

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 11th May 2025
Fourth Sunday of Easter

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9am	Holy Communion	Chaldon
10am	Morning Praise	Affpuddle
10am	Junior Church	Bere Regis
10.30am	Holy Communion	Wool
11am	Family Service	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.
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NEXT MIDWEEK SERVICE - Wednesday 14th May

10.30am	Holy Communion	Bere Regis
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Next Sunday 18th May - 5th Sunday of Easter

9am	Holy Communion by extension	Bere Regis
9am	Holy Communion	Wool
10.45am	Prayer and Praise online	Streamed
Zoom link:	https://us06web.zoom.us/j/5152255413 Meeting ID: 515 225 5413	
11am	Baptism of Freya Amelia Everett	Bere Regis
11am	Holy Communion	Affpuddle
11am	Songs of Praise	Winfrith
1pm	Baptism of Alfie David Gardner	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.

Collect for Fourth Sunday of Easter

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:
raise us, who trust in him,
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,
that we may seek those things which are above,
where he 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 Fourth Sunday of Easter

Merciful Father,
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd,
and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again:
keep us always under his protection,
and give us grace to follow in his steps;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Readings: Acts 9.36-end; Rev. 7.9-end; John 10.22-30

Gospel: John 10.22-30

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.' Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one.'

NEW LAY WORSHIP LEADERS TO BE COMMISSIONED

Following a course of discernment and training for new Lay Worship Leaders (LWLs) across Purbeck Deanery, I am pleased to be able to share that 5 people from West Purbeck Benefice will be commissioned by the Bishop of Sherborne as Lay Worship Leaders, at 7.30pm on Wednesday 14th May in the Church of Lady St Mary, Wareham. They are: Emma Menzies (Affpuddle and Bere Regis), Richard Killer (Affpuddle), Steven Woolley (Bere Regis), Barbara Brann (Winfrith Newburgh) and John Yonwin (Winfrith Newburgh). They will join our existing team of LWLs in leading worship across the benefice. Please pray for them in this exciting new ministry.

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/71416735820?pwd=rzTC7qloRG6amZaflHbQFrCb6Hxw6.1>

Meeting ID: 714 1673 5820

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Franciscan Quiet Day

AT HILFIELD FRIARY

TUES 17 JUNE

10AM-4PM

Join us for a quiet day reflecting on God's
goodness in creation.

£10 donation

Please bring a packed lunch

RSVP to office@westpurbeck.org.uk



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Appeal for help with making and sewing poppies onto the Cam Net

Please... if you have a couple of hours spare on Tuesday 20th May from 2pm until 4pm do come along and help make a start on sewing the Poppies onto the Cam Net. If you are able to help in any way: making tea/coffee (all provided); helping put the net in place to sew and/or sewing, we have all the needles, cotton, wool, pins - **we just need you!**

This sewing session will be the first one and we're hoping to follow up with at least two sessions monthly - it's a big net and will be in the Holy Rood Church, Wool. Parking outside the church can be an issue but you can park up along Colliers Lane. If you contact me I can give a lift.

Please help if you can and, of course, we still need a lot of poppies. Thank you to all who have made poppies so far.

Please note, on the second Friday of each month in the East Burton Village Hall (10am til 12 noon), we have a table with wool, knitting needles and crochet hooks along with patterns.

Sue Burroughs (sue@whomwah.com) or 463803



BREAKFAST CLUB

We meet at Holme for Gardens on the second Wednesday every month at 10am (next meeting 14th May).

All welcome!

Please let Mary know if you are coming on 01929 556086

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.

WOOL'S POPULAR CHARTER FAIR RETURNS THIS MAY!

Wool Parish Council wants to welcome people of all ages to come and enjoy this event, and make it a fun day out with your family.

This year's Charter Fair will take place on **Saturday, 17th May**. The fun starts from **11:30 am** and will finish at **4:30 pm** approximately. The location is **Millennium Square, near the Catholic church**.

The origin of the Wool Charter Fair was dates back to the 13th century; to the Monks and Abbots of Bindon Abbey in the year of 1280, allowing them to hold a fair or market near to Wool Manor.

Victorian Theme - come in costume if you like!

Stalls and Entertainment

SUGGESTIONS FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

The work of the Church: Please pray for The Nippon Sei Ko Kai. Also please pray for our Pastoral Team.

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; Water Lane and Shilling Plot in Winfrith and East Knighton; Baileys Drove, Baker Close and Bindon Lane in Wool, Bindon Lane and Binnegar Cottages in East Stoke.

Those who are ill or have asked for our prayers:

We pray for Peter Wharf; Mark; Esther Farr; Catherine; Joe; Christine Burroughs; Louisa Botterill; Christine, Brenda and David; Wendy Morrison; Hillie Montgomery; Revd. Jenny Alidina

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: Jean Caundle; John Mitchell; Ron Kellock; Shirley Ford

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

Please pray for

Rhiannon Hoggins and Henry Michelmore, who will be married
at St Andrew's Church, East Lulworth on Saturday 10th May,
and their family and friends.

Please pray for the family and friends of

John Mitchell, whose funeral will take place at Holy Rood church, Wool
on Wednesday 14th May

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



The West Purbeck Benefice
 comprising the parishes of Wool & East Stoke,
 Bere Regis, Affpuddle, The Lulworths, Winfrith & Chaldon

Invite you to the Licensing of
The Reverend Lisselle Clarke-Moisley
 as Benefice Missioner

by the Bishop of Sherborne and the Archdeacon of Sherborne

on Saturday 7th June 2025 at 5:00pm

in the Church of the Holy Rood, Wool BH20 6DD

Refreshments will be provided after the service in Wool CE Primary School

**VE DAY 80TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATION AND
 COMMUNITY LUNCH IN WOOL**



As you probably know, I had an emergency operation on my left eye on the 8th April to fix a detached retina. They inject a bubble of gas into your eye to keep the retina fixed in place. The gas I was given lasts from 4-6 weeks. Well, 4 weeks have passed and I am feeling a lot better and my vision has improved. I still have the bubble at the bottom of my left eye but my distance vision is good. Reading is more difficult as I am looking through the bubble but everything is improving nicely.

I feel this is due to two things, a successful operation and the power of prayer. Naj and I have been so grateful for your good wishes, gifts, visits and kindnesses to us but especially for your prayers. Thank you so much. I look forward to working alongside you once again at the end of May.
Revd Jenny

St Aldhelm's Day - 25 May, St Aldhelm's Chapel, 4pm
 Bishop Karen will be celebrating St Aldhelm's Day with a Eucharist at St Aldhelm's Chapel. Everyone is welcome to join her, meet at the Renscombe Car Park at Worth Matravers at 3.30pm to walk to the Chapel. If it is a sunny evening please bring a picnic tea. If very wet the service will take place in Langton Matravers Church.