

### 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.**

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For enquiries outside these times contact the Vicar.

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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 30th November 2025**  
**The First Sunday of Advent**  
**ST ANDREW THE APOSTLE**

#### Sunday 30th November - The First Sunday of Advent ST ANDREW THE APOSTLE

10.30am	United Benefice Eucharist	East Lulworth
4pm	Advent Carol Service	Wool

We look forward to our Benefice Service on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November at St Andrews East Lulworth. For free parking, please park either on the grass outside St Andrews Church, or in the Staff Car park at Lulworth Castle. Parking in the main Castle car park is charged. You are welcome to park there, but unfortunately you will need to pay to park there.

#### MIDWEEK SERVICE - 3rd December

10.30am	Holy Communion	D'Urberville Centre
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followed by Community Lunch at 12 noon.

#### Next Sunday 7th December - The Second Sunday of Advent

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
4pm	Christingle	Wool
5pm	Carol concert with Wareham Choral	Bere Regis



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## Collect for the First Sunday of Advent

Almighty God,  
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness  
and to put on the armour of light,  
now in the time of this mortal life,  
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;  
that on the last day,  
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty  
to judge the living and the dead,  
we may rise to the life immortal;  
through him 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 the First Sunday of Advent

O Lord our God,  
make us watchful and keep us faithful  
as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;  
that, when he shall appear,  
he may not find us sleeping in sin  
but active in his service  
and joyful in his praise;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Readings:** Ephesians 1: 15-23; John 14: 5-10

## Gospel: John 14: 5-10

Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.'

Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works.'

## 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/76418398122?pwd=kvBa1BP4OOplLKOPRuq5fnZrd48OxI.1>  
Meeting ID: 764 1839 8122

**Christmas at St.  
Christopher's  
Church – a warm  
welcome awaits  
you. Do join us.**

**5 pm on Friday 5<sup>th</sup>  
Carols around the  
tree in the  
churchyard, followed  
by mince pies and  
mulled wine in  
church. Please join  
us for a lovely  
community evening.  
Please bring a torch  
and wear something  
warm.**



**11 am on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup>  
Christingle service**



**11 am on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup>  
Family Carol Service**



**2 pm on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup>  
Crib Service**



**11 am on Thursday  
25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day**



# The Longest Night

*a reflective service for anyone finding  
Christmas difficult  
there will be a time to light a candle for a  
loved one*

**St. John the Baptist**

**Bere Regis**

**14 December**

**3pm**



*The light shines in the darkness, and  
the darkness has not overcome it.*

*John 1.5*



## Christmas Carol Service

ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH  
CHALDON HERRING



SUNDAY 14 DECEMBER  
5 PM



### SUGGESTIONS FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

**The work of the Church:** Please pray for the Anglican Church of Australia. Also please pray for the the Diocese of Salisbury Ordinands, Lay Ministers and Pastoral Assistants in training, our Lay Pastoral Assistants and Lay Worship Leaders.

**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 Bere Regis Surgery, the Wellbridge Surgery and all NHS staff. Also farms across all parts of the Benefice.

Pray for the residents of Turberville Court, Turberville Road and The Warren in Bere Regis; Main Road and Morey's Close in West Lulworth; Willowborne Gardens and Dorchester Road in Winfrith and East Knighton; Bindon Way, Breach Field Road, Burton Close and Burton Cross in Wool.

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

We pray for Peter Wharf; Catherine; Joe; Louisa Botterill; Brenda and David; Mark; Heather Edwards; Daisy Martin; Pat House; David; Barry Quinn; Lesley Weeks

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:** Paul Pinnock; Sara Grayson; Dorothy Reed; Violet Cole; Wendy Morrison  
Also the families and friends of those whose anniversary of death falls at this time.

### Collect for the Feast of St Andrew

Almighty God,  
who gave such grace to your apostle Saint Andrew  
that he readily obeyed the call of your Son Jesus Christ  
and brought his brother with him:  
call us by your holy word,  
and give us grace to follow you without delay  
and to tell the good news of your kingdom;  
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**



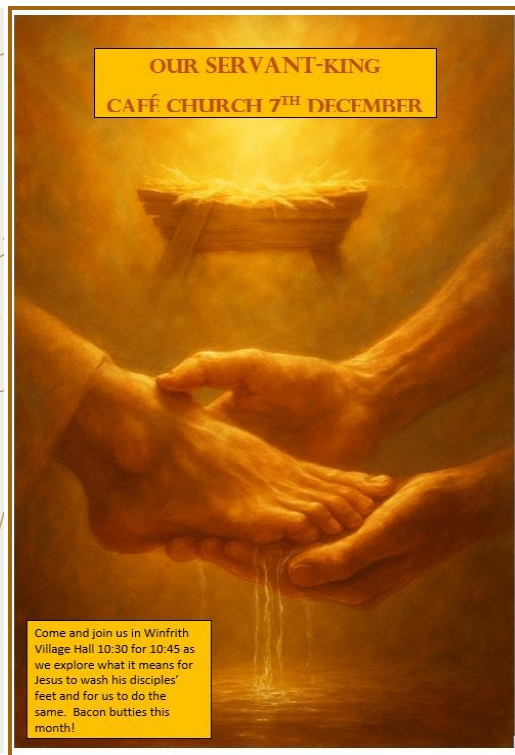


# Advent Carols

Sunday 30 November  
4pm  
Holy Rood Church  
Church Lane, Wool  
BH20 6DD

Come sing with us to begin the Advent season, which leads us to Christmas with hope, joy, peace and love.

