

### 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 4th Sunday before Lent Sunday 9th February 2025

### Sunday 9th February - The Fourth Sunday before Lent

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

For enquiries outside these times contact the Vicar.

### MIDWEEK SERVICE - Wednesday 12th February

10.30am	Holy Communion	Bere Regis
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### Sunday 16th February - The Third Sunday before Lent

9am	Holy Communion	Bere Regis
9am	Holy Communion by Extension	Wool
10.45am	<b>Prayer and Praise online</b>	<b>Streamed</b>
<b>Zoom link:</b>	<a href="https://us06web.zoom.us/j/5152255413">https://us06web.zoom.us/j/5152255413</a> Meeting ID: 515 225 5413	
11am	Holy Communion	Affpuddle
11am	Songs of Praise	Winfrith

### 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 Fourth Sunday before Lent

O God,  
you know us to be set  
in the midst of so many and great dangers,  
that by reason of the frailty of our nature  
we cannot always stand upright:  
grant to us such strength and protection  
as may support us in all dangers  
and carry us through all temptations;  
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 Fourth Sunday before Lent

Go before us, Lord, in all we do with your most gracious favour, and guide us with your continual help, that in all our works begun, continued and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name, and finally by your mercy receive everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Readings:** Isa. 6.1-end; 1 Cor. 15.1-11; Luke 5.1-11.

### Gospel: Luke 5.1-11

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, 'Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.' Simon answered, 'Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.' When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signalled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, 'Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!' For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.' When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed 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.

### 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.

Well done! It was a super evening, highly entertaining and extremely competently performed considering that these are not professional actors

Better than anything I have seen at the Lighthouse!!

A really great and entertaining show last night! We thoroughly enjoyed it

What a fantastic show. I've been to some big shows but this topped all of them put together.

Just marvellous, superb, well done



Brilliant performance last night

Very professional!!

Have not laughed as much as this in years!

Wow what a show! This was simply amazing and great entertainment

### Lulworth Players Beauty and the Beast

Well done to all the team for presenting a stunning production of Beauty and the Beast at West Lulworth village hall last week. Performers, technicians, sound, lights, costumes, props and sets were all on top form. Three performances played to capacity audiences who enjoyed the show and gave some lovely comments. See you all again next year!

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 of Australia. Also please pray for the Church Housing Trust, our community outreach, Churches Together

**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 the schools in the Benefice: Wool CE Primary, St Mary and St. Joseph's RC Primary, Bovington Primary, The Harbour School, Bere Regis Primary and Pre-School and Lulworth and Winfrith CE Primary School.

Pray for the residents of Stanbarrow Close and Tower Hill in Bere Regis; Church Road and Farm Lane in West Lulworth; Winbrook Fold and The Orchard in Winfrith and East Knighton; Windsor Close and Victoria Close in Bovington, Tollgate and Vicarage Close in Wool.

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

We pray for Peter Wharf; Mark; 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; 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

The Benefice office will be closed on Friday 7th and Wednesday 12th February for annual leave.

Open again as usual on Friday 14th 9.00am-1.30pm

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**THIS SUNDAY**

**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

### Poppy Appeal

Following the great success of the Poppy installations round the village in 2024 by the Guerrilla Gardeners they now have a more ambitious display for this year. The Guerrilla Gardeners are organising a Poppy Cascade to be draped from the Holy Rood Church tower on an Authentic Cam Net. For this installation we need a lot of Poppies... the poppies will be 5 inches across so bigger than last year (can use same pattern but using size 5mm crochet hook and chunky wool) although smaller ones can be used we are hoping for more bigger ones for this display. Some Poppies can be Purple (representing animals lost) but predominately red with a button centre or just a black knitted middle. Crochet and Knitted Poppies and Poppies made with Felt with button centres. Collection boxes will be in Holy Rood church and other churches in the Benefice plus the Central Shop in Wool. Patterns for both crochet and knitted poppies will be available in church and on request... email [sue@whomwah.com](mailto:sue@whomwah.com) or telephone 01929 463803. Wool and felt can be requested (along with template) by using the contact details. Lessons on how to crochet will be held with the first one being Friday 14th February in the East Burton village hall, 10 til 12 noon. There will be other dates to learn and they will be held in Holy Rood church... as we get into May there will be more dates for attaching the poppies.



Please help if you can and spread the word. Sue Burroughs, member of Guerrilla Gardeners

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### 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.**

### 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!**



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