

Nature Quiz Night

Lydiard Millicent Parish Hall Saturday 1st February at 7.00pm

"We are trying to raise money for our church building project (a glass door) and one of our young people, who is going to Canada with the Swindon Ice Hockey team and needs to raise money to take part. In our last quiz in September St Mary's Purton beat All Saints. It would be great if other churches were able to take up our challenge." £5 per person. Contact tricia.f.roberts@gmail.com

Dates for your diaries please

Sat 29 March 2025 - Murder Mystery Evening with PADS in St Mary's Church 7.00 for 7.30pm. Further details to follow.

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

Collect: The presentation of Christ in the temple

Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh: grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Eco-Prayer

In February pray that God will give wisdom to nations to honour the commitments they have made in the Paris Agreement to keep global temperature rises below 2C. Pray that God will inspire scientists and industry to find solutions to the problem of generating clean affordable energy and reducing carbon emissions.



St Mary's
Church Purton

**Purton
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Purton
Methodist Church

Sunday 2nd February 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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Church Events

Sunday 2nd February	8.00am	Communion at St Mary's Church with Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith
	10.30am	Church for All at St Mary's Church with Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith
	10.30am	Holy Communion Service at Purton Methodist Church led by Rev Shirlyn Toppin
	6.00pm	Raise a Hallelujah at Purton Methodist Church
Mon 3 rd	10.00am	Zoom Prayer Group Zoom ID:907644918 Passcode:918865
	2.00pm	Bible group at 43 Pear Tree Close
Tues 4 th	Time tbc	Repair of chancel sound system at St Mary's Church
	7.30pm	Music group rehearsal 2 Ringsbury Close
Wed 5 th	12 noon	Funeral for the late Peter Goodings at St Mary's Church with Revd Moira Slack followed by committal at Kingsdown Crematorium
	5.00pm	Prayer Group at 8 College Road
Thurs 6 th	2.30pm	Communion at the Cedars with Liz & David Martin
Fri 7 th	5.30pm	BASH Youth group at St Mary's Church
	7.30pm	Bellringing practice
Sat 8 th		
Sunday 9th February	10.30am	Communion at St Mary's Church with Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith
	10.30am	Own Arrangement Service at Purton Methodist Church
	4.00pm	Messy Church at St Mary's Church

Prayer: In our street prayer cycle for February, we pray for Blacklands, Red Gables Close, Ward Close, Highridge Close, The Masons, (*and from Ridgeway Farm*) Upper Mill, Ray Close and The Buffer, and Caring Hands (Wiltshire) Care Home at Battle Lake Farm. Methodist Circuit prayers this week are for Shrivenham Methodist Church.

We give thanks to God for the lives of those who have recently died. We pray for the families and friends of Elizabeth "Betty" Hudson, Brenda Cook, Brenda David-Fenner, Mary New, Pete Goodings, Josie Young, David Herbert, Reginald Ovens, Arthur Griffin and Jenny Burge.

Reading: Luke 2:22-38

When the time came for the purification rites required by the Law of Moses, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord'), and to offer a sacrifice in keeping with what is said in the Law of the Lord: 'a pair of doves or two young pigeons'.

Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying: 'Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you may now dismiss your servant in peace. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all nations: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel.' The child's father and mother marvelled at what was said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: 'This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

There was also a prophet, Anna, the daughter of Penuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped night and day, fasting and praying. Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem.

Readers: 2nd Feb Jane Smith 9th Val Walker

Intercessions: 2nd Feb Jane Smith 9th Howard Smith

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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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