

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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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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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 16th November 2025
The Second Sunday before Advent
SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY

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

MIDWEEK SERVICE - 19th November

10.30am	Holy Communion	D'Urberville Centre
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Next Sunday 23rd November - Christ the King - Sunday next before Advent

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

Collect for the Second Sunday before Advent

Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son was revealed
to destroy the works of the devil
and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life:
grant that we, having this hope,
may purify ourselves even as he is pure;
that when he shall appear in power and great glory
we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom;
where he 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 before Advent

Gracious Lord,
in this holy sacrament
you give substance to our hope:
bring us at the last
to that fullness of life for which we long;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen**

Readings: Mal. 4.1-2a; 2 Thess. 3.6-13; Luke 21.5-19

Gospel: Luke 21.5-19

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, 'As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.'
They asked him, 'Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?' And he said, 'Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and, "The time is near!" Do not go after them.
'When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately. 'Then he said to them, 'Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.
'But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defence in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.

30th November—ADVENT SUNDAY

On Advent Sunday there will be a United Benefice Eucharist at St Andrew's, East Lulworth. 30th November is also St Andrew's Day, the Patronal Festival of East Lulworth church. The service time is 10.30am.

Also that day there will be a service of Advent Carols at Holy Rood, Wool at 4pm.

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/77611140595?pwd=HCiXmq3jOdZ0E9oH6RAdYi6RbOCYyQ.1>
Meeting ID: 776 1114 0595



WOOL REMEMBERS

The service of Remembrance at Holy Rood church was led by Revd Lydia Reese.

The picture left, by Tim Alford, shows the Guerrilla Gardeners team with the cascade after removing it from the tower.

Thank you to all who kindly donated towels to dry the net.

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: patswiftwharf@outlook.com
01929 472246.



WEST PURBECK BENEFICE MISSION UPDATE

We're excited to be working with Poppies Tearooms to offer a 'COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS' in Bovington on Friday 12th December (5-7pm). It'll be great—free bits for the kids to do, live carols plus the opportunity to pick up free 'new-to-you' toys before Christmas. But we need your help—collecting good quality outgrown toys! Please drop off at Poppies Monday-Friday 9am-3pm until 5th December. Let's share what we've got, help reduce waste and brighten someone else's day!

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SUGGESTIONS FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

The work of the Church: Please pray for the Episcopal / Anglican Province of Alexandria. Also please pray for the Children's Society, our Clergy and Licensed Lay Ministers, and for our safeguarding officers and their work.

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, Housing Associations and Libraries. Pray for the residents of Snow Hill, South Mead and Southbrook in Bere Regis; Britwell Drive and Burngate in West Lulworth; Water Lane and Shilling Plot in Winfrith and East Knighton; Andover Green, Andover Green Cottages, Arras Road in Bovington and Back Lane in Wool.

Those who are ill or have asked for our prayers:

We pray for Peter Wharf; Catherine; Joe; Louisa Botterill; Brenda and David; Wendy Morrison; Mark; Heather Edwards; Daisy Martin; Pat House; David; Barry Quinn

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: Pauleen Bang; Sue Glover; Paul Pinnock; Sara Grayson; Dorothy Reed; Violet Cole

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

Please pray for the friends and families of
Susan Glover, whose funeral will take place at St Christopher, Winfrith Newburgh
on Friday 14th November, followed by cremation at Weymouth

Paul Pinnock, whose funeral will take place at St Andrew, East Lulworth
on Wednesday 19th November

Richard Talbot, whose ashes will be interred at St Laurence, Affpuddle
on Wednesday 19th November

Sara Grayson, whose funeral will take place at Harbour View
on Friday, 28th November.

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C H R I S T M A S T I V E

Holy Rood Church Wool Dec 5th to 12th

Friday 5th at 6pm Launching
this event with the "Serenade"
Choir

Saturday 6th 2pm Handbells
Demo

Sunday 7th 4pm Christingle
Service

The church will be open
throughout the week with coffee
and mince pies on offer.

Monday 8th until Friday 12th
when the trees will be removed.



The Church of
The Holy Rood
Church Lane, WOOL
BH20 6DD



CHRISTMAS FANFARE AT ST CHRISTOPHER'S

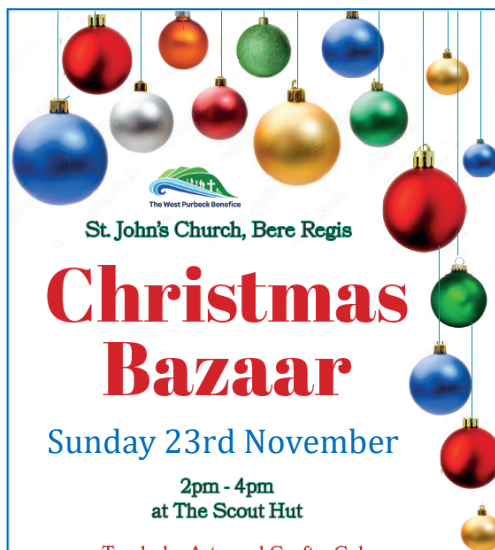
An 8-piece brass ensemble from the world-famous Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra will be performing their "Christmas Fanfare" in St Christopher's Church, Winfrith Newburgh on Wednesday 17 December.

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



Tombola, Arts and Crafts, Cakes,
Afternoon Tea with Mince pies, and more!

If you would like to rent a table, and create your own stall to sell your produce or crafts. For further information please call Glo 01929 472620

Shop Early for Christmas



An opportunity to buy....

Hand crafted gifts for ALL ages

Saturday November 15th
10.30-1.30

D'Urberville Hall, Wool

Tea, Coffee, Mince Pies



Raffle and Tombola

CHRISTMAS LUNCH AT HOLME FOR GARDENS

In December Breakfast Club becomes Lunch Club! We will meet at Holme for Gardens for a festive lunch on 10th December at 11.45am.

All welcome!

Please telephone Mary to book your place—£10 deposit per person please.
01929 556086.

Menu will be available later.