The West Purbeck Benefice



OUR SERVANT-KING  
CAFÉ CHURCH 7<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

Come and join us in Winfrith Village Hall 10:30 for 10:45 as we explore what it means for Jesus to wash his disciples' feet and for us to do the same. Bacon butties this month!



## Community Lunch

# Soup + Puds

First Weds of the month from 12pm

@ The D'Urberville Hall, Wool  
~ 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec ~ Not in January ~ 4th Feb

Choose from a range of home cooked soups + desserts  
Free - with donations welcome



# COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS

FRI 12 DEC	HOSTED BY POPPIES TEAROOMS WITH WEST PURBECK CHURCHES	5-7 PM
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**FREE ENTRY - FREE GIFTS - FREE BRASS BAND 'PLAY IT FORWARD' WITH CHANCE TO TAKE HOME FREE NEW-TO-YOU TOYS - FREE KIDS CRAFT FREE HOT CHOC + FREE SNACKS**

## A GIFT FROM THE COMMUNITY FOR THE COMMUNITY

FOR ALL AGES TO ENJOY

Location: Poppies Tearooms,  
King George V Rd, Bovington  
BH20 6JQ

@Poppies\_tearooms

For more info email Lisselle  
missioner@westpurbeck.org.uk

### WEST PURBECK BENEFICE MISSION UPDATE

We're excited to be working with Poppies Tearooms to offer a 'COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS' in Bovington on Friday 12th December (5-7pm). It'll be great—free bits for the kids to do, live carols plus the opportunity to pick up free 'new-to-you' toys before Christmas. But we need your help—collecting good quality outgrown toys! Please drop off at Poppies Monday-Friday 9am-3pm until 5th December. Let's share what we've got, help reduce waste and brighten someone else's day!



# Celebrate Christmas

Come along to our special services this Christmas and celebrate the birth of Jesus

in  
Bere Regis and  
Affpuddle

Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> December Bere Regis	5pm	Christmas Concert with Wareham Choral Society
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> December Bere Regis	10am 11am 3pm	Junior Church 'Christmas Cake' Family Service 'The Longest Night' a reflective service for those who find Christmas difficult
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December Affpuddle	6.30pm	Christmas Carol Service
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> December Bere Regis	11am	Christmas Carol Service

Christmas Eve Bere Regis	5pm 9pm	Christingle Service 'Midnight in Bethlehem' Communion Service
Christmas Day Affpuddle	10am	Christmas Day Communion Service
Bere Regis	11am	Christmas Praise

*And a very Happy Christmas to you all*



## CHRISTMAS LUNCH AT HOLME FOR GARDENS

In December Breakfast Club becomes Lunch Club! We will meet at Holme for Gardens for a festive lunch on 10th December at 11.45am.

**All welcome!**

**Please telephone Mary to book your place—£10 deposit per person please.**

**01929 556086.**

**Menu will be available later.**

## Thursday Tea and Toast at St John the Baptist, Bere Regis 8am until 11am on 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](mailto:patswiftwharf@outlook.com)

**01929 472246.**

## Christmas Flowers in Holy Rood Church

If you would like to donate money towards the Christmas Flowers in church in memory of a loved one please place cash in an envelope and either give to myself or Toni M or member of the Clergy with your name and the name of those you would like remembered. The flowers will be placed in church on Monday 22nd or Tuesday 23rd December...and a memory card placed next to an arrangement. Thank you. If you would like to help with the flowers please contact me as 'many hands make light work' - you will be very welcome. Sue Burroughs 01929 463803.




## Christingle Service

### Sunday 7 December

**4pm**  
**Holy Rood Church**  
**Wool BH20 6DD**




## CHRISTMAS FANFARE AT ST CHRISTOPHER'S

An 8-piece brass ensemble from the world-famous Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra will be performing their "Christmas Fanfare" in St Christopher's Church, Winfrith Newburgh on Wednesday 17 December.

This not-to-be-missed one-off concert is being staged with the help of Artsreach in aid of the church in Winfrith.

Festive music from across the genres can be expected on the night from medieval madrigals through classics like the Coventry Carol as well as modern masterpieces such as The Snowman and Frozen. There will be something sensational here for every music lover.

The congregation at St Christopher's will assure you of a warm welcome on this winter's night with some fabulous seasonal fare and a bar to keep out the winter chill.



Tickets costing £16.00 for adults and £10.00 for children will soon be available from Winfrith Village Stores or by phone from 01305 853901, also online at [www.artsreach.co.uk](http://www.artsreach.co.uk)



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# Holy Rood Church Wool Dec 5th to 12th

Friday 5th at 6pm Launching  
this event with the "Serenade"  
Choir

Saturday 6th 2pm Handbells  
Demo

Sunday 7th 4pm Christingle  
Service

The church will be open  
throughout the week with coffee  
and mince pies on offer.

Monday 8th until Friday 12th  
when the trees will be removed.



The Church of  
The Holy Rood  
Church Lane, WOOL  
BH20 6DD



## Wareham Choral Society "A Celebration of Christmas"

Sun 7th December 5pm

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH,  
BERE REGIS BH20 7HA

Free  
admission!



Patron **Rt Hon David Mellor KC**  
Conductor **Hazel Ricketts** Organist **Paul Ellis**

Join us for a "CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS",  
a 1-hour, family-friendly concert of Christmas  
music and carols for choir and audience,  
in the historic church of St John the Baptist,  
Bere Regis

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