

### 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.**



### The Presentation of Christ in the Temple CANDLEMAS Sunday 2nd February 2025

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9am	Holy Communion by Extension	Wool
9am	BCP Holy Communion	East Lulworth
10.30 for 10.45am	Café Church	Winfrith Village Hall
11am	Holy Communion	Affpuddle
4pm	Evensong	Bere Regis

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For enquiries outside these times contact the Vicar.

#### MIDWEEK SERVICE - Wednesday 5th February

10.30am	Holy Communion and Community lunch	D'Urberville Centre, Wool
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#### Sunday 9th February - The Fourth Sunday before Lent

9am	Holy Communion	Chaldon
10am	Morning Prayer	Affpuddle
10am	Junior Church	Bere Regis
10.30am	Holy Communion	Wool
11am	Family Service	Bere Regis

#### 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](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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#### Collect for the Presentation of Christ in the Temple

Almighty and ever-living God,  
clothed in majesty,  
whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple,  
in substance of our flesh:  
grant that we may be presented to you  
with pure and clean hearts,  
by your Son Jesus Christ 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 Presentation of Christ in the Temple

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna,  
who lived to welcome the Messiah:  
may we, who have received these gifts beyond words,  
prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes  
to bring us to eternal life;  
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

**Readings:** Mal. 3.1-5; Heb. 2.14-end; Luke 2.22-40.

### **Gospel: Luke 2.22-40**

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.'

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,  
according to your word;  
for my eyes have seen your salvation,  
which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,  
a light for revelation to the Gentiles  
and for glory to your people Israel.'

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed - and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

### **A date for your diaries**

Our curate, Rev Lydia, will be ordained priest in Salisbury Cathedral on 28<sup>th</sup> June at 4.30pm. All are warmly invited! Travel arrangements are to be sorted out but lifts will certainly be available.



**Spring Quiz**

*supporting the work of the Church of the Holy Rood,  
Wool, particularly installing streaming facilities in  
church for Weddings, Funerals, all Services.*

**Saturday 1st March**

**7.30pm, The D'Urberville Hall, Wool**

**£5 per person**

**- pay on the door on the night**

**bring your own Nibbles, Drinks and glasses**

**Book through Toni: [tmac4455@aol.com](mailto:tmac4455@aol.com)**

**by Wednesday 26th February**

**Teams of up to six people -**

**you can join with others on the night**

*There will also be a raffle*

**Don't miss out—sign  
up today!**



**The West Purbeck Benefice**

Please pray for the right person to come forward for this vacancy. If you know of any suitable candidates, please share it with them.



## Benefice Missioner West Purbeck Benefice

We are seeking a mission-focussed priest who will work alongside lay and ordained colleagues in both a rural and seaside context, who will:

- Enliven the local church, rooting it in the community it serves
- Establish a new worshipping community in a predominantly military area
- Enlarge our ministry with both residents and visitors
- Offer their strengths in mission, and enable others to grow in faith

The post will suit someone comfortable with both traditional and contemporary forms of worship, who has a heart for those on the margins of the church, and with an inclusive vision of mission and ministry.

The West Purbeck benefice serves the Lulworths, Wool, Affpuddle and Bere Regis, where the Missioner will live, it enjoys good road and rail links and glorious coast and countryside.

For full details of this vacancy including the parish profile, please visit <https://www.salisbury.anglican.org/vacancies/clergy-vacancies/>

**Closing date:** 6 March 2025

**Visit and Interview:** 26 and 27 March 2025

An enhanced DBS is required.

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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 Bible Society and Messy Church.

**This Benefice:** We pray for all those who are isolating or 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 Housing Associations and Libraries. Pray for the residents of Snow Hill, South Mead and Southbrook in Bere Regis; Britwell Drive and Burngate in West Lulworth; Thornicks and Langcotes in Winfrith and East Knighton; Alamein Road in Bovington, Water Meadow Lane in East Burton, Wellbridge Meadow in Wool, West Holme in East Stoke.

