

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 27th September 2026
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9am	BCP Holy Communion	Affpuddle
9am	Harvest of the Sea Festival	Lulworth Cove
10.30am	Holy Communion	Wool
11am	Holy Communion	Bere Regis
11am	Holy Communion	Winfrith

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Next Sunday 4th October - The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

9am	BCP Holy Communion	Wool
9am	Harvest BCP Holy Communion	East Lulworth
10.30 for 10.45am	Café Church	Winfrith Village Hall
11am	St Francis Blessing of animals	Affpuddle
6pm	Harvest Evensong	Bere Regis

MIDWEEK SERVICE - Wednesday 7th October

10.30am	Holy Communion	d'Urberville Centre, Wool
12 noon	and Community lunch	

PLEASE BEWARE EMAIL SCAMS!!!!

We are aware that scam emails are STILL 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 Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God,
you have made us for yourself,
and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you:
pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself,
and so bring us at last to your heavenly city
where we shall see you face to face;
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**

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Post Communion prayer for the Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

Lord, we pray that your grace
may always precede and follow us,
and make us continually to be given to all good works;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Readings: Ezek. 18.1-4, 25-end; Phil. 2.1-13; Matt. 21.23-32

Gospel: Matt. 21.23-32

When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, 'By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?' Jesus said to them, 'I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?' And they argued with one another, 'If we say, "From heaven", he will say to us, "Why then did you not believe him?" But if we say, "Of human origin", we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.' So they answered Jesus, 'We do not know.' And he said to them, 'Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

'What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, "Son, go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not"; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, "I go, sir"; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?' They said, 'The first.' Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, the tax-collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

Zoom Link for 8.30am Online Morning Prayer

Online morning prayer is on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. All are very welcome. Please use the Zoom link:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79343699206?pwd=pPJkcZTdqhMHDkzSnLtiCCDvNbqliS.1>

Meeting ID: 793 4369 9206



WEST PURBECK COMMUNITY BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

If you think you might benefit from Bereavement Support, you are warmly invited to come along to the bereavement course starting on 6th October at 10.30am in the small meeting room at the d'Urberville Centre. 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



Community Lunch in The D'Urberville Hall

First Wednesday of the Month from
12noon

Next Date:

Wednesday 7th October 2026



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 14th October). **All welcome!**

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

Holy Rood Church Wool needs you...

Please would you consider helping to clean the Holy Rood Church, this is done weekly at a time to suit you and takes about an hour, depending on how fussy you like to be! I will talk you through what to do, ideally someone will be with you; all equipment and cleaning materials provided and you can do at any time during the week prior to your allocated weekend... If you are able please help..... the more on the list the fewer times in the year your name will come up. Please contact Sue 07714389330 or email sue@whomwah.com

Thank you

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SUGGESTIONS FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

The work of the Church: Please pray for The Church of Bangladesh. 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 Police, Fire and Rescue, Ambulance Services and Hospitals.

Pray for the residents of Bladen Valley, Chalk Pit Close and Chamberlaynes in Bere Regis; Shirley Close and Sunnyside in West Lulworth; The Drove, East Chaldon Road, Fields Barn in Winfrith and East Knighton; Swallow Close and Sydenham Crescent in Wool, Swinton Avenue in Bovington, The Alisons in East Burton.

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; Jane Heywood; Zena Warne; Sue and Geoff Allen; Elizabeth Pearce; Shannon; Shelley

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 Christopher Jones; Colin Hutchins, Joshua Sealy

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

Please pray for

Haylo Khaya Amale Drakes

and Michelle Chitambo

*who will be baptised on 27th September at Holy Rood, Wool
and their parents, godparents, family and friends*

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Harvest Festival

**6
SEP**

11AM SERVICE +
HARVEST LUNCH
BRIANTSPUDDLE
VILLAGE HALL,
DT2 7HT

WE LOOK FORWARD
TO WELCOMING
YOU

**13
SEP**

10.30AM HARVEST
COMMUNION
HOLY ROOD
CHURCH, WOOL
BH20 6DD

6PM SERVICE
ST NICHOLAS'
CHALDON HERRING
DT2 8DN

**20
SEP**

10.45AM
ONLINE HARVEST
(MESSAGE FOR
ZOOM LOG IN)

11AM HARVEST
SONGS OF PRAISE
ST CHRISTOPHER'S
WINFRITH, DT2 8JR

**27
SEP**

9AM HARVEST-OF-
THE-SEA
FISHERMEN'S
YARD, LULWORTH
COVE, B20 5RQ

ALL HARVEST
GIFTS WILL BE
DISTRIBUTED TO
THOSE WHO NEED IT

**4
OCT**

11AM ANIMAL
BLESSING SERVICE
ST LAURENCE'S
AFFPUDDLE
DT2 7HH

6PM HARVEST
EVENSONG
ST JOHN THE
BAPTIST, BERE
REGIS, BH20 7HQ

**11
OCT**

11AM FAMILY
SERVICE + LUNCH,
ST JOHN THE
BAPTIST, BERE
REGIS, BH20 7HQ



**25
OCT**

2-4PM MESSY CHURCH + SUPPER,
THE MEMORIAL HALL, BOVINGTON,
BH20 6JQ

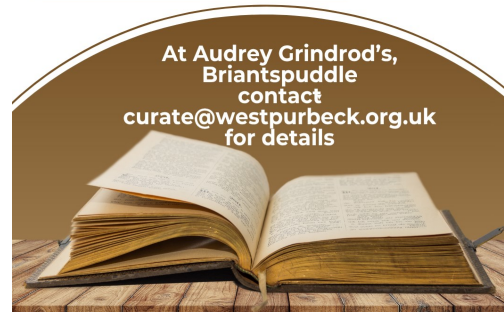
Join Us for

ROMANS BIBLE STUDY

1 OCT, 8 OCT,
22 OCT, 5 NOV,
19 NOV, 3 DEC, 10 DEC

2-4
PM

At Audrey Grindrod's,
Briantspuddle
contact
curate@westpurbeck.org.uk
for details



**BERE REGIS
Village Hall**
presents
**THE RETURN OF
The
Village
Quiz**

Wed.
21st Oct.
7.30pm

Upper
Village
Hall

Teams of up to 5
people.
£10 a team.
Bring your own
drinks & snacks.
Questions set by
Susan Stone.
There will also be
a RAFFLE.

