

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.**



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

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For enquiries outside these times contact the Vicar.

Next Sunday 30th November - The First Sunday of Advent ST ANDREW THE APOSTLE

10.30am	United Benefice Eucharist	East Lulworth
4pm	Advent Carol Service	Wool

NEXT MIDWEEK SERVICE - 3rd December

10.30am	Holy Communion	D'Urberville Centre
followed by Community Lunch at 12 noon.		

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 Sunday next before Advent

Eternal Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven
that he might rule over all things as Lord and King:
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit
and in the bond of peace,
and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

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Post Communion prayer for the Sunday next before Advent

Stir up, O Lord,
the wills of your faithful people;
that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously
rewarded;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Readings: Jer. 23.1-6; Col. 1.11-20; Luke 23.33-43

Gospel: Luke 23.33-43

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.' And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!' The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.' One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' He replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

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/72939026663?pwd=xKbJ4amFQqlglgdQ4Mdl5FcbQ6Slpf.1>
Meeting ID: 729 3902 6663



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Holy Rood Church Wool Dec 5th to 12th

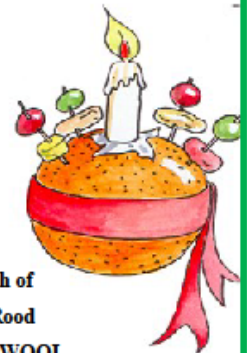
**Friday 5th at 6pm Launching
this event with the "Serenade"
Choir**

**Saturday 6th 2pm Handbells
Demo**

**Sunday 7th 4pm Christingle
Service**

The church will be open
throughout the week with coffee
and mince pies on offer.

Monday 8th until Friday 12th
when the trees will be removed.



The Church of
The Holy Rood
Church Lane, WOOL
BH20 6DD





WEST PURBECK BENEFICE MISSION UPDATE

We're excited to be working with Poppies Tearooms to offer a 'COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS' in Bovington on Friday 12th December (5-7pm). It'll be great—free bits for the kids to do, live carols plus the opportunity to pick up free 'new-to-you' toys before Christmas. But we need your help—collecting good quality outgrown toys! Please drop off at Poppies Monday-Friday 9am-3pm until 5th December. Let's share what we've got, help reduce waste and brighten someone else's day!

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SUGGESTIONS FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

The work of the Church: Please pray for the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia. Also please pray for the General Synod, Archbishops Council and our Bell Ringers.

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 schools in the Benefice: Wool CE Primary, St Mary and St. Joseph's RC Primary, Bovington Primary, The Harbour School, Bere Regis Primary and Pre-School and Lulworth and Winfrith CE Primary School. Pray for the residents of Stanbarrow Close and Tower Hill in Bere Regis; Church Road and Farm Lane in West Lulworth; School Lane, High Street and Pigeon Close in Winfrith and East Knighton; Baileys Drove, Baker Close and Bindon Lane in Wool, Bindon Lane and Binnegar Cottages in East Stoke.

Those who are ill or have asked for our prayers:

We pray for Peter Wharf; Catherine; Joe; Louisa Botterill; Brenda and David; Mark; Heather Edwards; Daisy Martin; Pat House; David; Barry Quinn

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: Paul Pinnock; Sara Grayson; Dorothy Reed; Violet Cole; Wendy Morrison
Also the families and friends of those whose anniversary of death falls at this time.

Please pray for the friends and families of
Violet Cole, whose funeral will take place at Weymouth Crematorium
on Tuesday, 25th November, and
Sara Grayson, whose funeral will take place at Harbour View
on Friday, 28th November.

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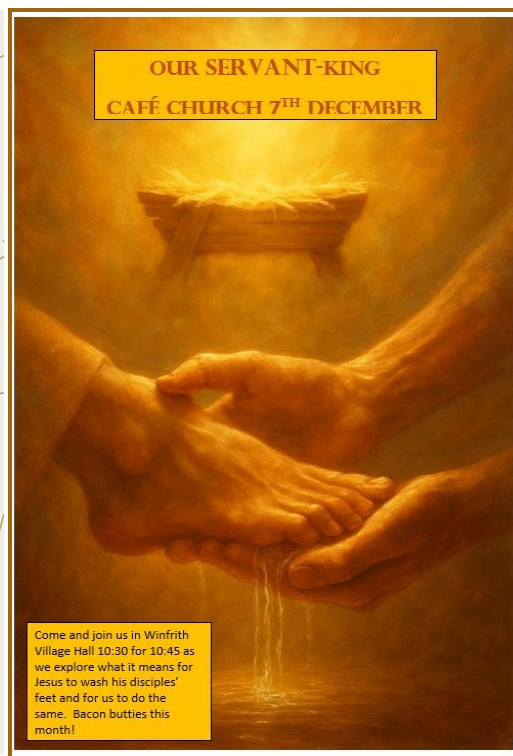


Advent Carols

Sunday 30 November
4pm
Holy Rood Church
Church Lane, Wool
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Come sing with us to begin the Advent season, which leads us to Christmas with hope, joy, peace and love.

The West Purbeck Benefice



OUR SERVANT-KING
CAFÉ CHURCH 7TH DECEMBER

Come and join us in Winfrith Village Hall 10:30 for 10:45 as we explore what it means for Jesus to wash his disciples' feet and for us to do the same. Bacon butties this month!

CHRISTMAS LUNCH AT HOLME FOR GARDENS

In December Breakfast Club becomes Lunch Club! We will meet at Holme for Gardens for a festive lunch on 10th December at 11.45am.

All welcome!

Please telephone Mary to book your place—£10 deposit per person please.

01929 556086.

Menu will be available later.

Thursday Tea and Toast at St John the Baptist, Bere Regis 8am until 11am on 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: patswiftwharf@outlook.com

01929 472246.

CLEANERS NEEDED

Please can you HELP to clean the Holy Rood Church, Wool. This is weekly at a time to suit you. Usually takes about an hour with two people. Currently the rota is working at every 6 weeks but we need more people. Please, if you have time and energy, contact me: Sue Burroughs 01929 463803



Community Lunch Soup + Puds

First Weds of the month from 12pm
@ The D'Urberville Hall, Wool
~ 3rd Dec ~ Not in January ~ 4th Feb

Choose from a range of home cooked soups + desserts
Free - with donations welcome



St John's Church, Bere Regis

Christmas Bazaar

Sunday 23rd November
2pm - 4pm
at The Scout Hut

Tombola, Arts and Crafts, Cakes, Afternoon Tea with Mince pies, and more!

If you would like to rent a table, and create your own stall to sell your produce or crafts. For further information please call Glo 01929 472620

CHRISTMAS FANFARE AT ST CHRISTOPHER'S

An 8-piece brass ensemble from the world-famous Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra will be performing their "Christmas Fanfare" in St Christopher's Church, Winfrith Newburgh on Wednesday 17 December.

This not-to-be-missed one-off concert is being staged with the help of Artsreach in aid of the church in Winfrith.

Festive music from across the genres can be expected on the night from medieval madrigals through classics like the Coventry Carol as well as modern masterpieces such as The Snowman and Frozen. There will be something sensational here for every music lover.

The congregation at St Christopher's will assure you of a warm welcome on this winter's night with some fabulous seasonal fare and a bar to keep out the winter chill.



Tickets costing £16.00 for adults and £10.00 for children will soon be available from Winfrith Village Stores or by phone from 01305 853901, also online at www.artsreach.co.uk