

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 STILL 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 18th October 2026

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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

MIDWEEK SERVICE - Wednesday 21st October

10.30am	Holy Communion	D'Urberville Hall, Wool
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Next Sunday 25th October - Bible Sunday

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 Festival of St Luke the Evangelist

Almighty God,
you called Luke the physician,
whose praise is in the gospel,
to be an evangelist and physician of the soul:
by the grace of the Spirit
and through the wholesome medicine of the gospel,
give your Church the same love and power to heal;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
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 Festival of St Luke the Evangelist

Almighty God,
who on the day of Pentecost
sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles
with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame,
filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel:
by the power of the same Spirit
strengthen us to witness to your truth
and to draw everyone to the fire of your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Readings: Acts 16.6-12a; 2 Tim. 4.5-17; Luke 10.1-9

Gospel: Luke 10.1-9

After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace to this house!" And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you."

Collect for 25th October - Bible Sunday

Blessed Lord,
who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning:
help us so to hear them,
to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them
that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word,
we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life,
which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Readings for Bible Sunday: Neh. 8.1-12; Col. 3.12-17; Matt. 24.30-35

Holy Rood Church Wool needs you...

Please would you consider helping to clean the Holy Rood Church, this is done weekly at a time to suit you and takes about an hour, depending on how fussy you like to be! I will talk you through what to do, ideally someone will be with you; all equipment and cleaning materials provided and you can do at any time during the week prior to your allocated weekend. If you are able please help, the more on the list the fewer times in the year your name will come up. Please contact Sue 07714389330 or email sue@whomwah.com

Thank you

Do you know who could give a good home to a cherished baby grand piano?

This Yamaha baby grand GC1, currently in professional storage, measures 151cm by 146cm and is in excellent condition. The owner has recently passed away and the family would like it to go to a good home.

If you can help or for more details, please contact the Benefice Office.

ANNUAL LEAVE

Please note, the Benefice Office will be closed from 2pm on Friday 16th October for annual leave. Reopening on Wednesday 28th October at 9am.

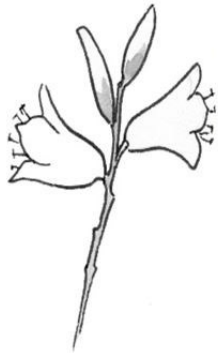


WOOL COMMUNITY CINEMA PRESENTS

'Finding Your Feet'
at the d'Urberville Hall
on Friday, 23rd October

Doors open 6.30pm,
show starts at 7pm.

You are warmly invited to attend a
Memorial Service at
The Church of the Holy Rood, Wool
on Sunday 1st November 2026 at 3pm



In this service of hymns and readings we offer you an opportunity to remember loved ones and to give thanks for their lives. During the service the names of those who have died during the past two years are read along with others you may wish to remember. You will also have an opportunity to light a candle in memory of a loved one.

Afternoon tea and coffee served afterwards.

from The West Purbeck Benefice



**WEST PURBECK
COMMUNITY
BEREAVEMENT
SUPPORT GROUP**

If you think you might benefit from Bereavement Support, you are most welcome to come along to a Coffee Morning at Holy Rood Church, Wool on 5th November from 10.30 am until 12 noon.

You will be very welcome to come along and join us.

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



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SUGGESTIONS FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

The work of the Church: Please pray for The Anglican Church of Canada. Also please pray for the Church Housing Trust, our community outreach, 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, public buildings, memorial and village halls. Pray for the residents of Manor Farm Road, North Street, Old Barn Road, Poole Road and Roke Road in Bere Regis; Beech Close and Bindon Road in West Lulworth; Willowborne Gardens and Dorchester Road 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, Daisy Martin; Pat House; Barry Quinn; Maureen Long; John Scott; Mary Richter; Margaret Coles; Jane Heywood; Zena Warne; Sue and Geoff Allen; Shannon; Pat Chesney

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 Joshua Sealy; Elizabeth Pearce; Teresa Casserly; Keith Burt
Also the families and friends of those whose anniversary of death falls at this time.

