

**St Mary's Church Christmas Market**  
**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2024**  
**11.00am to 2.30pm**

Could you please help at this event by running a stall - cakes, books & jigsaws, produce, tombola, children's toys etc or by making cakes, preparing food for refreshments, providing tombola or raffle prizes or helping to set up and clear up chairs and tables. Your support is much appreciated.

Please give any donations of - Cakes/pies to Marie; Books/jigsaws to Judith; Tombola items to Sheila; Christmas Hamper items to Val; Paintings to Libbie. Children's toys or books to Mary Hodges or Mary Smith. Let us make this a joyous fundraising event to help support St Mary's Church and Family now and into the future. Thank you very much, Sandra

**Concert: The Wessex Male Voice Choir & Purton Village Voices**

at St. Mary's Church, Purton

The Wessex are once again joined by Purton Village Voices for an evening of winter music and carols. Refreshments will be available.

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2024 at 7.00pm**

TICKETS: £15.00 Adult Under18's £6.50

**Concert: Sing Four Four Community Choir**  
**& Guests Voces Mates**

at St Mary's Church, Purton

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December at 3.00pm**

TICKETS £6

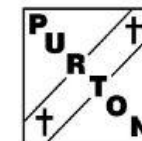
With a raffle and retiring collection in aid of St Mary's Church



St Mary's  
Church Purton

**Purton  
Churches  
Together**

"In partnership with  
other Christians in Purton"



Purton  
Methodist Church

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2024**  
**Welcome to our two Churches.**

For more information about the service please see the welcome page inside the order of service. If you would like a visit from a Church member, or would value prayer or an opportunity to find out more about the Christian faith please contact

- The Vicar, Rev Ian Tweedie-Smith on 01793 770077  
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**Advent Bible Study Group**

Come and study the biblical words of  
**peace, hope, joy, and love.**

From 25<sup>th</sup> November for 4 weeks  
starting at 7:30pm

Monday Group – Richard & Rosie's

Thursday Group – Paul & Marie's

Talk to Paul, Richard or contact

[administrator@stmaryspurton.org.uk](mailto:administrator@stmaryspurton.org.uk)

## Church Events

<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November</b>	8.00am	Communion at St Mary's Church with Revd John Martin
	10.30am	Church for All at St Mary's Church with Liz & David Martin
	10.30am	Service at Purton Methodist Church led by Jenny Corkett
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Zoom Prayer Group Zoom ID:907644918 Passcode:918865
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup>	12 noon	Funeral of Vicki Venter at St Mary's Church with Revd Tudor Roberts
	7.30pm	Music group rehearsal (venue tbc)
	7.30pm	Choir practice
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup>	5.00pm	Prayer Group – Lady Chapel
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup>	11.00am	Meeting in church
	1.15pm	Funeral of Jill Mucklow at St Mary's Church with Revd Tudor Roberts
	7.00pm-9.30pm	Rehearsal for concert at St Mary's Church
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup>	5.30pm	BASH Youth Group at St Mary's Church
	7.30pm	Bellingring practice
Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup>		
<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November</b>	10.30am	Communion at St Mary's Church with Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith
	10.30am	Service at Purton Methodist Church led by Joseph Musungu
	6.00pm	Simple supper at the vicarage before ...
	6.30pm	Dig Deeper at the vicarage with Ian and Tim Cross (see overleaf for more information)

**Prayer:** In our street prayer cycle for November, we pray for Church Path, Church Street, Hyde Lane, The Hyde, Parkside, Church End, Manor Hill, (*and from Moulden View*) Criollo Place and Oldenburg Close; the Cedars Care Home on Purton High Street. Methodist Circuit prayers this week are for Highworth Methodist Church. We give thanks to God for the lives of those who have recently died. We pray for the families and friends of Hedley Webb, Margaret Beaumont, Vicki Venter and Jill Mucklow.

**Bible reading:** Psalm 16

### **Collect: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Advent**

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### **Dig Deeper Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2024 The Vicarage**

6.00pm for **Simple Supper** – Casserole with Baked Potatoes (please inform Celia in advance with numbers and any dietary requirements)  
6.30pm **Facing Uncertain Times with God's Certain Promises**  
"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God."  
Major General (retired) Tim Cross will be joining us remotely. He has experience of peace making and peace keeping in Northern Ireland, the Balkans, and Iraq. He will come with some reflections on the situation in Ukraine, Gaza, Israel, Lebanon and Iran; how a Christian can be a peacemaker in those places and elsewhere. How we individually, as a Church and as a nation can face uncertain times with God's certain promises. He will provide a presentation and be available for questions. We will aim to finish by 8.15pm. Ian Tweedie-Smith

### **Walk Through the Bible Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

Please save the date and look forward to a day to discover how the whole Old Testament hangs together.

### **Church Christmas Leaflets**

This year we will not be delivering road by road, but if you would like any leaflets to visit and deliver to neighbours or friends, please write your name and number of leaflets you require on the list in church by Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November. Thank you.

**Readers:** 17<sup>th</sup> Christine Gill 24<sup>th</sup> Brian Gill

**Intercessions:** 17<sup>th</sup> Sandra Horsnall 24<sup>th</sup> David Martin

St Mary's Church website is: [www.stmaryspurton.org.uk](http://www.stmaryspurton.org.uk)

If you want to add an article into the church notices, please email Parish Administrator, Rosie Harris, by first thing Thursday mornings.  
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