

**WALK THROUGH THE BIBLE
The Old Testament in a nutshell**

Saturday 25th January 2025

9:30am - 5.00pm Arrive from 9:00am

VENUE: St Mary's Church, Purton SN5 4EB

www.stmaryspurton.org.uk

The Old Testament is massive, often hard to understand and difficult to navigate. Relax and enjoy the journey as an experienced guide encourages you to see God's Word through the 'Big Picture'. Our FUN and MEMORABLE sessions will help you learn with such CLARITY you'll be able to retell the whole STORYLINE to a friend. We will also do our best to INSPIRE and EQUIP you to keep digging deeper.

Bread & Soup Provided (please inform for special dietary needs) Bring Packed Lunch if you need more
Cost £14 including workbook
(FREE for children aged 11-17)

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St Mary's
Church Purton

**Purton
Churches
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"In partnership with
other Christians in Purton"



Purton
Methodist Church

Sunday 22nd December 2024 – 5th January 2025

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 Methodist Minister, Rev Shirlyn Toppin on 01793 853197
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Church Events

Sunday 22nd December	10.30am	Communion at St Mary's Church with Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith
	10.30am	Carols at Purton Methodist Church led by Adrian German
	6.00pm	Nine Lessons & Carols by candlelight at St Mary's Church with Rev Judith Wells, followed by mulled wine and mince pies
Mon 23 rd	9.30am	Nativity rehearsal at St Mary's Church
Christmas Eve	4.00pm	United Village Nativity & Carol Service with the Cricklade Band at St Mary's Church
	11.30pm	Midnight Communion at St Mary's Church with Rev Ian Tweedie-Smith
Christmas Day	8.00am	Communion at St Mary's Church with Rev Judith Wells
	10.30am	Family Celebration with Communion at St Mary's Church with Rev Ian Tweedie-Smith
Thurs 26 th		
Fri 27 th	7.30pm	Bellringing practice
Sat 28 th		
Sunday 29th December	10.30am	St Mary's on Zoom with Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith: Reflections on Christmas.
	10.30am	Own Arrangement Service of carols, coffee and cake at Purton Methodist Church
Sunday 5th January	10.30am	United Covenant Service at Purton Methodist Church led by Rev Shirlyn Toppin

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 Methodist Upper Thames Circuit, on 29th MHA Fitzwarren House and Court & on 5th January Cricklade United Church.

We give thanks to God for the lives of those who have recently died. We pray for the families and friends of Margaret Beaumont, Vicki Venter, Jill Mucklow and Michael Mucklow. We think of Gladys Legg and her family on Sunday 22nd, which would have been her birthday. The church will be filled with candles, singing and light for The Nine Lessons and Carols Service at 6pm.

Collect: Advent 4

God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect: Christmas Day

Almighty God, you have given us your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin: grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings:

22nd December: Luke 1: 26-38

24th December: John 1: 1-14; Christmas Day Luke 2: 1-20

29th December St Mary's on Zoom

Topic: Christmas Sunday Service

Time: Dec 29, 2024 09:30 AM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/2758500006?omn=86263814358>

Meeting ID: 275 850 0006

Passcode: 928294

NB. If you have any trouble logging in with this link, go to the church website and find a link there. www.stmaryspurton.org.uk



Readers: 22nd Liz Martin 24th (11.30pm) Sandra Horsnall
25th Marie Dempsey 12th Jan Libbie Sheppard

Intercessions: 22nd Madeleine Harvey 12th Jan Liz Martin

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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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