at his table  
reflect his life in word and deed,  
that all the world may know his power to change and save.  
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Readings:** Ex. 24.12-end; 2 Peter 1.16-end; Matt. 17.1-9

## Gospel: Matt. 17.1-9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!' When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Get up and do not be afraid.' And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, 'Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.'

## 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/77243307897?pwd=dQnyZCqsZNfW3O8Phuc64DoYCfulU.I>

Meeting ID: 772 4330 7897

## West Purbeck Benefice services on You Tube

You can now view videos of some of the Christmas services and Café Church on the West Purbeck Benefice You Tube channel. Search for You Tube West Purbeck or use the link: <https://youtube.com/@west-purbeck-benefice?si=lnGnvFjnDyoAIHUp>



## HOLY ROOD SOCIAL EVENTS

We have planned an exciting 2026 calendar including 'Teas and Tulips in Amsterdam' on April 11th. Please can you help set the scene? We are looking for....

- delivery / baker's bicycles to decorate - might you have one?
- pots of tulips - could you get planting and train them to flower on April 11th (ha ha)
- anything Dutch - flags, clogs, windmills etc.

We still have an urgent appeal for raffle prizes for the Quiz on Feb 7th and events thereafter.

In hope. Thank you so much.

*Toni and Team*



# 'PARABLES FROM PALESTINE'

## OPEN MEETING + TALK BY THE VERY REV'D NICK PAPADOPULOS

TUES 10<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 7.30PM

Nick recently spent his sabbatical in occupied East Jerusalem with the World Council of Churches' Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme in Palestine & Israel; monitoring human rights, visiting holy sites, worshipping in different churches & speaking with various people & organisations

**COME & HEAR FIRST HAND  
EXPERIENCES & PERSPECTIVES  
FROM THE HOLY LAND**

AT SANDFORD SCHOOL  
WAREHAM, BH20 7BN  
FREE EVENT - NO BOOKING REQUIRED - ALL WELCOME

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WEST PURBECK  
COMMUNITY  
BEREAVEMENT  
SUPPORT GROUP

If you think you might benefit from Bereavement Support, you are most welcome to come along to the first session of the Bereavement group course on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 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](mailto:office@westpurbeck.org.uk)



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## SUGGESTIONS FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

**The work of the Church:** Please pray for the Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean. Also please pray for the Diocese of Salisbury Ordinands, Lay Ministers and Pastoral Assistants in training, our Lay Pastoral Assistants and Lay Worship Leaders

**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; The Launches and Triangle in West Lulworth; Thornicks and Langcotes in Winfrith and East Knighton; Knowlewood Knap, Woodstreet, Woolbridge and Wyllon Place in Wool.

### **Those who are ill or have asked for our prayers:**

We pray for Peter Wharf, Catherine; Joe; Louisa Botterill; Brenda; Mark; Heather Edwards; Daisy Martin; Pat House; David; Barry Quinn; Maureen Long; John Scott; Naj Alidina; Andrea Smith; Mary Richter; Fr. Tony Ball

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:** David Bunter; Peter Gould; Colin (Tyrone) Harris; Ken Baynton; Nancy Scott; Ian Farr  
Also the families and friends of those whose anniversary of death falls at this time.

*Please pray for the family and friends of*

*David Bunter*

*whose Funeral will take place at Harbour View on Thursday 19th February.*

*G*od of love,  
turn our hearts to your ways;  
and give us peace.

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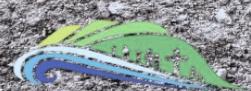
# Ash Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> Feb

Come join in a service + experience the symbolic act of ash crossing

10.30am D'Urberville Centre  
Wool, BH20 6DL

5pm Saint John the Baptist  
Bere Regis, BH20 7HQ

You are welcome to share this ancient tradition whether for the 1<sup>st</sup> or 100<sup>th</sup> time!



'Forgive One Another  
As I Have Forgiven You'

## The Bible Course



Explore the BIG story

Come + explore God's big story one step at a time  
Feel more confident in your understanding of scripture

8 Session Course From The Bible Society

Over Lent + Easter - Tuesday's 2pm - 3.30pm

Course books £9  
The West Purbeck Benefice

Available from Benefice office

Office@westpurbeck.org.uk

Office + Venue: D'Urberville Hall, Wool, BH20 6DL

24 <sup>th</sup> Feb	24 <sup>th</sup> March
3 <sup>rd</sup> March	<b>BREAK</b>
10 <sup>th</sup> March	14 <sup>th</sup> April
17 <sup>th</sup> March	21 <sup>st</sup> April
	28 <sup>th</sup> April

You're always welcome

To our weekly drop-in, Thursdays 8 - 11am

# 'TEA & TOAST'

Church of Saint John the Baptist

Bere Regis, BH20 7HQ

With children's toy area  
+ Doggy biscuits for  
Canine companions!



The West Purbeck Benefice

\* HALF TERM KIDS CRAFT TABLE  
Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> Feb  
Children must be accompanied  
by a responsible adult  
Free of charge  
Donations welcome

### DID YOU KNOW?

Dorset Rural Music School (DRMS), is one of an England-wide system of music schools set up post WW2. DRMS is the last surviving independent music school left in England and is run as a charity offering lessons, groups and experiences for people aged '5 to 95'!



Dorset Rural  
Music School

The school relies on a throughput of pupils to fund its core team of two people but participant numbers are in decline. To find out more about what the Dorset Rural Music School offers, see the website:

<https://dorsetruralmusicschool.co.uk/>

[www.westpurbeck.org.uk](http://www.westpurbeck.org.uk)