

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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**The Fourth Sunday of Lent
Sunday 30th March 2025
MOTHERING SUNDAY**

NB—British Summer Time begins on Sunday—clocks go forward 1 hour.

Sunday 30th March - MOTHERING SUNDAY

10.30am

UNITED BENEFICE EUCHARIST

West Lulworth



MIDWEEK SERVICE - Wednesday 2nd April

10.30am

Holy Communion
& Community lunch

D'Urberville Hall, Wool

Sunday 6th April - The Fifth Sunday of Lent

9am

Holy Communion by extension

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

Collect for Mothering Sunday

God of compassion,
whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary,
shared the life of a home in Nazareth,
and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself:
strengthen us in our daily living
that in joy and in sorrow
we may know the power of your presence
to bind together and to heal;
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 Mothering Sunday

Loving God,
as a mother feeds her children at the breast
you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life:
help us who have tasted your goodness
to grow in grace within the household of faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Readings: 1 Sam. 1.20-end; Col. 3.12-17; John 19.25b-27

Gospel: John 19.25b-27

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. 26 When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' 27 Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

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 the coming week:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78121856212?pwd=7WjlQMkRBRwaVFH8WtUrNehOA3FEwD.I>

Meeting ID: 781 2185 6212

IMPORTANT NOTE!

The mains water in Holy Rood church has had to be switched off due to a leak. We regret this means no kitchen or toilet facilities are currently available in Holy Rood church. Please bear with us until the leak can be repaired - we are working on it!

Annual Church Clean

The annual Holy Rood church clean will be on Saturday 29th March and if anyone can make an hour or so about 10am to help it would be really appreciated. This is the time when cobwebs and other bigger tasks are completed and as many as possible would make the task so much easier. Thank you.

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.



Winfrith Community Foods

Soup 'n' Pud

Friday 4th April Winfrith Village Hall

Citizens' Advice van

Update on the Poppy Appeal - The Poppy Cascade from the Holy Rood Church Tower

Thank you to all those who have made poppies so far and please keep making, we will need at least one thousand or more; also black buttons are needed for the Felt Poppies.

Please place your completed poppies in the various collecting boxes. The plan is to start sewing them onto the net in May. The cut-off date for poppies will be September.

A Rehearsal is currently being planned on how the net will be installed. I will send more updates in the next few months. If the Guerrilla Gardeners can pull off this ambitious installation it will be amazing - thanks again for your support.

Dates when sewing begins will be in the Link and on FaceBook in May.

Wool and Felt are available, please contact Sue Burroughs on 463803 or email sue@whomwah.com

Thank you, Sue Burroughs



A date for your diaries

Our curate, Rev Lydia, will be ordained priest in Salisbury Cathedral on 28th June at 4.30pm. All are warmly invited! Travel arrangements are to be sorted out but lifts will certainly be available.

EASTER FLOWERS APPEAL

If you would like to donate money towards Easter Flowers in Holy Rood, please place your money in a sealed envelope and hand to Sue Burroughs or a members of the clergy before Saturday 19th April.

If you would like an arrangement to be in memory of a loved one, please add their name and I will place a card near the flowers.

Thank you, Sue Burroughs.



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 or on 01929 472246.

BREAKFAST CLUB

We meet at Holme for Gardens on the second Wednesday every month at 10am
(next meeting 9th April). **All welcome!**
Please let Mary know if you are coming on 01929 556086



Easter Activities

Saturday 5th April 2-4pm

Winfrith Village Hall

Free stone hunt

Easter crafts

Refreshments

Face painting



All proceeds to Purbeck Pupils volunteering expedition to Ghana 2026

Community Lunch—FREE

in The D'Urberville Hall from 12 noon

Soup 'n Pud

First Wednesday of the Month

All Welcome

Next one

Wednesday 2nd April 2025

All donations welcome

We look forward to seeing you!



SUGGESTIONS FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

The work of the Church: Please pray for Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo. Also please pray for the Children's Society and our Clergy and Licenced Lay Ministers.

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, public buildings, memorial and village halls. Pray for the residents of Throop, Rye Hill, Rye Hill Close and Shitterton in Bere Regis; Britwell Drive and Burngate in West Lulworth; Butts Close and Gibraltar Cottages in Winfrith and East Knighton; Morris Road and Manor Barn Cottages in Bovington, New Cottages in Coombe Keynes, New Road in East Stoke.

Those who are ill or have asked for our prayers:

We pray for Peter Wharf; Mark; Chris Rick; Esther Farr; Eileen Rolls; John Mitchell; Catherine; Joe; Christine Burroughs;

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: Gladys Halliday; Miriam (Mim) Parkinson; Anthea Edwards

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

Revision of Church Electoral Rolls.

All of our churches are currently renewing their Electoral Rolls. Once every six years a completely new roll has to be prepared, and everyone who wishes to be on an Electoral Roll needs to re-apply. The Electoral Roll is a list of people who can vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM), and who may stand to serve as members of the PCC. It is the nearest thing that we have to a membership list in the Church of England. The new Electoral Roll will be adopted by each church at its APCM. Application forms for each church are now available in church, or may be downloaded from the Benefice Website. The deadline for return of completed forms varies from church to church - please speak with your church Electoral Roll Officer for more information. Thank you.

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



MOTHERING SUNDAY
30TH MARCH
Benefice Eucharist Service
at Holy Trinity Church
West Lulworth
10.30am

West Purbeck Benefice Lent Course 2025.

Following the success for last year's course, we have decided to use another course by the same author, Bishop Steven Croft, Bishop of Oxford. This year's course will be: 'Experiencing God's Love'.

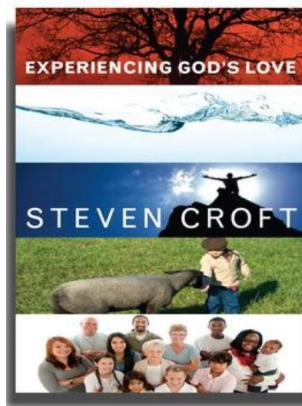
Experiencing God's Love is a short study guide that aims to deepen our understanding and first-hand experience of living a life of faith.

It explores five biblical images of the ways in which our lives are changed by walking with Christ:

1. Being securely rooted in prayer and scriptures;
2. Cleansed through baptism, confession and forgiveness;
3. Enlightened through worship, mission and growth in holiness;
4. Tended through care for one another and the world;
5. Welcomed in the Eucharist and in the fellowship of the Church.

Each chapter explores one of these images using the Psalms and the Gospels; it is supported by an audio introduction to each session.

The course continues on **Thursdays 3rd and 10th April 2.30-4pm**. **Change of venue:** on 3rd April in the **D'Urberville Centre Main Hall**. On 10th April in the **Kids of Wool Building**. The course booklet can be ordered either as a paperback book, or as an eBook here: [Experiencing God's Love Five Images of Transformation by Steven Croft](#), Steven J. L. Croft - Paperback - 9780715142516



LENT LABYRINTH

We invite you to join us for a quiet day using the labyrinth to reflect on our Lent journey with experienced facilitator Nickie Fidgin



West Lulworth Village Hall

1st April 2025

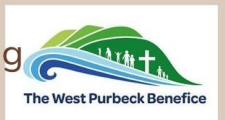
10.15-4.00

£10 per person, please bring a packed lunch

Reserve your place by emailing

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or sign up on the sheet in church



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