

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

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 and the West Purbeck Benefice Logo in the signature. Please don't click on any links in suspect emails!

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Sunday 8th February 2026
The Second Sunday before Lent

We welcome Padre Andy Pessoa to Wool this Sunday. He will be leading the 10.30 am Communion service at Holy Rood.

Sunday 8th February - The Second Sunday before Lent

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

MIDWEEK SERVICE - 11th February

10.30am	Holy Communion	Bere Regis
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Next Sunday 15th February - The Sunday next before Lent

9am	Holy Communion	Bere Regis
9am	BCP Holy Communion	Wool
10.45am	Prayer and Praise:	Streamed
Zoom link:	https://us06web.zoom.us/j/5152255413	Meeting ID: 515 225 5413
11am	Holy Communion	Affpuddle
11am	Songs of Praise	Winfirth

Collect for the Second Sunday before Lent

Almighty God,
you have created the heavens and the earth
and made us in your own image:
teach us to discern your hand in all your works
and your likeness in all your children;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things,
now and for ever. **Amen**

Post Communion prayer for the Second Sunday before Lent

God our creator,
by your gift
the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise,
and the bread of life at the heart of your Church:
may we who have been nourished at your table on earth
be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross
and enjoy the delights of eternity;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Readings: Gen. 1.1-23; Rom. 8.18-25; Matt. 6.25-end

Gospel: Matt. 6.25-end

'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you - you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear?" For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

'So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.

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/77566085326?pwd=HMCbkFFmHZqf0zALasTsgIkk6pyN9m.l>

Meeting ID: 775 6608 5326

West Purbeck Benefice services on You Tube

You can now view videos of some of the Christmas 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>



BREAKFAST CLUB

We meet at Holme for Gardens on the second Wednesday every month at 10am (next meeting 11th February). 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 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 01929 472246.

'PARABLES FROM PALESTINE'

OPEN MEETING + TALK BY THE VERY REV'D NICK PAPADOPULOS

TUES 10TH MARCH, 7.30PM

Nick recently spent his sabbatical in occupied East Jerusalem with the World Council of Churches' Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme in Palestine & Israel; monitoring human rights, visiting holy sites, worshipping in different churches & speaking with various people & organisations

**COME & HEAR FIRST HAND
EXPERIENCES & PERSPECTIVES
FROM THE HOLY LAND**



AT SANDFORD SCHOOL
WAREHAM, BH20 7BN
FREE EVENT - NO BOOKING REQUIRED - ALL WELCOME

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WEST PURBECK
COMMUNITY
BEREAVEMENT
SUPPORT GROUP

If you think you might benefit from Bereavement Support, you are most welcome to come along to the first session of the Bereavement group course on 3rd March 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



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SUGGESTIONS FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

The work of the Church: Please pray for Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui. 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 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; Shirley Close and Sunnyside in West Lulworth; Butts Close and Gibraltar Cottages in Winfrith and East Knighton; Jeremy Close and Knowle Hill in Wool, Kimberts End in Coombe Keynes, King George V Road in Bovington.

Those who are ill or have asked for our prayers:

We pray for Peter Wharf, Catherine; Joe; Louisa Botterill; Brenda; Mark; Heather Edwards; Daisy Martin; Pat House; David; Barry Quinn; Nancy Scott; Maureen Long; John Scott; Naj Alidina; Andrea Smith

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:

Amanda Tucker; David Gibbs; Sarah Kirk; Robert Coates; Peter Bevis; Carolyn Pinn; Janet Spicer; David Bunter; Peter Gould; Colin (Tyrone) Harris
Also the families and friends of those whose anniversary of death falls at this time.

Please pray for the family and friends of

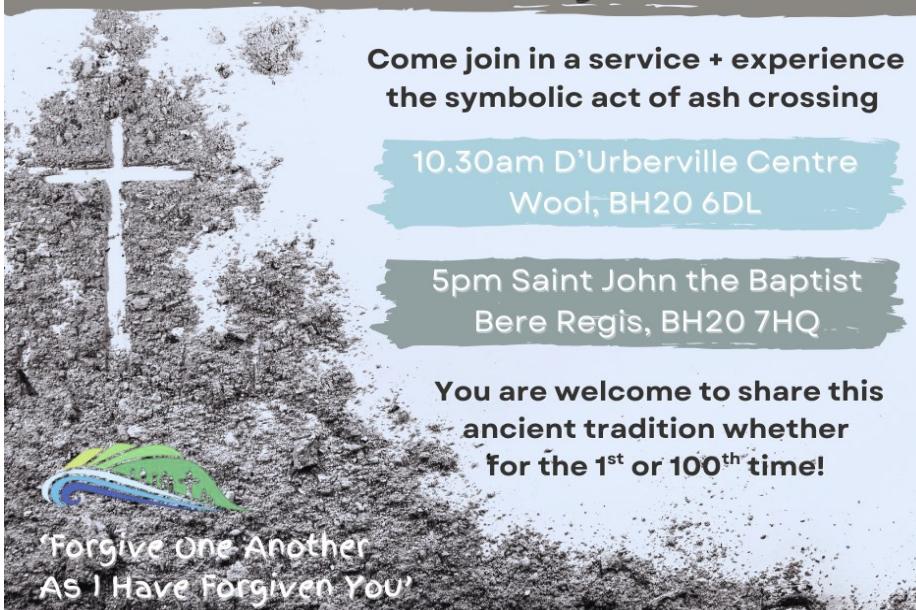
Janet Spicer

whose ashes will be buried at Bere Regis Cemetery on Monday 9th February.

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

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Ash Wednesday 18th Feb



Come join in a service + experience the symbolic act of ash crossing

10.30am D'Urberville Centre
Wool, BH20 6DL

5pm Saint John the Baptist
Bere Regis, BH20 7HQ

You are welcome to share this ancient tradition whether for the 1st or 100th time!



HOLY ROOD SOCIAL EVENTS

We have planned an exciting 2026 calendar including 'Teas and Tulips in Amsterdam' on April 11th. Please can you help set the scene? We are looking for.....

- delivery / baker's bicycles to decorate - might you have one?
- pots of tulips - could you get planting and train them to flower on April 11th (ha ha)
- anything Dutch - flags, clogs, windmills etc.

We still have an urgent appeal for raffle prizes for the Quiz on Feb 7th and events thereafter.

In hope. Thank you so much.

Toni and Team

The Bible Course



Explore the BIG story

Come + explore God's big story one step at a time
Feel more confident in your understanding of scripture

8 Session Course From The Bible Society
Over Lent + Easter - Tuesday's 2pm - 3.30pm

Course books £9
The West Purbeck Benefice

Available from Benefice office

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Office + Venue: D'Urberville Hall, Wool, BH20 6DL

24 th Feb	24 th March
3 rd March	BREAK
10 th March	14 th April
17 th March	21 st April
	28 th April



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