Mid Week Services:

Monday8.30am Morning Prayer, Streamed liveTuesday8.30am Morning Prayer, Streamed liveWednesday8.30 pm Night Prayer, Streamed liveThursday8.30am Morning Prayer, Streamed liveFriday8.30am Morning Prayer, Streamed live

NOTICES

Reading During Lent

If you would like me to order you a Lent book please let me know by Sunday 7th Feb – Rev Sandra

Real Easter Eggs- The Egg that Shares The Easter Story

Order your Real Easter Eggs by emailing

 $g.williams_I\,\&\ hotmail.com$

Marmalade

I have been busy making Seville Orange Marmalade for church funds. If you would like some please contact me Judy Hill 01929 462888. I can deliver or leave in my porch for collection.

Worship in Church

Due to Lockdown most Churches in the West Purbeck Benefice are closed. St Laurence, Affpuddle remains open for private Prayer.

Benefice Office

The Benefice office continues to work from home during the National Lockdown please contact by email. **westpurbeckoffice@gmail.com** Telephone number is 07729484866.

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The Second Sunday before Lent Sunday 7th February 2021

Welcome to the West Purbeck Link

The Second Sunday before Lent



10.45 Café Church, Whole Benefice, Streamed Live

There is no service at Bere Regis this morning

The Sunday next before Lent 14th February 10.45, Holy Communion CW, Whole Benefice, Streamed Live

Is there more to life than this?

If this is a question you have asked, then Alpha online is an opportunity to explore this and the many other BIG questions about life. Alpha creates a friendly space to connect with others online to watch a series of episodes and explore the Christian faith together. We are starting on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm on the 24th February. For more information and to obtain the link to join email jennyalidina@irishollow.co.uk.

The Readings:

Café Church Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-12

Proverbs 8:1,22-31or Colossians 1:15-20 & John 1:1-14

Collect for the Second Sunday before Lent

Almighty God,

you have created the heavens and the earth

and made us in your own image:

teach us to discern your hand in all your works

and your likeness in all your children;

through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,

who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever.

Amen

Post Communion Prayer

God our creator, by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of your Church: may we who have been nourished at your table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross and enjoy the delights of eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

John I

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God. The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-12

Now faith brings our hopes into reality and becomes the foundation needed to acquire the things we long for. It is all the evidence required to prove what is still unseen. This testimony of faith is what previous generations were commended for. Faith empowers us to see that the universe was created and beautifully coordinated by the power of God's words! He spoke and the invisible realm gave birth to all that is seen.

Faith motivated Abraham to obey God's call and leave the familiar to

discover the territory he was destined to inherit from God. So he left with only a promise and without even knowing ahead of time where he was going, Abraham stepped out in faith. He lived by faith as an immigrant in his promised land as though it belonged to someone else. He journeyed through the land living in tents with Isaac and Jacob who were persuaded that they were also co-heirs of the same promise. His eyes of faith were set on the city with unshakable foundations, whose architect and builder is God himself. Sarah's faith embraced the miracle power to conceive even though she was barren and was past the age of childbearing, for the authority of her faith rested in the One who made the promise, and she tapped into his faithfulness.

In fact, so many children were subsequently fathered by this aged man of faith—one who was as good as dead, that he now has offspring as innumerable as the sand on the seashore and as the stars in the sky!

SUGGESTIONS FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

The work of the Church; Pray for The Anglican Church of Burundi also Five Talents and our Teapot Club

This Benefice; We pray for all those who are isolating or not able to join in with worship at this time. Also the Police, Fire and Rescue, Ambulance Services and Hospitals. Also the residents of Briantspuddle, Egdon Close, Elder Road, Green Close in Bere Regis, School Lane and Shepherd's Way in West Lulworth, Thornicks and Langcotes in Winfrith and East Knighton, Jeremy Close and Knowle Hill in Wool, Kimberts End in Coombe Keynes and King George V Road in Bovington

Those who are ill, especially those suffering from the Coronavirus; We pray too for Revd Carol Langford, Mark and family, Jude, Jean Day, Andy, Chris Rumbold, Brian Horn, Gill, Sarah McC, Jenny, Mark and their family, Dot and Mike Palmer-Fry, Beccy and Freya Wright, Alison, Brian Branch, Sarah Shepherd, Daphne Barker, Jo Syrett, Peggy Warboys, Richard Barrett, Lucy, Bin Roy and Harriet.

The families and friends of those who have died in recent days, Walter Billey and Janet Goddard. Also the families and friends of those whose anniversary of death falls at this time.