

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 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.....

Christian Aid Conference on Saturday March 8th

Please do come and join us on Saturday for the Christian Aid Conference on zoom, in the Methodist Church. Coffee will be ready from 10am and the conference starts at 10.30. Please invite anyone and everyone who will be interested to know how Christian Aid and other aid organisations will cope now the government's international aid budget has been cut. Times are so tough and we need to know the best way we can get involved. The conference session will finish by 1pm when there will be soup and rolls for anyone who can stay. We need to finish by 1.30pm. Libbie Sheppard



St Mary's
Church Purton

Purton Churches Together

"In partnership with
other Christians in Purton"



Purton
Methodist Church

Sunday 9th 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
vicarage@stmaryspurton.org.uk
- The Methodist Minister, Rev Shirlyn Toppin on 01793 853197
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- If you have any Church Safeguarding concern:
Marie Dempsey on 07455046815
Email: safeguarding@stmaryspurton.org.uk
For general enquiries: Parish Administrator, Rosie Harris
01793 773035 (Tues/Thurs mornings)
Email: administrator@stmaryspurton.org.uk

The
Season
of
Lent



Church Events

Sunday 9th March	10.30am	Communion at St Mary's Church with Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith
	10.30am	Holy Communion Service at Purton Methodist Church led by Rev Shirlyn Toppin
	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
	3.30pm	Communion at the Ashgrove with Paul & Marie Dempsey
Tues 11 th	7.30pm 7.30pm	Music group rehearsal at 2 Ringsbury Close Lent Talk at Cricklade (see separate info.)
Wed 12 th	12 noon 7.30pm	Lent Lunches at Purton Methodist Church Lent Group at 8 College Road
Thurs 13 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 14 th	7.30pm	Bellringing practice
Sat 15 th		
Sunday 16th March	8.00am	Communion at St Mary's Church with Revd John Martin
	10.30am	Church for All at St Mary's Church with David & Liz Martin
	10.30am	Own Arrangement Service at Purton Methodist 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 Highworth 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.

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.

Collect: Lent 1

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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.

St Mary's Church Electoral Roll & Personal Data Forms

News - 2025 is the year for the preparation of a **New Church Electoral Roll**. (This takes place every six years)

Do not miss out - every person who wishes to have his or her name entered on the new roll is asked to apply for enrolment. Forms for Application for Enrolment on the Church Electoral Roll are in church or can be sent electronically on request.

We are also updating everyone's personal information data held by us as a church at the same time. This is so we can keep your details up to date in line with data protection – with your permission. This requires you to fill out a separate form from the electoral roll form and enables us to contact you in various ways regarding church events and so on. Again, this form can be sent by email on request. Please return all signed forms by end of March to Rosie Harris, Parish Administrator.

Lent Lunches at Purton Methodist Church continue on 12th, 19th and 26th March. Cost £6 plus cakes as priced. All proceeds sent to Mercy Ships.

Dates for your diaries

Saturday 22nd March - Church bi-annual maintenance and cleaning day
Mon 19th May 2025 - Annual Parochial Church Meeting in St Mary's Church at 7.30pm

Readers: 9th Brian Gill 16th Christine Gill 23rd Sandra Horsnall

Intercessions: 9th Libbie Sheppard 16th David Martin 23rd Val Walker

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