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

We pray for Peter Wharf; Lesley Coles; Beryl Samphire; Chris Rick; Esther Farr  
*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:** John Barker; Revd Stephen Coles; Brian Samphire; Abdul Husseinbux; Jim Merrett;

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

#### **Online Prayer**

Morning Prayer is prayed at 8.30am on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays by a small group of parishioners on Zoom. Would you like to make this a part of your day? All are very welcome. Here is the Zoom link for next week:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78284263979?pwd=aGbe0A4VsbdV7ukfBLymqPnLKvbFpN.1>

Meeting ID: 782 8426 3979

*Please pray for*

**Hugo Kenneth Robert Forward**

*who will be baptized at St Christopher, Winfrith Newburgh on Sunday 2nd February, and his family, friends and godparents*

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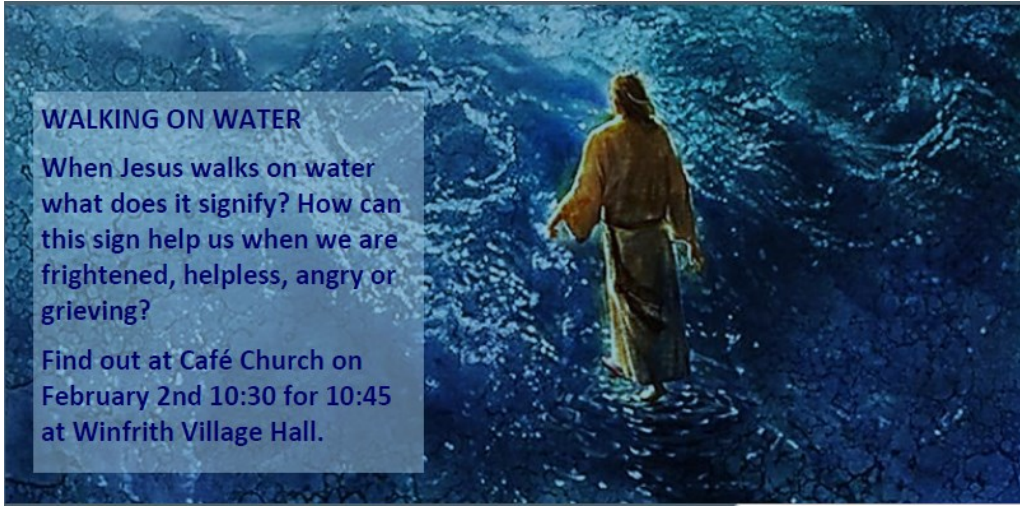


## CAFE CHURCH 2ND FEBRUARY

### WALKING ON WATER

When Jesus walks on water what does it signify? How can this sign help us when we are frightened, helpless, angry or grieving?

Find out at Café Church on February 2nd 10:30 for 10:45 at Winfrith Village Hall.



### Warming music for a winter's afternoon!

*An hour's classical & light classical music played by*

*Naomi Hodson (violin), Richard Willetts (Viola)*

*Richard Hall (Piano)*

### BRIANTSPUDDLE VILLAGE HALL

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February, 3pm**

**Tickets: £12.50**

*(to include finger buffet & tea/coffee)*

available from Elizabeth Whatley 01305 897302 or [mistletoeandhobbs@icloud.com](mailto:mistletoeandhobbs@icloud.com)  
Briantspuddle Village Shop (cash only)  
or at the door if still available

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### Community Lunch—FREE

in The D'Urberville Hall from 12 noon til 1pm

### Soup 'n Pud

First Wednesday of the Month

All Welcome

*Next one*

**Wednesday 5th February 2025**

All donations welcome

We look forward to seeing you!



### Holy Rood Social Events—Raffle Prizes

We are planning the very many exciting events for 2025. There will be raffles held at several of the events. Could I ask you to donate some prizes please to help fundraising?

We are saving hard to install internet and streaming services into Holy Rood church to enable weddings, funerals and services to reach wider audiences. Please give to Danzella or Sheila via any member of our church community.

**A huge 'thank you',  
from Toni.**

### BREAKFAST CLUB

We meet at Holme for Gardens on the second Wednesday every month at 10am (next meeting 12 February). **All welcome!** Please let Mary 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 at [patswiftwharf@outlook.com](mailto:patswiftwharf@outlook.com) or on 01929 472246.

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