

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 17th May 2026

Ascension Sunday

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9am	Holy Communion	Bere Regis
9am	BCP 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

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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.

NEXT MIDWEEK SERVICE - Wednesday 20th May

10.30am Holy Communion d'Urberville Hall, Wool

Next Sunday 24th May - PENTECOST

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

Sunday 31st May - Trinity Sunday

10.30am UNITED BENEFICE SERVICE West Lulworth

Collect for the Seventh Sunday of Easter - The Sunday after Ascension Day

O God the King of glory,
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us
and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before,
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 and the West Purbeck Benefice Logo in the signature. Please don't click on any links in suspect emails!

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Post Communion prayer for the Sunday after Ascension Day

Eternal God, giver of love and power,
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:
confirm us in this mission,
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Readings: Acts 1.6-14; John 17.1-11

Gospel: John 17.1-11

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

West Purbeck Benefice services on YouTube

You can now view videos of some services and Café Church on the West Purbeck Benefice YouTube channel. Search for YouTube West Purbeck or use the link:

<https://youtube.com/@west-purbeck-benefice?si=lnGnvFjnDyoAIHUp>

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Weekly drop-in, Thursdays 8 - 11am

'TEA & TOAST'

St John the Baptist Church
Bere Regis, B20 7HQ

With kids toy area
+ Doggy biscuits for
Canine companions!

WITH 1/2 TERM KIDS SPECIAL
THURS 28TH MAY 8-11AM DROP-IN
FREE KIDS CRAFT TABLE
KIDS TOY & BOOK SALE
All children must be accompanied



LULWORTH CAR PARKING

We are again planning to open the Glebe Field, below the Church in West Lulworth, for visitor parking to raise funds for the four Churches in the Lulworth Parish. This has previously proved very popular and has helped towards paying our annual Church expenses. We rely on 4 volunteers to staff the car park for each of the two-hour sessions throughout the day.

This year we are hoping to open the car park on the following days:

May Bank Holiday weekend – May 23rd, 24th, 25th

July 25th and 26th; August Bank Holiday weekend – Aug. 29th, 30th, 31st

We are looking for volunteers to help us complete a rota. If you feel you are able to join our team of volunteers please contact Clive Goddard 07811617274

Your help will be greatly appreciated.

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CHURCHES COUNT ON NATURE

@St. Christopher's Winfrith Newburgh
20th June 8am-12.30 Mini BioBlitz
21th June 11am Creation Songs of Praise
22-27 June Self-guided activities in the churchyard for children and parents
28th June 11am Creation Sunday Communion

SUGGESTIONS FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

The work of the Church: Please pray for the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea. 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 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 Briantspuddle, Egdon Close, Elder Road and Green Close in Bere Regis; Church Road and Farm Lane in West Lulworth; East Knighton Lane in Winfrith and East Knighton; Longthorns and the Farrer Estate in East Stoke and Lower Cranesmoor Close in Bovington.

Those who are ill or have asked for our prayers:

We pray for Peter Wharf, Brenda; Daisy Martin; Pat House; Barry Quinn; Maureen Long; John Scott; Mary Richter; Val Leak; Margaret Coles; 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

Peter Warr; Damian Cullinane; John Pitman; Susan Newman; Cherry Titman; Tom Gilbert

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

FRIDAY 22ND MAY 2026
The D'Urberville Centre
Colliers Lane
Wool
BH20 6DL

DOORS OPEN AT 18:30
 FILM STARTS AT 19:00
 ADMISSION
 £6.00 ADULTS
 £3.00 UNDER 16's
 CASH OR CARD
 PAYMENTS ACCEPTED

"HAMNET" IS A POIGNANT HISTORICAL DRAMA, RELEASED IN 2026, THAT EXPLORES THE LIFE OF WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE AND HIS WIFE ANNE HATHAWAY AS THEY NAVIGATE THE PROFOUND GRIEF FOLLOWING THE DEATH OF THEIR SON HAMNET.

PURBECK ICE CREAMS PLUS HOT AND COLD DRINKS ARE AVAILABLE AND YOU ARE WELCOME TO BRING YOUR FISH & CHIPS, WINE & BEERS & COZY SEATS WITH YOU.

ALL PROCEEDS GO TOWARDS FUNDING WOOL CHARTER FAIR

Little Moments Community Café

A new community café will run on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10am to 12 noon in the small hall at the D'Urberville Centre, Wool.

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

Briantspuddle Village Hall

Sunday, 31st May
at 3pm

Private life of an art masterpiece

'THE TEA'

Mary Cassatt (1844-1926)

An illustrated talk by Jenny Newman

Tickets £10

including afternoon tea

Available at the door or from
Briantspuddle Village shop

or Elizabeth Whatley
01305 897302

mistletoeandhobbs@icloud.com

In aid of St Laurence church, Affpuddle

West Purbeck Benefice
Annual Meetings

APCM

The Affpuddle Annual Parochial
Meeting will take place on Sunday 24th
May at 10.15am after the service

BREAKFAST CLUB

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

Please let Jenny Hunt know if
you are coming on 01929
462570.

The Woolie Womblers



The next parish litter-pick is on Saturday 16th May meeting outside the D'Urberville Centre at 9.30am or whenever you can make it. I urge all to come along and bring friends and neighbours to help make our parish look its very best.

There are litter pickers, rubbish bags, hoops for said bags, hi-viz jackets and gloves plus a list of potential areas that you can clear. If you have some time to give please come along. Bag collection is available to save you carrying a full bag around with you. See you there!

Contact: Jayne Simmons or Susan Burroughs on Facebook or leave a message on The Woolie Womblers Facebook page.

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Trinity Sunday Service On-the-Green

Holy Communion Together
Sunday 31st May, 10.30am
Bring CHAIR + PICNIC for lunch after!
Outside Holy Trinity Church
West Lulworth, BH20 5RY

The West Purbeck Benefice



Diocese
of Salisbury
Making
Jesus Known

An Invitation from Salisbury Diocese Sign up for our Volunteer Day now!

Are you a volunteer in a church or parish?

We would love for you to join our Volunteers Day, with resources and sessions to help you in your context, as well as a celebratory lunch on 5th June, Emmaus House, Wilton, SP2 0FG. This day is for anyone who volunteers and serves regularly in their church, in an official or unofficial capacity.

Book to grab your space: <https://buff.ly/luPO7WY>

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