

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 26th July 2026
The Eighth Sunday after Trinity

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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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Next Sunday 2nd August - The Ninth Sunday after Trinity

9am	BCP Holy Communion	Wool
10.30 for 10.45am	Café Church	Winfrith Village Hall
11am	Holy Communion:	Affpuddle
6pm	Evensong	Bere Regis

NEXT MIDWEEK SERVICE - Wednesday 5th August

10.30am	Holy Communion	D'Urberville Centre, Wool
(no community lunch on 5th August)		

Collect for The Eighth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty Lord and everlasting God,
we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern
both our hearts and bodies
in the ways of your laws
and the works of your commandments;
that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever,
we may be preserved in body and soul;
through our Lord and Saviour 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 Eighth Sunday after Trinity

Strengthen for service, Lord,
the hands that have taken holy things;
may the ears which have heard your word
be deaf to clamour and dispute;
may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit;
may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love
shine with the light of hope;
and may the bodies which have been fed with your body
be refreshed with the fullness of your life;
glory to you for ever. **Amen**

Readings: I Kings 3.5-12; Rom. 8.26-end; Matt. 13.31-33, 44-52

Gospel: Matt. 13.31-33, 44-52

He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.'

He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.'

'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.'

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.'

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

'Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'

Zoom Link for 8.30am Online Morning Prayer

Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. All are very welcome.

Please the Zoom link:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79372488920?pwd=sUIAQh5HCC3qW3Y84225dXOUspDI8.I>

Meeting ID: 793 7248 8920



Ride + Stride 2026 will take place on Saturday 12th September.

Please save the date.

Dorset Historic Churches Trust are once again inviting YOU to raise money for your local church by becoming a cyclist or to walk to a number of local/Deanery churches (or even further afield) 50% of the money you raise is returned to your church. Once again, we hope that some of you will be keen to take part again this year. Last year 2025, over £100,000 was raised and very close to an all-time record of £112,500 back in 2021.

Money was raised from hundreds of sponsors with 50% being returned to nominated churches. Here at Holy Rood £1,000 was raised with half coming back to the church. One key point is that Gift Aid is recovered, so please if you are a tax payer then please tick the Gift Aid box when you come to sponsor our Riders and Striders.

For more information on the above contact:

Jenny Hunt 01929 462570 - E Mail: theskypilot2@gmail.com

or www.dhct.org.uk



Photo taken at the Ride+Stride launch earlier in June

CAN YOU HELP JOSHUA AND HIS FAMILY?



Local boy, Joshua Sealey has just been diagnosed with an aggressive rare terminal cancer at 20 years old.

His family have set up a Go Fund Me for him to complete his bucket list and to convert their garage into a space for him so that he can come home from hospital as his mum lives in a very small cottage which means his medical equipment will not fit. His sister

says, "My brother is the kindest soul who cares about everyone and we want to try to make his remaining time as easy and enjoyable as possible for him. I'm just reaching out to local people/communities for help spreading the word as we can't do this alone."

[Fundraiser for Janice Sealy by molly sealy : Help Joshua complete his bucket list](#)

Ring the changes

Bell ringing: a great tradition

New skills, new friends,
new places, all ages

Join the band!
Holy Rood, Wool
BH20 6DD
Bell Details
6 Bells Tenor 11-0-24 in G
Ring Times
Tuesday 19:30
Sunday 10:00
Contact
Pauline:
wool@sdgr.org.uk

Find Out More
Visit ccbr.org.uk & bellringing.org
Email team@ccbr.org.uk

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- ✓ and great exercise
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- ✓ For all faiths and more with no need to be musical or strong

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SUGGESTIONS FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

The work of the Church: Please pray for the Anglican Church of Tanzania. Also please pray for the Bible Society and Messy Church

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 Youth clubs and children's uniformed organisations in Affpuddle, Bere Regis, Bovington, Chaldon Herring, East Lulworth, West Lulworth, Winfrith Newburgh and Wool.

Pray for the residents of Briantspuddle, Egdon Close, Elder Road and Green Close in Bere Regis; School Lane and Shepherd's Way in West Lulworth; The Drove, East Chaldon Road, Fields Barn 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, Daisy Martin; Pat House; Barry Quinn; Maureen Long; John Scott; Mary Richter; Margaret Coles; Fr. Tony Ball; Jane Heywood; Zena Warne; Ivan Goddard; Sylvia Leak

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 David Pearce; Myra Martin; Barbara Dominy; Alan Green; Tim Colquhoun; Blayze Martin

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

Please pray for the families and friends of

Patricia Smith

whose ashes will be buried on 27th July at St John the Baptist, Bere Regis

Tim Colquhoun

whose funeral will take place on 27th July at St John the Baptist, Bere Regis followed by burial at St Laurence, Affpuddle

Blayze Martin

whose funeral will take place on 30th July at St John the Baptist, Bere Regis followed by burial at Bere Regis cemetery

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Rev Jenny's change of ministry

After seven wonderful years of ministry as Associate Priest in the West Purbeck Benefice, and several years before that assisting across the benefice and wider Purbeck Deanery, Rev Jenny will be moving to become a Priest with Permission to Officiate from September. This means that Jenny will be handing over some areas of ministry which she currently leads on, but fortunately not all of them: Jenny will continue to lead our monthly Café Church and will also be running Capacitar courses which she has recently trained for.

