

### 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.**



## The Second Sunday of Lent Sunday 16th March 2025

### Sunday 16th March - The Second Sunday of Lent

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

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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.

### Sunday 23rd March - The Third Sunday of Lent

9am	BCP Holy Communion	Affpuddle
10.30am	Holy Communion	Wool
11am	Holy Communion	Bere Regis
11am	Holy Communion	Winfrith Newburgh

### NEXT MIDWEEK SERVICE - Wednesday 26th March

10.30am	Holy Communion	D'Urberville Hall, Wool
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### 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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### Collect for the Second Sunday of Lent

Almighty God,  
you show to those who are in error the light of your truth,  
that they may return to the way of righteousness:  
grant to all those who are admitted  
into the fellowship of Christ's religion,  
that they may reject those things  
that are contrary to their profession,  
and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same;  
through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
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 Second Sunday of Lent

Almighty God,  
you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves:  
keep us both outwardly in our bodies,  
and inwardly in our souls;  
that we may be defended from all adversities  
which may happen to the body,  
and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Readings:** Gen.15.1-12, 17-18; Phil. 3.17-4.1; Luke 13.31-end

## Gospel: Luke 13.31-end

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, 'Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.' He said to them, 'Go and tell that fox for me, "Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem." Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord."'

## Online Prayer

Morning Prayer is prayed at 8.30am on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays by a small group of parishioners on Zoom. Would you like to make this a part of your day? All are very welcome. Here is the Zoom link for the coming week:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/71835380868?pwd=bDGll6LLxg6DHtmouL0C47zS0ayhK.1>

Meeting ID: 718 3538 0868

## [13th Century Sarum Master Bible to go on public display for first time - Salisbury Cathedral](#)

The Sarum Master Bible, a beautifully illustrated medieval manuscript, will be on public display at Salisbury Cathedral until 20th March, having been acquired and donated to the Cathedral following a successful fundraising campaign by Friends of the Nations' Libraries. The Sarum Master was one of the greatest artists of his time, a manuscript illuminator working in the 1240s and 1250s, most probably in Salisbury. He was one of the first professional book illuminators in England and appears to have led a large workshop. - *If anyone is planning to see the display and can offer a lift to Salisbury, please would you get in touch with the Benefice Office, Thank you.*

## Annual Church Clean

The annual Holy Rood church clean will be on Saturday 29th March and if anyone can make an hour or so about 10am to help it would be really appreciated. This is the time when cobwebs and other bigger tasks are completed and as many as possible would make the task so much easier. Thank you.



## WEST PURBECK COMMUNITY BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

If you think you might benefit from Bereavement Support, please join us at the next group which starts on 11th March in the small Meeting Room at the d'Urberville Hall. Please ask Val or Sue if you have any questions or think you might like to join us, or you could call the West Purbeck Benefice Office on 07729 484866 to ask for more information.



## Poppy Appeal

Following the great success of the Poppy installations round the village in 2024 by the Guerrilla Gardeners they now have a more ambitious display for this year—a Poppy Cascade to be draped from Holy Rood Church tower on an Authentic Cam Net. For this installation we need a lot of Poppies... the poppies will be 5 inches across so bigger than last year (can use same pattern but using size 5mm crochet hook and chunky wool) although smaller ones can be used we are hoping for more bigger ones for this display. Some Poppies can be Purple (representing animals lost) but predominately red with a button centre or just a black knitted middle. Crochet and Knitted Poppies and Poppies made with Felt with button centres. Collection boxes will be in Holy Rood church and other churches in the Benefice plus the Central Shop in Wool. Patterns for both crochet and knitted poppies will be available in church and on request... email

[sue@whomwah.com](mailto:sue@whomwah.com) or telephone 01929 463803. Wool and felt can be requested (along with template) by using the contact details.

There will be lessons on how to crochet in Holy Rood church. As we get into May there will be more dates for attaching the poppies.

Please help if you can and spread the word. Sue Burroughs, member of Guerrilla Gardeners



## Purbeck Deanery Synod Meeting

Scroll all about it—communicating in a digital world



A presentation by Rebecca Pavey, Diocesan Director of Communications and Engagement, who will help us to improve our communications in both digital and non-digital ways.

All Saints Church Hall, Ulwell Road Swanage

Tuesday 18th March 2025 7.30pm

This is part of our regular programme of presentations that are relevant to our parishes, and to other interested people, within our Purbeck Deanery.

