

The Bible in a Nutshell - Walk Through the Bible – Old Testament

Dig Deeper Sunday 16th February – at The Vicarage

For those who were unable to attend or for those who missed part of the Walk Through event on Saturday 25th January, there will be an opportunity to catch up with what has been missed on Sunday 16th February (or just as a refresher if it was too much to take in everything on the day). The course we did in January had five sections we did 3 in the morning and 2 in the afternoon (though part of the final session was after 5.00pm):

4.30pm – 6.00pm Sessions 1-3 (equivalent to the morning on 25th January).

6.00pm-6.30pm Session 4 (equivalent to the first part of the afternoon)

6.30pm-7.00pm Simple Meal (please let Celia know any dietary needs)

7.00pm-8.15pm Session 5 (including the second part of the afternoon plus the prophets – which took place after 5.00pm) Plus a section on an overview of the whole and of what we have learnt together about God, His character, and His big picture plan in the Old Testament.

Do come and join us for any part or for all, however please let us know (especially about the meal).

By definition, this Dig Deeper session will be brief and will be an overview of the course rather than going into all the detail we did at the end of January. Looking ahead it would be helpful to know who might be interested if we did another Saturday event for the New Testament later in the year.



St Mary's
Church Purton

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Purton
Methodist Church

Sunday 9th 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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Matthew 26: 6-11

Jesus anointed at Bethany

While Jesus was in Bethany in the home of Simon the Leper, a woman came to him with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume, which she poured on his head as he was reclining at the table.

When the disciples saw this, they were indignant. 'Why this waste?' they asked. 'This perfume could have been sold at a high price and the money given to the poor.'

Aware of this, Jesus said to them, 'Why are you bothering this woman? She has done a beautiful thing to me. The poor you will always have with you, but you will not always have me.'

Church Events

Sunday 9th February	10.30am	Communion at St Mary's Church with Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith. Reading: <i>Matthew 26: 1-16</i>
	10.30am	Own Arrangement Service at Purton Methodist Church
	4.00pm	Messy Church at St Mary's Church
Mon 10 th	10.00am	Zoom Prayer Group Zoom ID:907644918 Passcode:918865
	2.00pm	Bible group at 43 Pear Tree Close
	2.30pm	Communion at the Ashgrove with Liz & David Martin
Tues 11 th	7.30pm	Music group rehearsal
Wed 12 th	5.00pm	Prayer Group at 8 College Road
Thurs 13 th		
Fri 14 th	7.30pm	Bellringing practice
Sat 15 th		
Sunday 16th 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 Liz & David Martin: 'Living in The Light of Guaranteed Promise'
	10.30am	Service at Purton Methodist Church led by Rev David Richardson

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 Toothill 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.

Collect: 4th Sunday before Lent

O God, you know us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: grant to us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers

and carry us through all temptations; 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.

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.

Intercession prayers on Sundays

Prayers are read out by a different person at every 10.30am service. These are known as the 'Intercession prayers' and are written by volunteers each week. If you would like to write the prayers occasionally, please have a chat with vicar Ian, and let the administrator know to add you to the rota with a date of your choice. Rosie Harris: administrator@stmaryspurton.org.uk

Purton Historical Society

On Thursday 27th February 7.30pm - an evening with Michael Woodward & Katy Whitaker who will be doing a presentation on 'the Bells of St Mary's Purton' at Purton Methodist Church. Non-members are welcome, £3 per visitor. (See separate poster for more details)

Lent Lunches at Purton Methodist Church begin on Wednesday 5th March at 12 noon and run for 4 weeks: 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th March. Cost: £6, plus cakes as priced. All proceeds sent to Mercy Ships.

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

Readers: 9th Val Walker 16th Jean Belt

Intercessions: 9th Howard Smith 16th Paul Dempsey

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

