

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 7th December 2025
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9am	BCP Holy Communion	Wool
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10.30 for 10.45am	Café Church	Winfrith Village Hall
11am	Holy Communion	Affpuddle
4pm	Christingle	Wool
5pm	Carol concert with Wareham Choral	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.
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MIDWEEK SERVICE - 10th December

10.30am	Holy Communion	Bere Regis
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Next Sunday 14th December - The Third Sunday of Advent

10am	Morning Praise	Affpuddle
10am	Junior Church	Bere Regis
10.30am	Holy Communion	Wool
11am	Family Service	Bere Regis
11am	Christingle	Winfrith
3pm	The Longest Night	Bere Regis
5pm	Carol Service	Chaldon

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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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Collect for the Second Sunday of Advent

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power
and come among us,
and with great might succour us;
that whereas, through our sins and wickedness
we are grievously hindered
in running the race that is set before us,
your bountiful grace and mercy
may speedily help and deliver us;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen**

Post Communion prayer for the Second Sunday of Advent

Father in heaven,
who sent your Son to redeem the world
and will send him again to be our judge:
give us grace so to imitate him
in the humility and purity of his first coming
that, when he comes again,
we may be ready to greet him
with joyful love and firm faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Readings: Isa. 11.1-10; Rom. 15.4-13; Matt 3.1-12

Gospel: Matt 3.1-12

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

"Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight."

Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

'I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

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/76892412724?pwd=HNS8Pf2zHbMxKKd8PFTNQqrZuJhyg.1>

Meeting ID: 768 9241 2724

**Christmas at St.
Christopher's
Church – a warm
welcome awaits
you. Do join us.**

**5 pm on Friday 5th
Carols around the
tree in the
churchyard, followed
by mince pies and
mulled wine in
church. Please join
us for a lovely
community evening.
Please bring a torch
and wear something
warm.**



**11 am on Sunday 14th
Christingle service**



**11 am on Sunday 21st
Family Carol Service**



**2 pm on Wednesday 24th
Crib Service**



**11 am on Thursday
25th Christmas Day**



Christmas Carol Service

ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH
CHALDON HERRING

SUNDAY 14 DECEMBER
5 PM



SUGGESTIONS FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

The work of the Church: Please pray for the Church of Bangladesh.

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 Royal British Legion and the Army at Bovington and Lulworth.

Pray for the residents of West Street and White Lovington in Bere Regis; School Lane and Shepherd's Way in West Lulworth; Butts Close and Gibraltar Cottages in Winfrith and East Knighton; Burton Road in East Burton, Burton Road, Burton Wood and Cedars Close in Wool.

Those who are ill or have asked for our prayers:

We pray for Peter Wharf; Catherine; Joe; Louisa Botterill; Brenda and David; Mark; Heather Edwards; Daisy Martin; Pat House; David; Barry Quinn; Lesley Weeks

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: Paul Pinnock; Sara Grayson; Dorothy Reed; Violet Cole; Wendy Morrison; Peter Hardman

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

ST. LAURENCE'S CHURCH, AFFPUDDLE



CAROL SERVICE

With the Briantspuddle Singers

Wednesday 17th Dec at 6.30pm

followed by Mince pies & Mulled wine

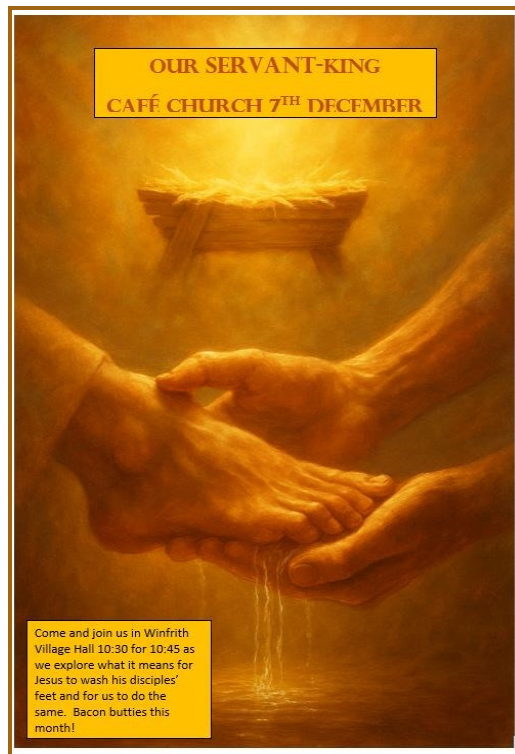


Please join us & bring a friend!

Two former residents of Wool

Trevor Furze died peacefully in the John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, on November 24. He was headmaster of Wool C of E Primary School from 1973 to 1989. Before that he taught at St Mary's Primary School, Bridport. Trevor's ashes will be scattered on his beloved Dorset coast.