I am very grateful to Jenny for the huge amount of work, energy and vision that she brings to our team. Jenny's leadership of Café Church, our marriage ministry, eXplore, Experience seasonal events, study courses, as well as her leading of worship across our churches and in people's homes, has brought many closer to Christ, and played a significant part in God's ministry and mission here.

We will mark Jenny's change in ministry at our benefice service in God's Pocket, Chaldon Herring, on Sunday 30th August, at 10.30am, at which Bishop Karen will preside and preach. This will be an opportunity to say thank you formally: 'thank you', but certainly not 'farewell'!

Richard

BREAKFAST CLUB

We meet at Holme for Gardens on the second Wednesday every month at 10am (next meeting 12th August). **All welcome! Please let Jenny Hunt know if you are coming on 01929 462570.**

You're always welcome
To our weekly drop-in, Thursdays 8 - 11am

TEA & TOAST

Children's Toy area
+ Doggy biscuits for
Canine companions!

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

Free of charge
Any donations welcome

Little Moments Community Café

The community café runs on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10am to 12 noon in the small hall at the D'Urberville Centre, Wool.

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH, BERE REGIS
BH20 7HQ

SUMMER FAYRE

SATURDAY 22nd AUGUST, 2-4pm

ART & CRAFTS
PLANTS
REFRESHMENTS
FRESH BAKES & CAKES
WHITE ELEPHANT
TOMBOLA
RAFFLE

WITH SPACE FOR GROUPS & INDIVIDUALS TO SELL THEIR CRAFTS, TREASURES & WARES!
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TO BOOK YOUR PITCH EMAIL GLO: glocurtis57@gmail.com

THANKS FOR HELPING RAISING FUNDS FOR THE UPKEEP & WORK OF THE CHURCH!

West Purbeck Benefice

West Purbeck Benefice Outdoor Service
 In God's Pocket, East
 Chaldon, DT2 8DN

30th August
At 1030



The Bishop of Sherborne, Rt Revd Karen Gorham, will lead the service

Cream teas in the village 2—5.30 pm



West Purbeck Benefice You Tube channel

On the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month the 10.30am Holy Communion Service in Holy Rood Wool will be recorded and uploaded onto You tube later in the day. If you would rather not be seen in the filming, please let one of the churchwardens know and they will ensure that you don't appear.

If you would like to view the service, or any past service please go to our You tube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/@west-purbeck-benefice>

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COMMUNITY SUMMER
WITH TEDDY 'BEAR SHARE'
& SCHOOL UNIFORM GIVEAWAY

FREE MUSIC / FREE DRINKS / FREE KIDS CRAFTS/ FREE SNACKS WHILE THEY LAST
 FREE NEW-TO-YOU TEDDIES & FREE PRIMARY SCHOOL UNIFORM ITEMS

SATURDAY 15TH AUGUST
12PM - 2PM

ALL ARE WELCOME!
 CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY ADULTS
 VENUE: MEMORIAL HALL - ENTRY VIA POPPIES TEAROOMS
 KING GEORGE V RD, BOVINGTON, BH20 6JQ

A GIFT FROM THE COMMUNITY FOR THE COMMUNITY - FOR ALL AGES TO ENJOY
 HOSTED BY POPPIES TEAROOMS & LIKE • FOLLOW 'BOVINGTON TOGETHER'
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Please 'Save the Date' for the next Bovington extravaganza!

Event: 'Community Summer'
Date: Saturday 15th August, 12-2pm.
Venue: Poppies Tearooms,
Address: Poppies Tearooms, King George V Road, Bovington BH20 6JQ

Your practical and prayerful help would be most appreciated!

Pray: for as many different community groups to be involved as possible & for the Holy Spirit to bring a cohesion that will empower the beginnings of new things.

Gather: We'd love any good condition teddies, that can be given away and re-homed freely in the community

Make: We'd like to give away a small bear hand-knitted with love & prayer to everyone that comes, please follow the link below for a simple pattern - any number of colours & multicolours welcome!

Recycle: Any odds balls of wool left over from other projects that could be turned into bears
<https://www.google.com/search?q=trauma+teddy+pattern&ie=UTF-8&oe=UTF-8&hl=en-gb&client=safari&sei=bCVEavKGLK-Hxc8P7a7asAE>

Collection points for bears and wool: Poppies TeaRooms, Bovington & Benefice office in D'urberville Hall, Wool





Teddies from
the Tower
Holy Rood
Church
18th July



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YOUTH CAMP



is coming to West Lulworth and we would welcome donations of non-refridgerated cake or snacks!

Please label any homemade items with the ingredients and deliver to the church office in Wool on 14th August or Holy Trinity on Monday 17th August at noon.
Many thanks!



THANK YOU

For supporting the craft sale in Wool on Wednesday 22nd July and to all the band of helpers.

£468.75 was raised to support the work & upkeep of Holy Rood Church.

Judy

We pray for the people of Venezuela after the recent earthquakes, for the condolence of the bereaved, the restoration of the missing to their families, for the healing of the injured, and for the recovery of the nation.

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