

St Mary's Church Christmas Market Saturday 30th November 2024

11.00am to 2.30pm

Lots of stalls - cakes, books & jigsaws, produce, tombola, children's toys, raffle, paintings for sale, other artwork and plenty more.

Light lunches

School choir are singing at 11.15am

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.

A joyous fundraising event to help support St Mary's Church and Family now and into the future. Thank you very much.

Christmas Concert

Sing Four Four Community Choir & Guests Voces Mates

at St Mary's Church, Purton
Sunday 1st December at 3.00pm

TICKETS £6 (under 12s go free)

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

movies@mary's Christmas showing is a well-known Christmas film in which a wooden father struggles to get home for Christmas. Saturday 21 December. Doors open 4.30pm for 5.00pm showing (including free popcorn!).

Readers: 1st Dec Godfrey Fowler 8th Val Walker

Intercessions: 1st Libbie Sheppard 8th Celia Tweedie-Smith

St Mary's Church website is: 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.

administrator@stmaryspurton.org.uk



St Mary's
Church Purton

Purton
Churches
Together

"In partnership with
other Christians in Purton"



Purton
Methodist Church

Sunday 1st December 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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- The Curate, Rev Judith Wells on 01793 770627
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Christmas Concert

The Wessex Male Voice Choir & Purton Village Voices

at St. Mary's Church, Purton

Saturday 7th December 2024 at 7.00pm

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

TICKETS: £15.00 Adult Under18's £6.50



Church Events

Sunday 1st December	8.00am	Communion at St Mary's Church with Revd John Martin
	10.30am	Church for All at St Mary's Church with Liz Martin & Peter Harris
	10.30am	Service at Purton Methodist Church led by Adam Longhurst
	3.00pm	Concert at St Mary's Church – Sing Four Four Community Choir & Voces Mates
	6.00pm	Raise a Hallelujah at Purton Methodist Church
Mon 2 nd	10.00am	Zoom Prayer Group Zoom ID:907644918 Passcode:918865
	7.30pm	Advent course with Richard Harris
Tues 3 rd	7.30pm	Music group rehearsal
	7.30pm	Choir practice
Wed 4 th	5.00pm	Prayer Group – Lady Chapel
Thurs 5 th	7.30pm	Advent course with Paul & Marie Dempsey
Fri 6 th	5.30pm	BASH Youth group at St Mary's Church
	7.30pm	Bellringing practice
Sat 7 th	3.00pm	Preparation for evening concert
	7.00pm	Concert at St Mary's Church: 'The Wessex & Purton Village Voices
Sunday 8th December	10.30am	Communion at St Mary's Church with Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith
	10.30am	Service at Purton Methodist Church led by Pam Mullin
	6.00pm	Classic Christmas Carols at St Mary's Church with St Mary's & Ridgeway Farm School choirs & St Mary's Church music group

Prayer: In our street prayer cycle for December, we pray for The Fox, The Pry, Collins Lane, (*and from Moulden View*) Arabian Avenue, Palamino Place and Eriskay Place. White Lodge Care Home on Braydon Road. Methodist Circuit prayers this week are for Royal Wootton Bassett 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.

Collect: Advent 1

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Judith Wells Retirement – Notice given out on Sunday 24th November 2024

Judith has become unwell and needs some time to recover and so she has decided that she will retire from active ordained ministry as from the end of December 2024. At that point according to Diocesan Regulations she is obliged then to take 6 months off from all ordained functions and services. Then from 1st July 2025 she will be aiming perhaps to do a few weddings and funerals and maybe a few other duties, but it will be a much reduced workload. During this six month period Judith hopes to be around at St Mary's for at least some of that time. However please do not ask her to take this or that service or other ordained functions as she will not be permitted to do so. Please give her some peace and opportunity to recover her health. In the meantime, I will be seeking to engage other retired clergy to conduct funerals and weddings etc during the weekdays when I am working away. We are all very grateful to Judith and give thanks to God for her many years of ordained service in this Parish and we pray that God will give her rest, refreshment, and healing. Ian Tweedie-Smith

Advent Book – Let Earth Receive Her King by Alistair Begg

This book provides 25 readings for Advent. Alistair Begg helps us to see how the birth of Jesus was foretold and prepared for throughout the pages of Scripture and how everything points forward to His coming and to His eventual return. Each reading includes a short passage of the Bible with some comment on how that reading fits into the far bigger picture of God's plan, there is then some application and a prayer followed by the words of a familiar carol to focus our thinking and preparation to remember Christ's first coming and to look forward to His return. Normal price £8.99 Special reduced price for St Mary's £6.50

