

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 22nd February 2026

The First Sunday of Lent

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9am	BCP Holy Communion	Affpuddle
9am	Holy Communion	West Lulworth
10.30am	Holy Communion	Wool
11am	Holy Communion	Bere Regis
11am	Holy Communion	Winfrith

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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.

Next Sunday 1st March - The Second Sunday of Lent

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	Evensong	Bere Regis

NEXT MIDWEEK SERVICE - 4th March

10.30am	Holy Communion	The D'Urberville Centre
12noon	and Community Lunch	Wool

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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Collect for The First Sunday of Lent

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness,
and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:
give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit;
and, as you know our weakness,
so may we know your power to save;
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**

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Post Communion prayer for The First Sunday of Lent

Lord God,
you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven;
by it you nourish our faith,
increase our hope,
and strengthen our love:
teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread,
and enable us to live by every word
that proceeds from out of your mouth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Readings: Gen. 2.15-17, 3.1-7; Rom. 5.12-19; Matt. 4.1-11

Gospel: Matt. 4.1-11

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' But he answered, 'It is written,

"One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,

"He will command his angels concerning you",

and "On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."

Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."'

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

"Worship the Lord your God,

and serve only him."

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

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=InGnvFjnDyoAIHUp>

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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
f LIKE + FOLLOW 'BOVINGTON TOGETHER' FOR MORE INFO + UPDATES ON THE LINE UP



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

'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



SUGGESTIONS FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

The work of the Church: Please pray for the Church of Ireland. Also please pray for the Bible Society and Messy Church.

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 Bladen Valley, Chalk Pit Close and Chamberlaynes in Bere Regis; West Road in West Lulworth; Winbrook Fold and The Orchard in Winfrith and East Knighton; Alamein Road in Bovington, Water Meadow Lane in East Burton, Wellbridge Meadow in Wool, West Holme in East Stoke.

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; Barry Quinn; Maureen Long; John Scott; Naj Alidina; Andrea Smith; Mary Richter; Fr. Tony Ball

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:

David Bunter; Peter Gould; Colin (Tyrone) Harris; Ken Baynton; Nancy Scott; Ian Farr; David Brann

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

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/78393489330?pwd=E6ZMV6ThqxAKlLgcFbYbu0xZUmGioZ.1>
Meeting ID: 783 9348 9330

MISSION UPDATE

Following the successful Community Christmas Event in Bovington, look out for further news of the West Purbeck Benefice Mission **Community Easter**, on Saturday 28th March. You can help with prayer, gifts, crafts and just by spreading the word. See the flyer attached to your Link email.



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



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

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.



Tickets
£15

Winfrith Village
Stores
or scan to book



All proceeds to St Nicholas' Church, Chaldon
Sponsored by
Nuclear Restoration Services Ltd (Sites)

Café Church is on the 1st March.
Come and join us for a lively exploration
of why Jesus is The Perfect Sacrifice.
Arrive at 10:30 for 10:45 in Winfrith
Village Hall and receive a warm
welcome.

The
PERFECT SACRIFICE