

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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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

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Usual hours The Benefice Office is staffed Wednesday 9-12 and 12.30-4 and Friday 9-1.30.

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NEXT MIDWEEK SERVICE—Wednesday 6th May

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

Next Sunday 10th May - The Sixth Sunday of Easter

9am	Holy Communion	Chaldon
10am	Morning Praise	Affpuddle
10am	Junior Church	Bere Regis
10.30am	Holy Communion	Wool
11am	Family Service & APCM	Bere Regis
11am	Holy Communion	Winfrith

Collect for the Fifth Sunday of Easter

Almighty God,
who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ
have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life:
grant that, as by your grace going before us
you put into our minds good desires,
so by your continual help
we may bring them to good effect;
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

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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Post Communion prayer for the Fifth Sunday of Easter

Eternal God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life:
grant us to walk in his way,
to rejoice in his truth,
and to share his risen life;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

Readings: Acts 7.55-end; John 14.1-14

Gospel: John 14.1-14

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.' 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. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.'

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>



You're always welcome
To our weekly drop-in, Thursday's 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**

LULWORTH CAR PARKING

We are again planning to open the Glebe Field, below the Church in West Lulworth, for visitor parking to raise funds for the four Churches in the Lulworth Parish. This has previously proved very popular and has helped towards paying our annual Church expenses. We rely on 4 volunteers to staff the car park for each of the two-hour sessions throughout the day.

This year we are hoping to open the car park on the following days:

May Bank Holiday weekend – May 23rd, 24th, 25th

July 25th and 26th; August Bank Holiday weekend – Aug. 29th, 30th, 31st

We are looking for volunteers to help us complete a rota. If you feel you are able to join our team of volunteers please contact Clive Goddard 07811617274

Your help will be greatly appreciated.

West Purbeck Benefice Annual Meetings

APCMs

Bere Regis	Sunday 10th May 12.15pm after the service
Affpuddle	Sunday 24th May 10.15am after the service



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>

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.

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.

SUGGESTIONS FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

The work of the Church: Please pray for the Church of North India (United). Also please pray for 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 Foodbanks in Wareham and Bere Regis. Pray for the residents of West Street and White Lovington in Bere Regis; Beech Close and Bindon Road in West Lulworth; Winbrook Fold and The Orchard in Winfrith and East Knighton; Manor Farm Barns and Manor Farm Cottages in East Stoke, Meadow Lane and Lower Hillside Road in Wool.

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; Peter Warr; Damian Cullinane; John Pitman
Also the families and friends of those whose anniversary of death falls at this time.

*God of love,
turn our hearts to your ways;
and give us peace.*

THIS SUNDAY

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

WOOL CHARTER FAIR

Saturday 9th May, Millennium Square,
Wool, 12.30am until 5:00pm

The fair celebrates the
Royal Charter which was signed by
King Edward in the year 1280.

Enjoy a day of exciting displays and stalls, including:

WOOL WOMEN'S INSTITUTE	COLESHILL AUXILIARY RESEARCH TEAM
WOOL YOUTH CLUB	DORSET DIGGERS
HIDDEN DELI WOOL	DORSET HELP AND CARE
JURASSIC SLICE PIZZAS	D'URBERVILLE AMATEUR DRAMATIC SOCIETY
PURBECK ICE CREAM	FRIENDS OF WOOL LIBRARY
St Mary and Joseph's Catholic Church	GUERRILLA GARDENERS
WOOL CARNIVAL BARBECUE	HOLYROOD CHURCH, WOOL
DORSET WEAVERS, SPINNERS & DYERS	BOUNCY CASTLES
HURDLE MAKER - STEVE BROWN	MINIATURE RAILWAY
POOLE BOBBIN LACE CIRCLE	SLIMMING WORLD
de CARILLON DUTCH STREET ORGAN	THE FALCONS CREST
VERWOOD TOWN CRIER	WOOL GIRL GUIDING
WOOLIE WOMBLERS	WOOL COMMUNITY CINEMA
	WOOL COUNTRY MARKET

Refreshments,
Pizzas and Bar & Barbecue!

(limited parking available at the D'Urberville Centre)

Holy Rood Church
at the Charter Fair

Please can you donate some prizes for Holy Rood's Bottle Tombola at Wool Charter Fair on Saturday 9th May.

Bottles/jars all welcome: eg. jars of sweets, lemonade, jars of jam, sauce, small fruit juice drinks - anything in a jar or bottle, it doesn't have to be alcohol but the odd bottle or two will be acceptable. Please get your donations to Sheila, Danzella or Toni by Wednesday 6th May.

Thank you

The Woolie Womblers



The next parish litter-pick is on Saturday 16th May meeting outside the D'Urberville Centre at 9.30am or whenever you can make it. I urge all to come along and bring friends and neighbours to help make our parish look its very best.

There are litter pickers, rubbish bags, hoops for said bags, hi-viz jackets and gloves plus a list of potential areas that you can clear. If you have some time to give please come along. Bag collection is available to save you carrying a full bag around with you. See you there!

Contact: Jayne Simmons or Susan Burroughs on Facebook or leave a message on The Woolie Womblers Facebook page.