Post-Communion prayer for 25th October - Bible Sunday

God of all grace,
your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry
with the bread of his life
and the word of his kingdom:
renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your true and living bread;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Please pray for the family and friends of
Michael and Barbara Jenkins*

whose ashes will be interred at St Nicholas, Chaldon on Tuesday, 20th October.



ECO AWARD FOR WINFRITH CHURCH

Congratulations to St Christopher's, Winfrith for their SILVER Eco Church Award! This is in recognition of the hard work the church has done to make the churchyard a home for wildlife, its engagement with the wider community and the Dorset Wildlife Trust in caring for God's creation, their efforts to make the building more carbon efficient, and to include celebrating creation and God's goodness in our worship and teaching. This was awarded by A Rocha UK, a national Christian charity mobilising churches to care for the environment.

Really well done everyone at St. Christopher's, this is a major achievement.

Rev. Lydia



Photo credit: Pat Pettit



In photo: Pat and Jim Pettit in front of 'St Critter-fer's' Insect Hotel, St Christopher's Church, Winfrith Newburgh

Café Church - 1st November - Winfrith Village Hall - 10.30 for 10.45am



CONCERT AT AFFPUDDLE



Thanks to the singers and band of the Purbeck Village Quire for offering a wonderful afternoon of Harvest-themed West Gallery music: 'Come Ye Thankful People' at St Laurence Church, Affpuddle last weekend, and for all who worked to host a great spread of refreshments - open to everyone - in honour of the late Nancy Scott, a much loved choir member.

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Bovington Together

SUN 25TH OCT, 2-4PM

Harvest Festival

Messy CHURCH

All free family friendly crafts, activities & puppet workshop with gathered story time & shared meal of homecooked harvest soup to close

WITH CHANCE TO GIFT FOOD IN SUPPORT OF WAREHAM FOODBANK

VENUE: MEMORIAL HALL, BOVINGTON, KING GEORGE V ROAD, BH20 6JQ

All free event – but booking required
To book Email: missioner@westpurbeck.org.uk

TO FIND OUT ABOUT OTHER UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS FIND & FOLLOW  BOVINGTON TOGETHER



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Purbeck Deanery Synod Open Meeting



St Stephen's School, Terekeka, South Sudan

Talk by Mike Quinlan on the Wareham Parish link with Terekeka as part of the Salisbury Diocese Partnership with the Sudans

Come and hear how we in Purbeck Deanery can benefit from a link with the church in South Sudan:

- ***Learning from Christians in Sub-Saharan Africa where over 30% of the Christians in the world live***
- ***Supporting children in education in a country where only 30% of the population are literate***
- ***Sharing in the world-wide mission of the church and gaining a vision for growth***

7:30pm Thursday 22nd October

**at All Saints' Church Hall,
Ullwell Road, Swanage BH19 1LL**

Refreshments served from 7pm



Purbeck Deanery is exploring how we might develop a link which the parish of Wareham already has with the Diocese of Terekeka in South Sudan. The hope is that we might make it a link with all four benefices of Purbeck Deanery. A small working group is being formed to lead this forward, and I am hoping that someone in West Purbeck Benefice might be prepared to be our representative in this group. If you feel that you may be interested, please let me know and I can give you more information.

Thank you.

Richard Bartlett

**Capacitar
Wellness Practices**
10:30 am & 2:00 pm
East Burton Village Hall
Tuesday 20th October

Please let me know if you are coming
jennyalidina@irishollow.co.uk

Protection & Peace

Join Us for

ROMANS BIBLE STUDY

1 OCT, 8 OCT,
22 OCT, 5 NOV,
19 NOV, 3 DEC, 10 DEC

2-4 PM

At Audrey Grindrod's,
Briantspuddle
contact
curate@westpurbeck.org.uk
for details

BERE REGIS Village Hall presents
THE RETURN OF The Village Quiz

Wed. 21st Oct. 7.30pm

Upper Village Hall

Teams of up to 5 people.
£10 a team.
Bring your own drinks & snacks.
Questions set by Susan Stone.
There will also be a RAFFLE.

All profits to the Village Hall Maintenance Fund.
To book in your team, email Alison, popinplace@gmail.com
(All teams must book.)