

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.**



The 2nd Sunday before Lent Sunday 23rd February 2025

Sunday 23rd February - The Second Sunday before Lent

9am	BCP Holy Communion	Affpuddle
10.30am	Holy Communion	Wool
11am	Holy Communion	Bere Regis
11am	Holy Communion	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.

Sunday 2nd March - The Sunday next before Lent

9am	Holy Communion by Extension	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

NEXT MIDWEEK SERVICE - Wednesday 5th March - ASH WEDNESDAY

10.30am	Holy Communion & Community lunch	D'Urberville Hall, Wool
5pm	Holy Communion	Bere Regis
7pm	Holy 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.

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Collect for the Second Sunday before Lent

Almighty God,
you have created the heavens and the earth
and made us in your own image:
teach us to discern your hand in all your works
and your likeness in all your children;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things,
now and for ever. **Amen**

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Post Communion Prayer for the Second Sunday before Lent

God our creator,
by your gift
the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise,
and the bread of life at the heart of your Church:
may we who have been nourished at your table on earth
be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross
and enjoy the delights of eternity;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Readings: Gen. 2.4b-9, 15-end; Rev. 4; Luke 8.22-25

Gospel: Luke 8.22-25

One day he got into a boat with his disciples, and he said to them, 'Let us go across to the other side of the lake.' So they put out, and while they were sailing he fell asleep. A gale swept down on the lake, and the boat was filling with water, and they were in danger. They went to him and woke him up, shouting, 'Master, Master, we are perishing!' And he woke up and rebuked the wind and the raging waves; they ceased, and there was a calm. He said to them, 'Where is your faith?' They were afraid and amazed, and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that he commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him?'

Ash Wednesday Services on 5th March in the West Purbeck Benefice.

Please come to whichever is most convenient to you:
10.30am at the D'Urberville Centre, Wool, followed by a community pancake lunch.
5.00pm at St John the Baptist Church, Bere Regis.
7.00pm at Holy Trinity Church, West Lulworth.

Revision of Church Electoral Rolls.

All of our churches are currently renewing their Electoral Rolls. Once every six years a completely new roll has to be prepared, and everyone who wishes to be on an Electoral Roll needs to re-apply. The Electoral Roll is a list of people who can vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM), and who may stand to serve as members of the PCC. It is the nearest thing that we have to a membership list in the Church of England. The new Electoral Roll will be adopted by each church at its APCM. Application forms for each church are now available in church, or may be downloaded from the Benefice Website. The deadline for return of completed forms varies from church to church - please speak with your church Electoral Roll Officer for more information. Thank you.

A date for your diaries

Our curate, Rev Lydia, will be ordained priest in Salisbury Cathedral on 28th June at 4.30pm. All are warmly invited! Travel arrangements are to be sorted out but lifts will certainly be available.

Annual Church Clean

The annual Holy Rood church clean will be on Saturday 29th March and if anyone can make an hour or so about 10am to help it would be really appreciated. This is the time when cobwebs and other bigger tasks are completed and as many as possible would make the task so much easier. Thank you.

Poppy Appeal

Following the great success of the Poppy installations round the village in 2024 by the Guerrilla Gardeners they now have a more ambitious display for this year. The Guerrilla Gardeners are organising a Poppy Cascade to be draped from the Holy Rood Church tower on an Authentic Cam Net. For this installation we need a lot of Poppies... the poppies will be 5 inches across so bigger than last year (can use same pattern but using size 5mm crochet hook and chunky wool) although smaller ones can be used we are hoping for more bigger ones for this display. Some Poppies can be Purple (representing animals lost) but predominately red with a button centre or just a black knitted middle. Crochet and Knitted Poppies and Poppies made with Felt with button centres. Collection boxes will be in Holy Rood church and other churches in the Benefice plus the Central Shop in Wool. Patterns for both crochet and knitted poppies will be available in church and on request... email sue@whomwah.com or telephone 01929 463803. Wool and felt can be requested (along with template) by using the contact details. Lessons on how to crochet will be held with the first one being Friday 14th February in the East Burton village hall, 10 til 12 noon. There will be other dates to learn and they will be held in Holy Rood church... as we get into May there will be more dates for attaching the poppies.



Please help if you can and spread the word. Sue Burroughs, member of Guerrilla Gardeners

Please pray for the right person to come forward for this vacancy. If you know of any suitable candidates, please share it with them.



Benefice Missioner West Purbeck Benefice

We are seeking a mission-focussed priest who will work alongside lay and ordained colleagues in both a rural and seaside context, who will:

- Enliven the local church, rooting it in the community it serves
- Establish a new worshipping community in a predominantly military area
- Enlarge our ministry with both residents and visitors
- Offer their strengths in mission, and enable others to grow in faith

The post will suit someone comfortable with both traditional and contemporary forms of worship, who has a heart for those on the margins of the church, and with an inclusive vision of mission and ministry.

The West Purbeck benefice serves the Lulworths, Wool, Affpuddle and Bere Regis, where the Missioner will live, it enjoys good road and rail links and glorious coast and countryside.

