

### 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 19th April 2026  
The Third Sunday of Easter

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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	Winfrith

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Usual hours The Benefice Office is staffed Wednesday 9-12 and 12.30-4 and Friday 9-1.30.  
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### NEXT MIDWEEK SERVICE

Tues 21st April 7pm Compline Bere Regis

### Next Sunday 26th April - The 4th Sunday of Easter

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

### Collect for the Third Sunday of Easter

Almighty Father,  
who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples  
with the sight of the risen Lord:  
give us such knowledge of his presence with us,  
that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life  
and serve you continually in righteousness and truth;  
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**

### 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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## Post Communion prayer for the Third Sunday of Easter

Living God,  
your Son made himself known to his disciples  
in the breaking of bread:  
open the eyes of our faith,  
that we may see him in all his redeeming work;  
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

**Readings:** Acts 2.14a, 36-41; 1 Peter 1.17-23; Luke 24.13-35

## **Gospel:** Luke 2.33-35

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' He asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.' Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us[ while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?]' That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

## Amsterdam tea afternoon at Wool



You're always welcome  
To our weekly drop-in, Thursday 8 - 11am



# TEA & TOAST

Children's Toy area  
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Canine companions!




Church of Saint John the Baptist  
Bere Regis, B20 7HQ




Free of charge  
Any donations welcome

### BREAKFAST CLUB

We meet at Holme for Gardens on the second Wednesday every month at 10am (next meeting 13th May). All welcome!

Please telephone Mary to let her know if you are coming on 01929 556086.



AT THE D'URBERVILLE CENTRE,  
COLLIERS LANE, WOOL BH20 6DL

presents



SHOWING:  
**FRIDAY 24TH  
APRIL 2026**

DOORS OPEN 18:30 ·  
FILM STARTS AT 19:00

**ADULTS £6:00  
UNDER 16s £3:00**

Bring your Beers,  
Fish & Chips and comfy  
seats with you if you wish.

Tea, Coffee and soft  
drinks available.

ALL PROCEEDS SUPPORT 'WOOL  
CHARTER FAIR'

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### West Purbeck Benefice services on You Tube

You can now view videos of some 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>

### SUGGESTIONS FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

**The work of the Church:** Please pray for the Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma). Also please pray for the Children's Society and our Clergy and Licensed Lay Ministers.

**This Benefice:** We pray for all those who are not able to join in with worship at this time. We pray for the Bere Regis Surgery, the Wellbridge Surgery and all NHS staff. Also farms across all parts of the Benefice.

Pray for the residents of Stanbarrow Close and Tower Hill in Bere Regis; The Launches and Triangle in West Lulworth; Butts Close and Gibraltar Cottages in Winfrith and East Knighton; Newtown Hill in Coombe Keynes, Oakdene Road and Penn Gardens in Wool, Middlefield Cottages in East Stoke.

**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; Lydia Kihara; Mary Richter

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** Heather Edwards

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

**Please pray for the family and friends of**

**Karen Howes**  
whose ashes will be buried on Monday 20th April at Holy Trinity, West Lulworth;

**Suzanne Chancellor**  
whose thanksgiving service will be held on Sunday 26th April, followed by burial of ashes, at St Laurence, Affpuddle.

### 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/72193773496?pwd=BM6a9frKAWLAREmv3e3NowEO4ma8VA.1>

Meeting ID: 721 9377 3496



New Season of Café Church starting in May

# UNSTOPPABLE

*Sent to Save*



After an amazing 22 sessions of Café Church, where we studied all the Signs and Wonders found in the gospel of John that point to Jesus being God, we finished on Easter Sunday with the final appearance of the resurrected Jesus on the shore of the Sea of Galilee and a miraculous catch of fish. Everyone was overjoyed, except Peter who was filled with shame and unworthiness having let Jesus down by denying he even knew him. But Jesus rebuilds Peter's confidence, helping him to remember how much he loves Jesus and how he was chosen by him to take his place as the disciples' shepherd and to lead them in their mission to spread the gospel.

So, where does Café Church go next? The team have decided to accompany the disciples and followers of The Way. Empowered by the Holy Spirit they tell others about Jesus, forming radical communities that embrace equality, sharing everything together and learning how to "love one another as Jesus loves them".

This is a story of adventure, challenge, grace and love taken from the Book of Acts and we have called it "Unstoppable – Sent to Save". Come and join us every first Sunday of the month at Winfrith Village Hall to find out more. We start our new series on 3rd May 10:30 for a 10:45 start – be refreshed and enjoy great coffee, croissants, worship, drama, discussion and more.

*Rev Jenny*



Saturday 18th April 2026

The next Parish Litter Pick is as above 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 and bags and a list of potential areas that need you!!! 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.

**Bring Gloves**

Contact [Sue@whomwah.com](mailto:Sue@whomwah.com) or

Message me, Susan Burroughs on Facebook or leave message on The Woollie Womblers Facebook page.

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# EASTER ON THE BEACH AT LULWORTH COVE 5TH APRIL 2026

