

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 Third Sunday of Lent Sunday 23rd March 2025

Sunday 23rd March - The Third Sunday of Lent

9am	BCP Holy Communion	Affpuddle
10.30am	Holy Communion	Wool
11am	Holy Communion	Bere Regis
11am	Holy Communion	Winfrith Newburgh

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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.

NEXT MIDWEEK SERVICE - Wednesday 26th March

10.30am	Holy Communion	D'Urberville Hall, Wool
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Sunday 30th March - MOTHERING SUNDAY

10.30am	UNITED BENEFICE EUCHARIST	West Lulworth
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Collect for the Third Sunday of Lent

Almighty God,
whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain,
and entered not into glory before he was crucified:
mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross,
may find it none other than the way of life and peace;
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 the Third Sunday of Lent

Merciful Lord,
grant your people grace to withstand the temptations
of the world, the flesh and the devil,
and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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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Readings: Isa. 55.1-9; I Cor. 10.1-13; Luke 13.1-9

Gospel: Luke 13.1-9

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, 'Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.'

Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, "See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?" He replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down."

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 the coming week:

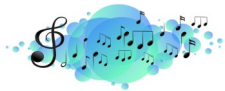
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/71835380868?pwd=bDGll6LLlxg6DHtmouL0C47zS0ayhK.1>

Meeting ID: 718 3538 0868

West Purbeck Benefice Choir

Our next benefice service, at which I hope the choir will sing, will be on **Mothering Sunday 30th March 10.30am in Holy Trinity, West Lulworth.**

We will practise on **Tuesday 25th March, 7.30pm – 8.30pm in Holy Trinity, West Lulworth.** All will be very welcome – please share this message with fellow singers.



IMPORTANT NOTE!

The mains water in Holy Rood church has had to be switched off due to a leak. We regret this means no kitchen or toilet facilities are currently available in Holy Rood church. Please bear with us until the leak can be repaired - we are working on it!

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.



WEST PURBECK COMMUNITY BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

If you think you might benefit from Bereavement Support, please join us at the group which meets on Tuesdays in the small Meeting Room at the d'Urberville Hall. Please ask Val or Sue if you have any questions or think you might like to join us, or you could call the West Purbeck Benefice Office on 07729 484866 to ask for more information.



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—a Poppy Cascade to be draped from 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. There will be lessons on how to crochet 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



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.

Purbeck Deanery Oscars!

At Purbeck Deanery Synod on Tuesday evening an Oscar presentation was held for churches' contributions to communications in the deanery. I'm pleased to say that we in the West Purbeck Benefice won two of the four awards! 'Best website for visitors' went to The West Purbeck Benefice 'Church which looks most welcoming from the outside' went to St Christopher's Winfrith Newburgh (see photo below left).



Many congratulations to everyone who continues to make our churches and website welcoming.
Rev'd Richard.

(Read more, with photos, on Salisbury Diocese Facebook or in Grapevine, the weekly Diocesan e-newsletter.)



BREAKFAST CLUB

We meet at Holme for Gardens on the second Wednesday every month at 10am (next meeting 9th April). **All welcome!** Please let Mary know if you are coming on 01929 556086

Thursday Tea and Toast at St John the Baptist, Bere Regis 8am until 11am Thursdays.

All ages are welcome; there will be some toddler-age toys available. Dogs and their owners are very welcome (including doggie biscuits!). For more information, please contact Pat Wharf at patswiftwharf@outlook.com or on 01929 472246.

Community Lunch—FREE

in The D'Urberville Hall from 12 noon

Soup 'n Pud

First Wednesday of the Month

All Welcome

Next one

Wednesday 2nd April 2025

All donations welcome

We look forward to seeing you!



SUGGESTIONS FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

The work of the Church: Please pray for Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America. Also please pray for the Church Mission Society and our Home groups.

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, Dorset Council, Town and Parish Councils and the services they provide, and local elections.

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; 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; Mark; Chris Rick; Esther Farr; Eileen Rolls; John Mitchell; Catherine; Joe; Chris Burroughs; Anthea Edwards

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: Gladys Halliday; Miriam (Mim) Parkinson

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

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.

God of love,
turn our hearts to your ways;
and give us peace.

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'.

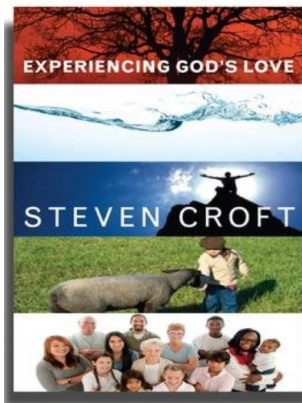
Experiencing God's Love is a short study guide that aims to deepen our understanding and first-hand experience of living a life of faith.

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 continues on **Thursdays 27 March and 3, 10 April 2.30-4pm. Change of venue:** on 3 April in the **D'Urberville Centre Main Hall**. On 27 March and 10 April in the **Kids of Wool Building**. 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](#)



MOTHERING SUNDAY
30TH MARCH
Benefice Eucharist Service
at Holy Trinity Church
West Lulworth
10.30am

LENT LABYRINTH

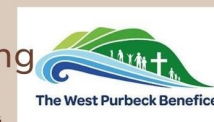
We invite you to join us for a quiet day using the labyrinth to reflect on our Lent journey with experienced facilitator Nickie Fidgin



West Lulworth Village Hall
1st April 2025
10.15-4.00

£10 per person, please bring a packed lunch

Reserve your place by emailing
office@westpurbeck.org.uk



or sign up on the sheet in church

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