For full details of this vacancy including the parish profile, please visit <https://www.salisbury.anglican.org/vacancies/clergy-vacancies/>

Closing date: 6 March 2025

Visit and Interview: 26 and 27 March 2025

An enhanced DBS is required.

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SUGGESTIONS FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

The work of the Church: Please pray for Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil. Also please pray for our Pastoral Team.

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 Royal British Legion and the Army at Bovington and Lulworth.

Pray for the residents of West Street and White Lovington in Bere Regis; School Lane and Shepherd's Way in West Lulworth; East Knighton Lane in Winfrith and East Knighton; Swallow Close and Sydenham Crescent in Wool, Swinton Avenue in Bovington, The Alisons in East Burton.

Those who are ill or have asked for our prayers:

We pray for Peter Wharf; Mark; Chris Rick; Esther Farr; Eileen Rolls

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: John Barker; Abdul Husseinbux; Michael Pollard, Ruth Draycott,

Margaret Newberry

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

Online Prayer

Morning Prayer is prayed at 8.30am on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays by a small group of parishioners on Zoom. Would you like to make this a part of your day? All are very welcome. Here is the Zoom link for next week:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79502732393?pwd=CEfA9c25kO0GK42RKilO3uLgejcEaj.I>

Meeting ID: 795 0273 2393

Please pray for the family and friends of

Michael Roger Pollard

whose funeral service will take place at St Nicholas, Chaldon on 25th February

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West Purbeck Benefice Lent Course 2025.

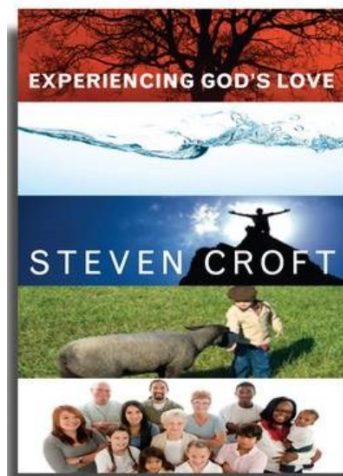
Following the success for last year's course, we have decided to use another course by the same author, Bishop Steven Croft, Bishop of Oxford. This year's course will be: 'Experiencing God's Love'.

Experiencing God's Love is a short study guide that aims to deepen our understanding and first-hand experience of living a life of faith.

It explores five biblical images of the ways in which our lives are changed by walking with Christ:

1. Being securely rooted in prayer and scriptures;
2. Cleansed through baptism, confession and forgiveness;
3. Enlightened through worship, mission and growth in holiness;
4. Tended through care for one another and the world;
5. Welcomed in the Eucharist and in the fellowship of the Church.

Each chapter explores one of these images using the Psalms and the Gospels; it is supported by an audio introduction to each session.



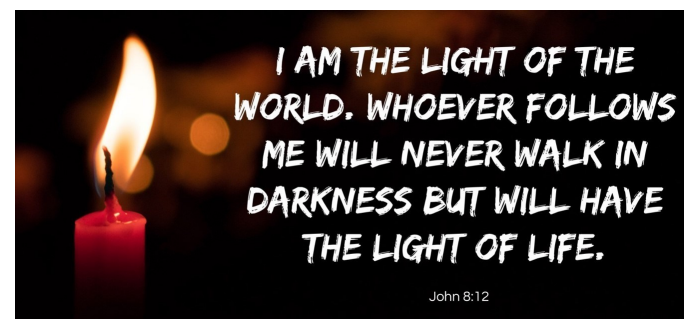
The course will be run in the Kids of Wool Building on **Thursdays, from 2.30pm – 4pm, on: 13, 20, 27 March, 3, 10 April.**

The course booklet can be ordered either as a paperback book, or as an eBook here: [Experiencing God's Love Five Images of Transformation by Steven Croft, Steven J. L. Croft - Paperback - 9780715142516](#)

Cheaper, second hand copies, are available here: [https://www.scrolleaters.com/Experiencing Gods Love \(PB\)Steven Croft/p3047443_21947995.aspx](https://www.scrolleaters.com/Experiencing_Gods_Love_(PB)Steven_Croft/p3047443_21947995.aspx)

We also have a few second hand copies available to buy from the Benefice Office for £5 cash each.

CAFÉ CHURCH—NEXT SUNDAY—2ND MARCH



At this month's Café Church we are exploring Jesus' statement of "I am the Light of the World" and thinking about what that means to us and to the world. Come and join us on 2nd March at Winfrith Village Hall for praise, worship and lively discussion.

Spring Quiz

supporting the work of the Church of the Holy Rood, Wool, particularly installing streaming facilities in church for Weddings, Funerals, all Services.

Saturday 1st March

7.30pm, The D'Urberville Hall, Wool

£5 per person

- pay on the door on the night

bring your own Nibbles, Drinks and glasses

Book through Toni: tmac4455@aol.com

by Wednesday 26th February

Teams of up to six people -

you can join with others on the night

There will also be a raffle

Don't miss out—sign up today!



You are warmly invited to a
Service of Prayer for Ukraine
Sunday 23 February 2025 at 3 pm
All Saints' Church 26 Ulwell Road, Swanage, BH19 1LL
Followed by tea and Ukrainian cakes in the church hall

