

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 8th March 2026
The Third Sunday of Lent

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9am	Holy Communion	Chaldon
10am	Morning Praise	Affpuddle
10.30am	Holy Communion	Wool
10.30am	Crafts	Bere Regis
11am	Family Service and Lent Lunch	Bere Regis
11am	Holy Communion	Winfrith

MIDWEEK SERVICE - 11th March

10.30am	Holy Communion	Bere Regis
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Next Sunday 15th March - MOTHERING SUNDAY

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	Winfrith

Collect for the Third Sunday of Lent

Almighty God,
whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain,
and entered not into glory before he was crucified:
mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross,
may find it none other than the way of life and peace;
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**

Post Communion prayer for The Third Sunday of Lent

Merciful Lord,
grant your people grace to withstand the temptations
of the world, the flesh and the devil,
and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God;
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.

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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Readings: Ex. 17.1-7; Rom. 5.1-11; John 4.5-42

Gospel: John 4.5-42

So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink'. (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink", you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.'

Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come back.' The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no husband"; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!' The woman said to him, 'Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.' Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.' The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah is coming' (who is called Christ). 'When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.' Jesus said to her, 'I am he, the one who is speaking to you.'

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, 'What do you want?' or, 'Why are you speaking with her?' Then the woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, 'Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?' They left the city and were on their way to him.

Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi, eat something.' But he said to them, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.' So the disciples said to one another, 'Surely no one has brought him something to eat?' Jesus said to them, 'My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, "Four months more, then comes the harvest"? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, "One sows and another reaps." I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour.'

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, 'He told me everything I have ever done.' So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked (cont...)

THE CHURCHFITTERS

FLAMBOYANT • INVENTIVE • UNMISSABLE

Live at St Nicholas Church, Chaldon Herring (DT2 8DN)
Thursday 26 March 2026

Bar from 6.30 pm • Concert 7.00 pm

A folk band like no other. Expect musical saws, petrol-tank basses, fiddle, banjo and sax — all driven by Rosie Short's extraordinary voice and boundless stage energy.



All proceeds to St Nicholas' Church,
Chaldon

Tickets
£15

Winfrith Village
Stores
or scan to book



Canzonetta

Sacred music for Holy Week

Join us for an hour of reflection

With Richard Hall

Sunday 29th March 3pm

St John the Baptist, Bere Regis BH20 7HQ



Free admission
retiring collection for church funds
join us for tea and cake
afterwards

**SECOND-HAND
PUZZLE, GAME &
BOOK
SALE
& COFFEE
MORNING**

D'Urberville Hall, Wool

10am - 11.30am

**SATURDAY
MAR 28TH**



Books: 4 for £1 - Games / Puzzles: £1
Remember to bring cash!
Fundraising for the Guerilla Gardeners

The Coat of Hopes

Thursday 19th March 6.00PM - 7.30PM



This ever-growing patchwork coat has travelled 2,000 (+) miles over UK, carrying the prayers, hopes & griefs of many regarding our climate emergency.

Now it's your turn to be part of the story

As the coat comes to Wool, come & see, wear & experience, hear the stories & song of 'The Coat of Hopes' before the pilgrimage continues to Dorchester & Hillfield Friary

Venue: Church of the Holy Rood, Wool, BH20 6DD

More info visit: coatofhopes.uk



CAN YOU HELP?

Holy Rood Annual Church Clean

The church clean will be on Saturday 21st March at 10am at Holy Rood, Wool. Everyone is welcome to help (it usually takes a couple of hours). Refreshments will be available.

Church Cleaners for Holy Rood Urgently Needed!

We really need more volunteers to help with the weekly church clean. If you think you can spare an hour or so every couple of months please contact Sue Burroughs 07714389330 or email sue@whomwah.com

Refreshments at Holy Rood Church

Please can you help with church refreshments after the 10.30am service. Just for an hour after the service - you will always have lots of help.

Please contact Sue Burroughs on 07714389330 or email sue@whomwah.com for more info. **THANK YOU**

(...cont) him to stay with them; and he stayed there for two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, 'It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world.'

SUGGESTIONS FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

The work of the Church: Please pray for the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East. Also please pray for the Mission to Seafarers and our Maintenance Teams

This Benefice: We pray for all those who are not able to join in with worship at this time. We pray for the Youth clubs and children's uniformed organisations in Affpuddle, Bere Regis, Bovington, Chaldon Herring, East Lulworth, West Lulworth, Winfrith Newburgh and Wool.

Pray for the residents of Hollow Oak, Hyde, Lane End, Lower Woodbury and Turnerspudde; Britwell Drive and Burngate in West Lulworth; East Knighton Lane in Winfrith and East Knighton; Wain Road in Bovington, The Briars, The Cross, The Poppies and The Square in Wool.

Those who are ill or have asked for our prayers:

We pray for Peter Wharf, Catherine; Joe; Louisa Botterill; Brenda; Heather Edwards; Daisy Martin; Pat House; Barry Quinn; Maureen Long; John Scott; Mary Richter; Fr. Tony Ball; Lydia Kihara

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:

Nancy Scott; Ian Farr; David Brann; Sonia; Douglas Free; Suzanne Chancellor; Doreen Masters; Pam Taylor

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

Please pray for the family and friends of

Nancy Scott whose Funeral and burial will take place on Monday 9th March, and

Douglas Free whose Funeral and burial will take place on Thursday 12th March.

both at St Laurence Affpuddle.

