

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 April 2026
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9am	BCP Holy Communion	Affpuddle
9am	Holy Communion	West Lulworth
10.30am	Holy Communion and APCM	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.

Next Sunday 3rd May - The Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

NEXT MIDWEEK SERVICE—Wednesday 6th May

10.30am	Holy Communion	D'Urberville Centre, Wool
12 noon	& Community Lunch	

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 Fourth Sunday of Easter

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:
raise us, who trust in him,
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,
that we may seek those things which are above,
where he 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 Fourth Sunday of Easter

Merciful Father,
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd,
and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again:
keep us always under his protection,
and give us grace to follow in his steps;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Readings: Acts 2.42-end; 1 Peter 2.19-end; John 10.1-10

Gospel: John 10.1-10

‘Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.’ Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, ‘Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

Little Moments Community Café

A new community café will run on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays
from 10am to 12 noon
in the small hall at the D’Urberville Centre, Wool.

www.westpurbeck.org.uk

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



BREAKFAST CLUB

We meet at Holme for Gardens on
the second Wednesday every
month at 10am (next meeting 13th
May). All welcome!

Please telephone Mary to let her
know if you are coming
on 01929 556086.

West Purbeck Benefice services on You Tube

You can now view videos of some services
and Café Church on the West Purbeck
Benefice You Tube channel. Search for You
Tube West Purbeck or use the link:

<https://youtube.com/@west-purbeck-benefice?si=lnGnvFjnDyoAIHUp>

 **WOOL
COMMUNITY
CINEMA**

AT THE D'URBERVILLE CENTRE,
COLLIERS LANE, WOOL BH20 6DL
presents

 **JAMES STEWART
JUNE ALLYSON
The Glenn Miller
Story**
with CHARLES DRAKE
TECHNICOLOR
Directed by AARON ROSENBERG

 **WOOL
COMMUNITY
CINEMA**

SHOWING:
**FRIDAY 24TH
APRIL 2026**

DOORS OPEN 18:30 ·
FILM STARTS AT 19:00

**ADULTS £6:00
UNDER 16s £3:00**

Bring your Beers,
Fish & Chips and comfy
seats with you if you wish.
Tea, Coffee and soft
drinks available.

ALL PROCEEDS SUPPORT 'WOOL
CHARTER FAIR'

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West Purbeck Benefice Annual Meetings

APCMs

Wool	Sunday 26th April 11.45am after the service
Bere Regis	Sunday 10th May 12.15pm after the service
Affpuddle	Sunday 24th May 10.15am after the service

Holy Rood Church Electoral Roll 2026

The Church electoral roll is currently being revised prior to the AGM on the 26th April. If your name is not on the list and you would like to be please contact **Ron Newbury on 462134** as soon as possible.



An Invitation from Salisbury Diocese Sign up for our Volunteer Day now!

Are you a volunteer in a church or parish?

We would love for you to join our Volunteers Day, with resources and sessions to help you in your context, as well as a celebratory lunch on 5th June, Emmaus House, Wilton, SP2 0FG.

This day is for anyone who volunteers and serves regularly in their church, in an official or unofficial capacity.

Book to grab your space: <https://buff.ly/luPO7Wy>

Collect for St George's Day - 23rd April

God of hosts,
who so kindled the flame of love
in the heart of your servant George
that he bore witness to the risen Lord
by his life and by his death:
give us the same faith and power of love
that we who rejoice in his triumphs
may come to share with him the fullness of the resurrection;
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

SUGGESTIONS FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

The work of the Church: Please pray for the Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion). 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 the Royal British Legion and the Army at Bovington and Lulworth.

Pray for the residents of Turberville Court, Turberville Road and The Warren in Bere Regis; West Road in West Lulworth; Thornicks and Langcotes in Winfrith and East Knighton; Morris Road and Manor Barn Cottages in Bovington, New Cottages in Coombe Keynes, New Road in East Stoke.

Those who are ill or have asked for our prayers:

We pray for Peter Wharf, Brenda; Daisy Martin; Pat House; Barry Quinn; Maureen Long; John Scott; Lydia Kihara; Mary Richter; Val 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

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

Please pray for the family and friends of

Kathleen Stickland

whose ashes were buried at St John the Baptist, Bere Regis on Thursday, 23rd April

Heather Edwards

*whose funeral will take place at Weymouth Crematorium,
followed by a thanksgiving service at St Christopher's, Winfrith on Thursday, 30th April*

New Season of Café Church starting in May

UNSTOPPABLE

Sent to Save



After an amazing 22 sessions of Café Church, where we studied all the Signs and Wonders found in the gospel of John that point to Jesus being God, we finished on Easter Sunday with the final appearance of the resurrected Jesus on the shore of the Sea of Galilee and a miraculous catch of fish. Everyone was overjoyed, except Peter who was filled with shame and unworthiness having let Jesus down by denying he even knew him. But Jesus rebuilds Peter's confidence, helping him to remember how much he loves Jesus and how he was chosen by him to take his place as the disciples' shepherd and to lead them in their mission to spread the gospel.

So, where does Café Church go next? The team have decided to accompany the disciples and followers of The Way. Empowered by the Holy Spirit they tell others about Jesus, forming radical communities that embrace equality, sharing everything together and learning how to "love one another as Jesus loves them".

This is a story of adventure, challenge, grace and love taken from the Book of Acts and we have called it "Unstoppable – Sent to Save". Come and join us every first Sunday of the month at Winfrith Village Hall to find out more. We start our new series on 3rd May 10:30 for a 10:45 start – be refreshed and enjoy great coffee, croissants, worship, drama, discussion and more.

Rev Jenny

The Bible Course



Explore the BIG story

Come + explore God's big story one step at a time
Feel more confident in your understanding of scripture

8 Session Course From The Bible Society
Over Lent + Easter - Tuesday's 2pm - 3.30pm

Course books **£ 9**



Available from Benefice office
Office@westpurbeck.org.uk

Office + Venue: D'Urberville Hall, Wool, BH20 6DL

24th Feb

3rd March

10th March

17th March

24th March

BREAK

14th April

21st April

28th April



Bereavement Support Group

COURSES RUN TUESDAY'S, 10.30am-12pm

**NO MATTER WHERE, OR HOW FAR, YOU ARE ON YOUR JOURNEY,
IF YOU THINK YOU MIGHT BENEFIT FROM BEREAVEMENT
SUPPORT, YOU ARE WELCOME TO COME ALONG**

Small Meeting Room @ D'Urberville Centre
Colliers Lane, Wool, BH20 6DL

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