All profits to the
Village Hall
Maintenance Fund.
To book in your
team, email Alison,
popinplace@gmail.com
(All teams must
book.)



Table Top Sale

Saturday October 17th

11.00-12.30pm

The D'Urberville Hall Wool



£5 per table

Booked in advance

Toni: tmac4455@aol.com by Oct 13th

Bacon Butties from 11am



**Bovington
Together**

**Messy
CHURCH**

SUNDAY 25TH OCT
TIME: 2-4PM
EVERYONE IS
WELCOME

**Harvest
Festival**

FREE FAMILY-FRIENDLY CRAFTS,
ACTIVITIES & STORY, FINISHING
WITH FREE SHARED MEAL OF
'COMMUNITY SOUP' & BREAD

CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT

WE'LL BE GATHERING VEG GROWN IN THE
COMMUNITY TO MAKE THE SOUP, SO FOR
THOSE WHO CAN - PLEASE GET GARDENING!

VENUE: MEMORIAL HALL, KING GEORGE V ROAD
BOVINGTON, BH20 6JQ **RSVPS HELP CATERING!**
EMAIL: MISSIONER@WESTPURBECK.ORG.UK

LIKE + FOLLOW 'BOVINGTON TOGETHER' FOR MORE INFO

Poppy Cascade 2026

Guerrilla Gardeners have now taken the previous years cascade out of storage and we are now are hoping to do another display this year as all appears to be in good order!

The Risk Assessment has now been completed, those involved have now been contacted and everybody is on board to give it another go.

We are now at the stage in requesting help to check poppies, re attach poppies where needed and attach more poppies from the pile we had from last year and if need be, make more... at this stage we don't think more is needed but do watch out on **facebook** and on posters around the village.

So please come along if you can (equipment provided but if you have your own scissors or needles then bring along) you don't need to be able to sew, help with clearing and making refreshments could be your task?!

September dates are as follows, all sessions are:

10 til 12noon Holy Rood Church, Wool

Tuesday 8th September

Tuesday 15th September

Friday 18th September

Thursday 24th September

Tuesday 29th September



Refreshments will be provided!

Contact Sue Burroughs or any of the GGs for details, join the Guerrilla Gardeners Facebook Page or look out in Wool Community plus information in the LINK

Tel : 0714389330 Email: sue@whomwah.com



Café Church 4th October

Come and join us to explore the shocking story of Ananias and Sapphira through teaching, drama, music and discussion at Café Church. How does what happened affect us today?
Refreshments available from 10:30 and we start at 10:45.

Purbeck Deanery Synod Open Meeting



St Stephen's School, Terekeka, South Sudan

**Talk by Mike Quinlan on the Wareham Parish link
with Terekeka as part of the Salisbury Diocese
Partnership with the Sudans**

*Come and hear how we in Purbeck Deanery can
benefit from a link with the church in South Sudan:*

- *Learning from Christians in Sub-Saharan Africa
where over 30% of the Christians in the world live*
- *Supporting children in education in a country
where only 30% of the population are literate*
- *Sharing in the world-wide mission of the church
and gaining a vision for growth*

7:30pm Thursday 22nd October

**at All Saints' Church Hall,
Ullwell Road, Swanage BH19 1LL**

Refreshments served from 7pm



Purbeck Deanery is exploring how we might develop a link which the parish of Wareham already has with the Diocese of Terekeka in South Sudan. The hope is that we might make it a link with all four benefices of Purbeck Deanery. A small working group is being formed to lead this forward, and I am hoping that someone in West Purbeck Benefice might be prepared to be our representative in this group. If you feel that you may be interested, please let me know and I can give you more information.

Thank you.

Richard Bartlett

HARVEST & FLOWER FESTIVAL

St John the Baptist Church, Bere Regis, BH20 7HQ
A week of autumnal celebration!
Sunday 4th – Sunday 11th October

FESTIVAL OPENING
Evensong Service
Sunday 4th October 6:00 PM
Start the week gently with a quiet, traditional evening service.

OPEN CHURCH & DISPLAYS
Open Daily: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Drop in throughout the week to enjoy the church
decorated in autumnal splendour, featuring
stunning displays of festive fresh & dried
flowers & foliage

FESTIVAL FINALE & LUNCH
Sunday 11th October
10:30 AM – **Coffee & Kids' Crafts:** Arrive early
for a warm cuppa and activities for the children.
11:00 AM – **Family Harvest Service:**
An upbeat, child-friendly celebration.
12:30 PM – **Harvest Soup Lunch:** Following the
service, share a delicious home cooked soup lunch together.

COMMUNITY GIVING & SUPPORT
Wareham Foodbank Collections: We are
collecting donations of tinned and long-life food all
week. Please leave items in the church.
Community Cakes: Donations of cakes to share at
the community lunch would be gratefully received the
morning of Sunday 11th October.

Drop by & join in as you'd like!

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