Presentations are open to anyone to attend

## BREAKFAST CLUB

We meet at Holme for Gardens on the second Wednesday every month at 10am (next meeting 9th April). **All welcome!**

Please let Mary know if you are coming on 01929 556086

## 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](mailto:patswiftwharf@outlook.com) or on 01929 472246.

## A date for your diaries

Our curate, Rev Lydia, will be ordained priest in Salisbury Cathedral on 28<sup>th</sup> June at 4.30pm. All are warmly invited! Travel arrangements are to be sorted out but lifts will certainly be available.

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## SUGGESTIONS FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

**The work of the Church:** Please pray for The Church of the Province of Central Africa. Also please pray for Five Talents.

**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 Youth clubs and children's uniformed organisations in Affpuddle, Bere Regis, Bovington, Chaldon Herring, East Lulworth, West Lulworth, Winfrith Newburgh and Wool.

Pray for the residents of Hollow Oak, Hyde, Lane End, Lower Woodbury and Turnerspudde in Bere Regis; West Road in West Lulworth; School Lane, High Street and Pigeon Close in Winfrith and East Knighton; Purbeck View in Bovington, Quarr Hill, New Road and Railway Terrace in Wool.

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

We pray for Peter Wharf; Mark; Chris Rick; Esther Farr; Eileen Rolls; John Mitchell; Catherine; Joe; Chris Burroughs

*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:** Margaret Newberry

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

## Revision of Church Electoral Rolls.

All of our churches are currently renewing their Electoral Rolls. Once every six years a completely new roll has to be prepared, and everyone who wishes to be on an Electoral Roll needs to re-apply. The Electoral Roll is a list of people who can vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM), and who may stand to serve as members of the PCC. It is the nearest thing that we have to a membership list in the Church of England. The new Electoral Roll will be adopted by each church at its APCM. Application forms for each church are now available in church, or may be downloaded from the Benefice Website. The deadline for return of completed forms varies from church to church - please speak with your church Electoral Roll Officer for more information. Thank you.

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

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## West Purbeck Benefice Lent Course 2025.

Following the success for last year's course, we have decided to use another course by the same author, Bishop Steven Croft, Bishop of Oxford. This year's course will be: 'Experiencing God's Love'.

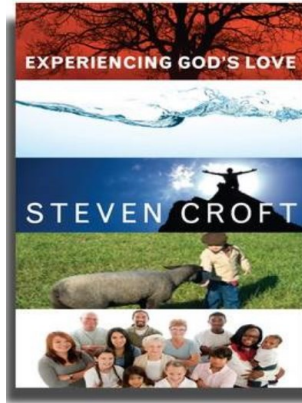
*Experiencing God's Love* is a short study guide that aims to deepen our understanding and first-hand experience of living a life of faith.

It explores five biblical images of the ways in which our lives are changed by walking with Christ:

1. Being securely rooted in prayer and scriptures;
2. Cleansed through baptism, confession and forgiveness;
3. Enlightened through worship, mission and growth in holiness;
4. Tended through care for one another and the world;
5. Welcomed in the Eucharist and in the fellowship of the Church.

Each chapter explores one of these images using the Psalms and the Gospels; it is supported by an audio introduction to each session.

The course continues on **Thursdays 20, 27 March and 3, 10 April 2.30-4pm. Change of venue:** on 20 March and 3 April in the **D'Urberville Centre Main Hall**. On 27 March and 10 April in the Kids of Wool Building. The course booklet can be ordered either as a paperback book, or as an eBook here: [Experiencing God's Love Five Images of Transformation by Steven Croft, Steven J. L. Croft - Paperback - 9780715142516](#)



**MOTHERING SUNDAY**  
**30TH MARCH**  
**Benefice Eucharist Service**  
**at Holy Trinity Church**  
**West Lulworth**  
**10.30am**

# LENT LABYRINTH

We invite you to join us for a quiet day using the labyrinth to reflect on our Lent journey with experienced facilitator Nickie Fidgin



West Lulworth Village Hall

1st April 2025

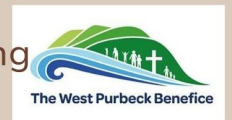
10.15-4.00

£10 per person, please bring a packed lunch

Reserve your place by emailing

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or sign up on the sheet in church



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