There will be a thanksgiving and memorial service at St Andrew's East Lulworth on Wednesday 11th March at 11.30am to remember **Peter Gould** and **Valerie Mitchell**.

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/71202339977?pwd=kv9RbR4A62gri2QV9ndJpGd8zvCYkl.1>

Meeting ID: 712 0233 9977

BREAKFAST CLUB

We meet at Holme for Gardens on the second Wednesday every month at 10am (next meeting 11th March). **All welcome!**

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

West Purbeck Benefice Annual Meetings

AGMs

St Andrew's, East Lulworth	Friday 20th March 10am
St Christopher's, Winfrith	Sunday 22nd March 12.15pm after the service
St Nicholas, Chaldon	Monday 23rd March 6pm Chaldon Village Hall
Holy Trinity, West Lulworth	Wednesday 25th March 2pm

APCMs

Lulworths, Winfrith & Chaldon	Tuesday 14th April 6pm
Wool	Sunday 26th April 11.45am after the service
Bere Regis	Sunday 10th May 12.15pm after the service
Affpuddle	Sunday 24th May 10.15am after the service

Songs of Praise

St. Christopher's Church



Mothering Sunday Service

11 am, Sunday 15th March

Refreshments served after the service



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** 

DID YOU KNOW?

Dorset Rural Music School (DRMS), is one of an England-wide system of music schools set up post WW2. DRMS is the last surviving independent music school left in England and is run as a charity offering lessons, groups and experiences for people aged '5 to 95'!

The school relies on a throughput of pupils to fund its core team of two people but participant numbers are in decline. To find out more about what the Dorset Rural Music School offers, see the website:

<https://dorsetruralmusicschool.co.uk/>



SAT 28TH MARCH 1PM - 3PM
'COMMUNITY EASTER'
(£ EGG HUNT)

FREE MUSIC / FREE GIFTS / FREE DRINKS / FREE KIDS CRAFT
FREE NEW-TO-YOU ITEMS AVAILABLE FROM THE
SCHOOL UNIFORM 'WEAR + SHARE'

VENUE: MEMORIAL HALL (ENTRANCE THROUGH POPPIES TEAROOMS)
KING GEORGE V RD, BOVINGTON, BH20 6JQ
EGG HUNT ON SURROUNDING GREEN, OUTSIDE
CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A RESPONSIBLE ADULT



BOVINGTON TOGETHER HOSTED BY POPPIES TEAROOMS
 WEST PURBECK CHURCHES
 BOVINGTON + LULWORTH GARRISON WELFARE

A GIFT FROM THE COMMUNITY FOR THE COMMUNITY, FOR ALL AGES TO ENJOY
 LIKE + FOLLOW 'BOVINGTON TOGETHER' FOR MORE INFO + UPDATES ON THE LINE UP

MISSION UPDATE

Thank you for the generous donations of creme eggs that have been given so far for gifting through the Bovington 'Community Easter' Saturday 28th March, and crafty knitted/crocheted egg covers which are being created in various places across the benefice.

We've had excellent uptake from our local schools, many of whom we connect with in the week through assemblies and visits from our school 'open the book' teams, who will be helping create and decorate giant eggs for the egg hunt. And most of our local schools have also agreed to being 'collection points' for the new-to-you school uniforms which will all be displayed and given away free on the day.

As we've had such a great uptake and kindly had support from the military who have been leafleting part of the local area in Bovington too - we're expecting it to be a fabulous turn out - so please do keep knitting, crocheting covers, we'd love more eggs and most importantly PLEASE keep praying that God will prepare the ground for the time we share together, for the relationships being formed with various community groups/ schools both civilian and military in the lead up. And indeed for the generosity of this free event to speak deeply and powerful of love and welcome to all those that come & attend the event.

Please know you too are welcome to come and be part of the event - to enjoy a free cup of tea/ hot crossed bun and enjoy the time to meet and connect with many others.

More details of the event are in the above advert.

SUN 8TH MARCH
12.30PM

LENT LUNCH
SOUP
& PUDS

Church of Saint John the Baptist
Bere Regis, B20 7HQ

No charge - Everyone's welcome - Any donations
Support work of Christian Aid



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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



Available from Benefice office
 Office@westpurbeck.org.uk

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

A Thank You from Jenny & Naj

A little note to say how much we have appreciated your prayers and best wishes for Naj and myself since Naj had his first stroke on the 29th December and the second on the 27th January. It has knocked us back, but we are so grateful to the Lord for his abounding mercies and the amazing recovery that Naj is making. I am now back to work my usual days.

Thank you so much for your love and support, Jenny. X

This prayer has been adapted by the Dean of Salisbury, Nick Papadopulos, from a prayer by the Archbishop of Jerusalem.

O God of all justice and peace,

We cry out to you in the midst of the pain and trauma and violence and fear which prevail in the lands of the Middle East. Be with those who need you in these days of suffering.

We pray for people of all faiths, Jews, Muslims, and Christians, and for all the people of those lands.

And while we pray to you, O Lord, for an end to violence and the establishment of peace, we also call for you to bring justice and equity to the peoples.

Guide us into your kingdom, where all people are treated with dignity and honour as your children.

For to all of us you are our Heavenly Father.
In Jesus's name we pray.
Amen

GOD LOVES THE WORLD

For God so loved the world,
that he gave his only begotten Son,
that whoever believes in him
should not perish,
but have everlasting life.

John 3:16



This month at Café Church we thought about how much we owe God for sending Jesus to live alongside us and how we can express that thanks through our love for Him, our love for others and our service.

'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**



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WAREHAM, BH20 7BN
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