

### 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 October 2025**  
**The Last Sunday after Trinity**  
**BIBLE SUNDAY**

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We are aware that scam emails are circulating. Any genuine email from Revd Richard Bartlett will have his email address [vicar@westpurbeck.org.uk](mailto: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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#### SUNDAY 26th October - BIBLE SUNDAY

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

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> October is **Bible Sunday**, and this year we are very pleased to welcome a guest preacher at the 9am Holy Communion service at Affpuddle and 11am Holy Communion service at Bere Regis: Neil Croucher, well known to many across the benefice, is Head of Philanthropy at the Bible Society.

#### Next Sunday 2nd November - All Saints and All Souls

|                   |                   |                       |
|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| 9am               | Holy Communion    | Wool                  |
| 10.30 for 10.45am | Café Church       | Winfrith Village Hall |
| 11am              | Holy Communion    | Affpuddle             |
| 3pm               | All Souls service | Wool                  |
| 4pm               | Evensong          | Bere Regis            |

#### NEXT MIDWEEK SERVICE - 5th November

|         |                     |                         |
|---------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| 10.30am | Holy Communion      | D'Urberville Hall, Wool |
| 12 noon | and Community Lunch |                         |

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### Collect for Bible Sunday

Blessed Lord,  
who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning:  
help us so to hear them,  
to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them  
that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word,  
we may embrace and for ever hold fast  
the hope of everlasting life,  
which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
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 Bible Sunday

God of all grace,  
your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry  
with the bread of his life  
and the word of his kingdom:  
renew your people with your heavenly grace,  
and in all our weakness  
sustain us by your true and living bread;  
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

**Readings:** Isa. 45.22-25; Rom. 15.1-6; Luke 4.16-24

### Gospel: Luke 4.16-24

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

‘The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me  
to bring good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives  
and recovery of sight to the blind,  
to let the oppressed go free,  
to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour.’

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, ‘Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.’ All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, ‘Is not this Joseph’s son?’ He said to them, ‘Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, “Doctor, cure yourself!” And you will say, “Do here also in your home town the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.”’ And he said, ‘Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet’s home town.



# Quiet Day

**Hilfield Friary**  
**28<sup>th</sup> October**  
**10am-4pm**

“Surely I have quieted and stilled my soul,  
like a weaned child with its mother.” Psalm 131.2

**Email Eve at [office@westpurbeck.org.uk](mailto:office@westpurbeck.org.uk)**  
**to book your place.**  
**£10 for the day**  
**Please bring a packed lunch**



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### Community Lunch in The D'Urberville Hall

First Wednesday of the Month from 12noon

**Next Dates are:**

**Wednesday 5th November 2025**

**Wednesday 3rd December 2025**



(Christmas Themed)

**\*\*No Lunch in January 2026**

**Wednesday 4th February 2026**

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## Operation Christmas Child



The team at St. Christopher's Church Winfrith will be organising a Christmas Shoebox collection this year. Every year these colourful boxes are sent to children in need around the world. We invite you to bring hope, love and joy to children through this simple gift. The boxes will be collected in mid-November **so now**



**is the time to start.** First find a suitable shoebox, secondly fill it with small gifts and lastly deliver to St. Christopher's or Sue Marsh. (01929 400 259) I can collect locally if this is more convenient.



You'll bring a big smile to a child's face, and let them know that they are loved and not forgotten. The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to show God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world, and together with the local church worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. Your gift will do just that, **SO**

**thank you.** Please contact Sue Marsh for details of suitable contents and how to make a small donation to

cover delivery costs. Alternatively you can find details on the website: [www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/how-to-pack-a-shoebox](http://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/how-to-pack-a-shoebox)

## SUGGESTIONS FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

**The work of the Church:** Please pray for the Church in Wales. Also please pray for our Diocesan and Deanery links with Sudan and South Sudan and Girls in Fellowship Together (GiFT).

**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, 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; The Launches and Triangle in West Lulworth; Crown Yard and Blacknoll Lane in Winfrith and East Knighton; Lulworth Road, Macville Avenue, Locks Court and Locks Piece in Wool, Lytchett Lane in Bovington.

### Those who are ill or have asked for our prayers:

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

*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:** Tony Bates; Richard Best; Eileen Rolls; Freda Orchard; Graham Holmes;

Malcolm Grimstone; Pauleen Bang; Sue Glover

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

*Please pray for the friends and families of*  
**Eileen Rolls**, whose funeral will take place at Weymouth Crematorium, and  
**Ruth Draycott**, whose ashes will be interred at St John the Baptist, Bere Regis  
on Monday 27th October, also  
**Malcolm Grimstone**, whose funeral will take place at Poole Crematorium  
on Thursday 30th October

*Please pray for our two benefice confirmation candidates,*  
**Kate Gainsford and Louisa Ventham**,  
*who will be confirmed in a diocesan confirmation service in Salisbury Cathedral*  
*on Saturday 1st November.*

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### 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/72824098295?pwd=2wGrtnoaUXdpWpJ9iillWprOmLeVwn.I>  
Meeting ID: 728 2409 8295

## CAFÉ CHURCH—NEXT SUNDAY



Come and join us at Café Church on 2<sup>nd</sup> November and be challenged by Jesus. With teaching, drama, film, song and discussion we shall explore the significance of Jesus clearing the Temple. We meet at Winfrith Village Hall starting at 10:45 with refreshments served from 10:30.

### BREAKFAST CLUB

We meet at Holme for Gardens on the second Wednesday every month at 10am (next meeting 12th November).

**All welcome!**

**Please telephone Mary to let her 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:

patswiftwharf@outlook.com 01929 472246.

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You are warmly invited to attend a  
Memorial Service at  
The Church of the Holy Rood, Wool  
on Sunday the 2nd of November 2025 at 3pm



In this service of hymns and readings we offer you an opportunity to remember loved ones and to give thanks for their lives. During the service the names of those who have died during the past two years are read along with others you may wish to remember. You will also have an opportunity to light a candle in memory of a loved one.

Afternoon tea and coffee served afterwards.

*from The West Purbeck Benefice*

A list of names to be included in the service, in addition to those whose funeral services we have conducted in the past two years, is in Holy Rood church and will be available there until Sunday 26th October if you wish to add a name.



### WEST PURBECK COMMUNITY BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

If you think you might benefit from Bereavement Support, you are most welcome to come along to an informal first 'taster' session of the bereavement group on November 4th at 10.30am in the small meeting room at the d'Urberville Centre. You don't need to book, just come and join us. You will be very welcome.

If you have any questions or for further information, please ask Val or Sue or contact the West Purbeck Benefice Office on 07729 484866 or email [office@westpurbeck.org.uk](mailto:office@westpurbeck.org.uk)

