

Lent Books

'**In Quietness and Trust**' by Matt Searles, 40 days of readings based on The Beatitudes from the Sermon on the Mount. This is gentle and refreshing whilst also being thought provoking. We are helped to see the wider implications of the Beatitudes. Each day includes a brief Bible Reading and a short comment followed by a suggested prayer. Then if you are technologically able there is a Spotify link to piece of music / song linked to the theme of the day. In addition there are a helpful series of daily prayers which you can choose to add to your Lent routine but there is no compulsion to do so. Normal price 6.99, St Mary's price 4.99.

'**Mud, Bullets and Open Roads**' by David Robinson - An autobiography of a "ordinary" life made "extra ordinary" as David took God at His word and trusted Him and His promises. Normal price 7.99, St Mary's price 5.99. Normal conditions apply - return at any time for a refund if the book is not for you.



St Mary's
Church Purton

Purton Churches Together

"In partnership with
other Christians in Purton"



Purton
Methodist Church

Sunday 23rd March 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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For general enquiries: Parish Administrator, Rosie Harris
01793 773035 (Tues/Thurs mornings)
Email: administrator@stmaryspurton.org.uk

St Mary's Church invites you to

A Murder Mystery Evening on Sat 29th March 2025

in St Mary's Church

in conjunction with PADS (Purton Amateur Dramatic Society).

Time: 7.00pm for 7.30pm

Tickets : £10.00 to include a light supper plus 'Death at the Museum'

Please bring your own drinks and glasses.

To book your seat or for more information please call:

Sandra 01793 770157 or Marie 07455046815

Look forward to seeing you there.....

Lent Lunches at Purton Methodist Church continue on 19th and 26th March. Cost £6 plus cakes as priced. All proceeds sent to Mercy Ships.

Dates for your diaries

Mon 19th May 2025 - Annual Parochial Church Meeting in St Mary's Church at 7.30pm

Collect: Lent 3

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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. Amen.

Church Events

Sunday 23rd March	10.30am	Communion at St Mary's Church with Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith
	10.30am	Service at Purton Methodist Church led by Phil Bunce
Mon 24 th	10.00am	Zoom Prayer Group Zoom ID:907644918 Passcode:918865
Tues 25 th	7.30pm	PADS rehearsal at St Mary's Church
Wed 26 th	12 noon	Lent Lunches at Purton Methodist Church
	7.30pm	Lent Group at 8 College Road
Thurs 27 th	9.15am	Bible Explorer at St Mary's School
	2.00pm	Bible Explorer at Ridgeway Farm School (both with Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith)
Fri 28 th	7.30pm	Bellringing practice
Sat 29 th	7 for 7.30pm	PADS Murder Mystery Evening at St Mary's Church
Sunday 30th March	10.30am	Mothering Sunday United Parade Service at St Mary's Church with Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith
	1.00pm	Baptism of Aurora Cooper with Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith
	2-4pm	Private party in St Mary's Church

Prayer: In our street prayer cycle for March we pray for Restrop View, Restrop Road, Battlewell, Bagbury Lane, *(and from Ridgeway Farm)* Quarry Field, Lower Mill, Mill View & Cotswolds Rise Care Home on Ridgeway Farm. Methodist Circuit prayers this week are for Purton Methodist Church.

We give thanks to God for the lives of those who have recently died. We pray for the families and friends of Reginald Ovens, Arthur Griffin, Jenny Burge, Joyce Ball & Wendy Walker.

Eco-Prayer

Give thanks to God for the gift of water which sustains all life. Pray for those who do not have access to clean water and communities who are facing drought or floods due to climate change.

St Mary's Church Electoral Roll & Personal Data Forms

Every six years we have to replace our Electoral Roll (in effect membership of the Church of England in general and St Mary's Church Purton in particular). If you would like to show your allegiance to the St

Mary's Church Family and to be able to vote at our Annual Parochial Church Meeting, then please fill in the Electoral Roll application form. At the same time, we are taking opportunity to update our Data Consent Forms. If we hold any of your data (even the electoral roll form), whether manually or on a computer, then we need your consent to process your data. Please fill in both forms which are either available in the church or can be sent electronically on request.

Please ensure you tick the relevant contact permission boxes at the bottom of the personal data form and return all signed forms by end of March to Rosie Harris, Parish Administrator. Thank you!

Reading: Matthew 27: 1-10

Early in the morning, all the chief priests and the elders of the people made their plans how to have Jesus executed. ² So they bound him, led him away and handed him over to Pilate the governor.

³ When Judas, who had betrayed him, saw that Jesus was condemned, he was seized with remorse and returned the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders. ⁴ 'I have sinned,' he said, 'for I have betrayed innocent blood.'

'What is that to us?' they replied. 'That's your responsibility.'

⁵ So Judas threw the money into the temple and left. Then he went away and hanged himself.

⁶ The chief priests picked up the coins and said, 'It is against the law to put this into the treasury, since it is blood money.' ⁷ So they decided to use the money to buy the potter's field as a burial place for foreigners. ⁸ That is why it has been called the Field of Blood to this day. ⁹ Then what was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet was fulfilled: 'They took the thirty pieces of silver, the price set on him by the people of Israel, ¹⁰ and they used them to buy the potter's field, as the Lord commanded me.'

Readers: 23rd Sandra Horsnall 30th Val Walker

Intercessions: 23rd Val Walker 30th David Nettleton

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

