

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



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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!).

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



St Mary's
Church Purton

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Purton
Methodist Church

Sunday 8th 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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¹¹ Then an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. ¹² When Zechariah saw him, he was startled and was gripped with fear. ¹³ But the angel said to him: 'Do not be afraid, Zechariah; your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you are to call him John. **Luke 1**

Church Events

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
Mon 9 th	10.00am	Zoom Prayer Group Zoom ID:907644918 Passcode:918865
	2.30pm	Communion at Ashgrove Nursing Home
	7.30pm	Advent course with Richard Harris
Tues 10 th	7.30pm	Music group rehearsal
	7.30pm	Choir practice
Wed 11 th	5.00pm	Prayer Group – Lady Chapel
Thurs 12 th	9.30am-12.30pm	School children in St Mary's church
	7.30pm	Advent course with Paul & Marie Dempsey
Fri 13 th	9.30am-12.30pm	School children in St Mary's church
	5.30pm	BASH Youth group at St Mary's Church
	7.30pm	Bellringing practice
Sat 14 th	4.00pm	Village Christingle Service / Messy Church at St Mary's Church
Sunday 15th December	8.00am	Communion at St Mary's Church with Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith
	10.30am	Church for All at St Mary's Church with Liz & David Martin and a Christmas Story by Purton Ballet
	10.30am	Holy Communion 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 Shrivensham 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, Jill Mucklow and Michael Mucklow.

The funeral for Michael Mucklow will be at St Mary's Church on Tuesday 17th December at 11.30am with Rev Tudor Roberts.

Collect: Advent 2

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

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

Church Christmas Leaflets

If you ordered any extra leaflets to give to family or friends, please collect them from the pile on the desk in church. More can be printed if required.

Flowers for Christmas

If you would like to help us decorate the church with flowers for Christmas, Jane and Libbie would be delighted. If you want to bring a vase of flowers, or offer us flowers or a donation to use it would be so much appreciated. We have so many wonderful concerts, services and special events happening this Advent-time so we want St Mary's to look at its best... warm and welcoming for all! Contact Jane 772422 or Libbie 771018 if you want to be in church with others, rather than on your own.

Readers: 8th Val Walker 15th David Martin 22nd Liz Martin

Intercessions: 8th Celia TS 15th Judith Wells 22nd Madeleine Harvey

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.

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