

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 22nd December 2024
4th Sunday of Advent

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9am	BCP Holy Communion	Affpuddle
10.30am	Holy Communion	Wool
11am	Holy Communion with Nine Lessons and Carols	Bere Regis
11am	Carol Service	Winfrith Newburgh
4pm	Carol service	Wool

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Usual hours The Benefice Office is staffed Wednesday 9-12 and 12.30-3.30 and Friday 9-12.
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Christmas Eve 24th December

2pm	Crib Service	Winfrith Newburgh
3pm	Crib Service	Wool
4pm	Christingle & Crib Service	Bere Regis
4pm	Crib Service	East Lulworth
6pm	Carols at the Christmas tree	d'Urberville Centre, Wool
9pm	'Midnight in Bethlehem' Holy Communion	Affpuddle
9pm	'Midnight in Bethlehem' Holy Communion	Wool
11pm	Midnight Communion	West Lulworth

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.

CHRISTMAS DAY 25th December

10am	Christmas Day Holy Communion	Bere Regis
10.30am	Christmas Day Holy Communion	Wool

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Sunday 29th December—The First Sunday of Christmas

10.30am	Benefice Eucharist and Revd David Chillman's Farewell service	West Lulworth
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Collect for 4th Sunday of Advent

God our redeemer,
who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son:
grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour,
so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Post Communion Prayer for 4th Sunday of Advent

Heavenly Father,
who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of the promised saviour:
fill us your servants with your grace,
that in all things we may embrace your holy will
and with her rejoice in your salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Readings: Micah 5.2-5a; Hebrews 10.5-10; Luke 1.39-55

Gospel: Luke 1.39-45

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.'

And Mary said, 'My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant.

Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name.

His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.

He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly;
he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty.

He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy,
according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

Revd David Chillman - Retirement Presentation

As most of you know Revd David will be leaving us at the end of the year to take up a well deserved retirement.

David's farewell service will be on Sunday 29th December at 10.30am at Holy Trinity West Lulworth, followed by a 'bring and share' lunch in West Lulworth Village Hall from 12 noon. Please bring finger food to share. A presentation to David and Jude will be made at the lunch. Anyone wishing to contribute to this can contribute as follows:

Bank Transfer: Account name: PCC Lulworth Winfrith and Chaldon

Account number: 04671015 Sort code: 60-07-01

Reference: Please mark any transfer with: Rev David - retirement

Alternatively cheques made out to the PCC can be sent to the Hon Treasurer as follows: P.J. Lawlor, 8 Colliers Lane, Wool, Dorset, BH20 6DL

Note: To avoid getting caught up in the Christmas rush it would be helpful for any donations to be made by mid-December.

LOCAL FOOD BANK

At this season of Christmas, please remember families who are struggling. Donations can be made to the local food bank in Wareham. The local drop-off point is with Judy Hill in High Street Close.

Helpers needed for Christmas preparations at Holy Rood Church

Christmas Flowers in Holy Rood Church will be on Saturday 21st December starting at 10am. If you can help please come along, there will be refreshments to keep us going. *Thank you, Sue Burroughs*

New Benefice office hours and Christmas holiday

From the start of December, the office opening hours are:

Wednesday 9am - 12.00pm and 12.30pm - 4pm and Friday 9am - 1.30pm.

The office will close at 1.30pm on Friday 20th December, reopening at 9am on Friday 3rd January.

BREAKFAST CLUB

We meet at Holme for Gardens on the second Wednesday every month at 10am (next meeting 8th January). **All welcome!** Please let Mary know if you are coming on 01929 556086

Lulworth Players Present Ben Crocker's *Beauty & The Beast*



Bar & Raffle
TICKETS
ADULTS £10
CHILDREN £5

Tickets Online
Winfrith Village Stores
Finleys Cafe, West Lulworth



Friday 31st January 7:30pm
Saturday 1st February 2:00pm & 7:30pm
West Lulworth Village Hall BH20 5SG

Tickets available now
Don't miss this chance to book your seat for the magical performance of *Beauty & the Beast* by the Lulworth Players. Rehearsals have well under way. Costumes are being made. Lines learnt *ahem! Song and dance routines begun.
Tickets on sale **NOW** online (scan the QR code), from cast and usual shops.



Wishing you all a joyful Christmas and a Peaceful New Year

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Collect for Christmas Night

Eternal God,
who made this most holy night
to shine with the brightness of your one true light:
bring us, who have known the revelation of that light on earth,
to see the radiance of your heavenly glory;
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**

Post Communion Prayer for Christmas Night

God our Father,
in this night you have made known to us again
the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ:
confirm our faith and fix our eyes on him
until the day dawns
and Christ the Morning Star rises in our hearts.
To him be glory both now and for ever. **Amen**

Collect for Christmas Day

Almighty God,
you have given us your only-begotten Son
to take our nature upon him
and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin:
grant that we, who have been born again
and made your children by adoption and grace,
may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit;
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**

Post Communion Prayer for Christmas Day

God our Father,
whose Word has come among us
in the Holy Child of Bethlehem:
may the light of faith illumine our hearts
and shine in our words and deeds;
through him who is Christ the Lord. **Amen**

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SUGGESTIONS FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

The work of the Church: Please pray for The Church of the Province of Uganda. Also please pray for our Diocesan and Deanery links with Sudan and South Sudan and Girls in Fellowship Together (GiFT).

This Benefice: We pray for all those who are isolating or 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 Foodbanks in Wareham and Bere Regis.

Pray for the residents of Bladen Valley, Chalk Pit Close, and Chamberlaynes in Bere Regis; Main Road and Morey's Close in West Lulworth; East Knighton Lane in Winfrith and East Knighton; Giddy Green Lane and Giddy Green Road in East Burton, Greenhill Gardens in Wool and Heath Close in Bovington.

Those who are ill or have asked for our prayers:

We pray for Peter Wharf; Irene; Brian Horn; John Mitchell; Dawn Maple; Eric Maple; Annette Kessler; Amanda Tucker; Frankie; Karen; Liz Draisey; Revd Stephen and Lesley Coles.

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:

Jean Nommick, Irene Mayo; Christopher Ridley; Peter Lockyer; Robert Abbott; Colin Broadhurst; David Hyde; Gillian Richards

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

Please pray for the family and friends of:

Gillian Mary (Gill) Richards

whose funeral takes place at Holy Trinity, West Lulworth on 27th December.

David Arthur Hyde

whose funeral takes place at Holy Rood, Wool on 30th December



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On Wednesday we shared a lovely Carols & Coffee service with Churches Together at the d'Urberville with over 60 people and then had a wonderful lunch prepared by our hardworking team. A huge thank you to all the helpers and the hard work done behind the scenes. Here are some photos to remember it by.

*Merry Christmas
Rev Jenny*

