

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 1st March 2026
The Second Sunday of Lent

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9am	BCP Holy Communion	Wool
9am	BCP Holy Communion	East Lulworth
10.30 for 10.45am	Café Church	Winfrith Village Hall
11am	Holy Communion	Affpuddle
4pm	Evensong	Bere Regis

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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.

MIDWEEK SERVICE - 4th March

10.30am	Holy Communion	The D'Urberville Centre
12noon	and Community Lunch	Wool

Next Sunday 8th March - The Third Sunday of Lent

9am	Holy Communion	Chaldon
10am	Morning Praise	Affpuddle
10.30am	Holy Communion	Wool
10.30am	Crafts	Bere Regis
11am	Family Service and Lent Lunch	Bere Regis
11am	Holy Communion	Winfrith

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**

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 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. 12.1-4a; Rom. 4.1-5, 13-17; John 3.1-17

Gospel: John 3.1-17

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? 'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. 'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

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/74315225709?pwd=UAZDYjANGdnZqHnbdb8hwyySOu8CiC.I>
Meeting ID: 743 1522 5709

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SAT 28TH MARCH 1PM - 3PM
'COMMUNITY EASTER'
(EGG HUNT)

FREE MUSIC / FREE GIFTS / FREE DRINKS / FREE KIDS CRAFT
FREE NEW-TO-YOU ITEMS AVAILABLE FROM THE
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EGG HUNT ON SURROUNDING GREEN, OUTSIDE
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Canzonetta

Sacred music for Holy Week
Join us for an hour of reflection
With Richard Hall
Sunday 29th March 3pm
St John the Baptist, Bere Regis BH20 7HQ



Free admission
retiring collection for church funds
join us for tea and cake afterwards

SECOND-HAND PUZZLE, GAME & BOOK SALE & COFFEE MORNING

D'Urberville Hall, Wool
10am - 11.30am
SATURDAY
MAR 28TH

Books: 4 for £1 - Games / Puzzles: £1
Remember to bring cash!
Fundraising for the Guerilla Gardeners



**WEST PURBECK
COMMUNITY
BEREAVEMENT
SUPPORT GROUP**

If you think you might benefit from Bereavement Support, you are most welcome to come along to the first session of the Bereavement group course on 3rd March 10.30am in the small meeting room at the d'Urberville Centre. You will be very welcome.

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



THE CHURCHFITTERS

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Live at St Nicholas Church, Chaldon Herring (DT2 8DN)
Thursday 26 March 2026

Bar from 6.30 pm • Concert 7.00 pm

A folk band like no other. Expect musical saws, petrol-tank basses, fiddle, banjo and sax — all driven by Rosie Short's extraordinary voice and boundless stage energy.



All proceeds to St Nicholas' Church, Chaldon
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SUGGESTIONS FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

The work of the Church: Please pray for the Nippon Sei Ko Kai. 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, the Police, Fire and Rescue, Ambulance Services and Hospitals.

Pray for the residents of Briantspuddle, Egdon Close, Elder Road, Green Close in Bere Regis; Beech Close and Bindon Road in West Lulworth; Crown Yard and Blacknoll Lane in Winfrith and East Knighton; Windsor Close and Victoria Close in Bovington, Tollgate and Vicarage Close in Wool.

Those who are ill or have asked for our prayers:

We pray for Peter Wharf, Catherine; Joe; Louisa Botterill; Brenda; Mark; Heather Edwards; Daisy Martin; Pat House; Barry Quinn; Maureen Long; John Scott; Naj Alidina; Andrea Smith; Mary Richter; Fr. Tony Ball; Lydia Kihara

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:

Ken Baynton; Nancy Scott; Ian Farr; David Brann; Sonia; Douglas Free; Suzanne Chancellor

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

Please pray for the family and friends of

Ken Baynton

whose Funeral and burial will take place at Holy Rood Church, Wool on Thursday 5th March.

MISSION UPDATE

Following the successful Community Christmas Event in Bovington, the next event will be the West Purbeck Benefice Mission **Community Easter**, on Saturday 28th March. You can help with prayer, gifts, crafts and just by spreading the word. See the advert in this issue of the Link.

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SUN 8TH MARCH
12.30PM

LENT LUNCH SOUP & PUDS



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

No charge - Everyone's welcome - Any donations
Support work of Christian Aid



The Bible Course



Come + explore God's big story one step at a time
Feel more confident in your understanding of scripture
8 Session Course From The Bible Society
Over Lent + Easter - Tuesday's 2pm - 3.30pm

Course books £9



24 th Feb	24 th March
3 rd March	BREAK
10 th March	14 th April
17 th March	21 st April
	28 th April

Available from Benefice office
Office@westpurbeck.org.uk
Office + Venue: D'Urberville Hall, Wool, BH20 6DL

CAFÉ CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

Café Church is on the 1st March.
Come and join us for a lively exploration
of why Jesus is The Perfect Sacrifice.
Arrive at 10:30 for 10:45 in Winfrith
Village Hall and receive a warm
welcome.



The
PERFECT SACRIFICE

'PARABLES FROM PALESTINE' OPEN MEETING + TALK BY THE VERY REV'D NICK PAPADOPULOS

TUES 10TH MARCH, 7.30PM

Nick recently spent his sabbatical in occupied East
Jerusalem with the World Council of Churches'
Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme in Palestine &
Israel; monitoring human rights, visiting holy sites,
worshipping in different churches & speaking with
various people & organisations

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FROM THE HOLY LAND**



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