

**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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Purton
Methodist Church

Sunday 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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A Prayer for the New Year

Dear Lord, As the new year begins, we look to You for our hope, joy, and peace. Give us the courage to do all that You ask of us. Make us brave to not do what isn't from You. Show us how to walk in grace and embrace Your love for us even more. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Church Events

Sunday 5th January	8.00am	Communion at St Mary's Church with Revd John Martin
	10.30am	United Covenant Service at Purton Methodist Church led by Rev Shirlyn Toppin
Mon 6 th	10.00am	Zoom Prayer Group Zoom ID:907644918 Passcode:918865
Tues 7 th	7.30pm	Choir practice
Wed 8 th	9.00am- 1.00pm	Electrical testing at St Mary's Church
	5.00pm	Prayer Group at 8 College Road
Thurs 9 th		
Fri 10 th	10.00am	Funeral of Brenda David-Fenner at North Wiltshire Crematorium with Rev Jane Curtis
	7.30pm	Bellringing practice
Sat 11 th		
Sunday 12th January	10.30am	Communion at St Mary's Church with Revd Norma McKemey
	10.30am	Own Arrangement Service at Purton Methodist Church

Prayer: In our street prayer cycle for January, we pray for Pavenhill, Upper and Lower Pavenhill, Paven Close, Bunce Court, Gleed Close, (*and from Ridgeway Farm*) Cob Hill, Saxon Mill and Cowleaze and Ashgrove House Care Home.

Methodist Circuit prayers this week are for 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, Ann Hill, Vicki Venter, Jill Mucklow, Michael Mucklow, Elizabeth "Betty" Hudson, Brenda Cook, Brenda David-Fenner.

Collect: Christmas 2

Almighty God, in the birth of your Son you have poured on us the new light of your incarnate Word, and shown us the fullness of your love: help us to walk in his light and dwell in his love that we may know the fullness of his joy; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Eco-prayer for January

Pray for people, communities and wildlife affected by the loss of ice and snow due to climate warming.

Readings: Matthew 2: 1-12

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem ² and asked, 'Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.'

³ When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. ⁴ When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵ 'In Bethlehem in Judea,' they replied, 'for this is what the prophet has written:

⁶ "But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel." ⁷ Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. ⁸ He sent them to Bethlehem and said, 'Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.'

⁹ After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. ¹¹ On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. ¹² And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

Readers: 12th Jan Libbie Sheppard 19th Howard Smith

Intercessions: 12th Jan Liz Martin 19th Val Walker

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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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