The family of **Brian Slater** have informed us that Brian recently died. Residents of Wool will remember that he was the landlord of the Ship in Wool for many years, having taken over the licence from his mother, and also ran the local shop. Most memorable were his performances with the d'Urberville Amateur Dramatic society. He had a fine singing voice and powerful stage presence, particularly in the role of The Mikado.



The Longest Night

*a reflective service for anyone finding
Christmas difficult
there will be a time to light a candle for a
loved one*

**St. John the Baptist
Bere Regis
14 December
3pm**

*The light shines in the darkness, and
the darkness has not overcome it.
John 1.5*



WEST PURBECK BENEFICE MISSION UPDATE

We're excited to be working with Poppies Tearooms to offer a 'COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS' in Bovington on Friday 12th December (5-7pm). It'll be great—free bits for the kids to do, live carols plus the opportunity to pick up free 'new-to-you' toys before Christmas. But we need your help—collecting good quality outgrown toys! Please drop off at Poppies Monday-Friday 9am-3pm until 5th December. Let's share what we've got, help reduce waste and brighten someone else's day!

Celebrate Christmas

Sunday 7th December
Bere Regis
5pm
Christmas Concert with Wareham Choral Society

Sunday 14th December
Bere Regis
10am Junior Church
11am 'Christmas Cake' Family Service
3pm 'The Longest Night'
a reflective service for those who find Christmas difficult

Wednesday 17th December
Affpuddle
6.30pm Christmas Carol Service

Sunday 21st December
Bere Regis
11am Christmas Carol Service

Come along to our special services this Christmas and celebrate the birth of Jesus

in Bere Regis and Affpuddle

Christmas Eve
Bere Regis
5pm Christingle Service

9pm 'Midnight in Bethlehem' Communion Service

Christmas Day
Affpuddle
10am Christmas Day Communion Service

Bere Regis
11am Christmas Praise

And a very Happy Christmas to you all



Accommodation needed in the New Year

A message from Revd Jenny Alidina on behalf of Eres:

"Hello, my name is Eres and I am an experienced house sitter who loves animals and walks dogs. I am looking for accommodation, either lodging or rental or house sitting in the West Purbeck Benefice area from the New Year for at least a month. If you know of something, please give me a call on 07790 641565 or email me at eresseer@outlook.com."

I have met with Eres on several occasions and she is a lovely person. If you would like to know more about her please do contact me: revjenny@westpurbeck.org.uk 01929 551502
Revd Jenny

Carol singing around Wool village

Friday 19th December

Start 5.30pm outside Boots

Finish 7.00pm at Wool Legion



CHRISTMAS FANFARE AT ST CHRISTOPHER'S

An 8-piece brass ensemble from the world-famous Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra will be performing their "Christmas Fanfare" in St Christopher's Church, Winfrith Newburgh on Wednesday 17 December.

This not-to-be-missed one-off concert is being staged with the help of Artsreach in aid of the church in Winfrith.

Festive music from across the genres can be expected on the night from medieval madrigals through classics like the Coventry Carol as well as modern masterpieces such as The Snowman and Frozen. There will be something sensational here for every music lover.

The congregation at St Christopher's will assure you of a warm welcome on this winter's night with some fabulous seasonal fare and a bar to keep out the winter chill.



Tickets costing £16.00 for adults and £10.00 for children will soon be available from Winfrith Village Stores or by phone from 01305 853901, also online at www.artsreach.co.uk

Christmas Flowers in Holy Rood Church

If you would like to donate money towards the Christmas Flowers in church in memory of a loved one please place cash in an envelope and either give to myself or Toni M or member of the Clergy with your name and the name of those you would like remembered. The flowers will be placed in church on Monday 22nd or Tuesday 23rd December...and a memory card placed next to an arrangement. Thank you. If you would like to help with the flowers please contact me as 'many hands make light work' - you will be very welcome.
Sue Burroughs 01929 463803.

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Holy Rood Church Wool Dec 5th to 12th

Friday 5th at 6pm Launching
this event with the "Serenade"
Choir

Saturday 6th 2pm Handbells
Demo

Sunday 7th 4pm Christingle
Service

The church will be open
throughout the week with coffee
and mince pies on offer.

Monday 8th until Friday 12th
when the trees will be removed.



The Church of
The Holy Rood
Church Lane, WOOL
BH20 6DD



Wareham Choral Society "A Celebration of Christmas"

Sun 7th December 5pm

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH,
BERE REGIS BH20 7HA

Free
admission!



Patron **Rt Hon David Mellor KC**
Conductor **Hazel Ricketts** Organist **Paul Ellis**

Join us for a "CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS",
a 1-hour, family-friendly concert of Christmas
music and carols for choir and audience,
in the historic church of St John the Baptist,
Bere Regis

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