

**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

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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)

Contact Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith or book your place on the 'Walk through the bible' website by Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January if possible. 01793 770077  
Or on the day 01793 773031  
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St Mary's  
Church Purton

**Purton  
Churches  
Together**

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other Christians in Purton"



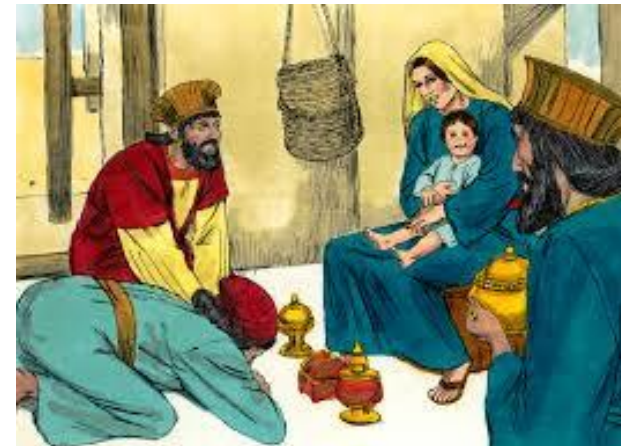
Purton  
Methodist Church

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> 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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Wise men gave their gifts to Jesus

## Church Events

<b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January</b>	8.00am	Communion at St Mary's Church with Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith
	10.30am	Church for All at St Mary's Church with David & Liz Martin
	10.30am	Service at Purton Methodist Church led by Revd Joseph Ribeiro
	4.00pm	Messy Church at St Mary's Church
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Zoom Prayer Group Zoom ID:907644918 Passcode:918865
	2.00pm	Bible group (at Val's house)
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup>	7.30pm	Choir practice
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup>	5.00pm	Prayer Group at 8 College Road
Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup>	2.30pm	Communion at The Cedars Care Home
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup>	12 noon	Funeral of the late David Herbert at St Mary's Church with Revd Moira Slack
	6.30pm	Blessing of Marriage rehearsal at St Mary's Church
	7.30pm	Bellringing practice
Sat 25 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am-12.30pm	'Walk through the Bible' course at St Mary's Church followed by lunch at the vicarage
	1.00pm	Blessing of the Marriage of Helen Crawford and Eyebolwe Tewelde at St Mary's Church with Revd Owen Green
<b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January</b>	2.30pm	'Walk through the Bible' course continues
	10.30am	Communion at St Mary's Church with Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith
	10.30am	Service at Purton Methodist Church led by Joseph Musungu

**Prayer:** In our street prayer cycle for January, we pray for Pavenhill, Upper and Lower Pavenhill, Paven Close, Bunce Court, Glead Close, (*and from Ridgeway Farm*) Cob Hill, Saxon Mill and Cowleaze and Ashgrove House Care Home. Methodist Circuit prayers this week are for Royal Wootton Bassett 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, Peter Goodings, Josie Young and David Herbert. The funeral for the late Peter Goodings will be at St Mary's Church on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February at 12 noon with Revd Moira Slack.

### **Collect: Epiphany 2**

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; 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.

### **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](mailto:tricia.f.roberts@gmail.com)

### **Readings:** Mathew 2.1-2 and 7-15

Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the reign of King Herod. About that time some wise men from eastern lands arrived in Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star as it rose, and we have come to worship him." Then Herod called for a private meeting with the wise men, and he learned from them the time when the star first appeared. Then he told them, "Go to Bethlehem and search carefully for the child. And when you find him, come back and tell me so that I can go and worship him, too!" After this interview the wise men went their way. And the star they had seen in the east guided them to Bethlehem. It went ahead of them and stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were filled with joy! They entered the house and saw the child with his mother, Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasure chests and gave him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. When it was time to leave, they returned to their own country by another route, for God had warned them in a dream not to return to Herod.

**Readers:** 19<sup>th</sup> Libbie Sheppard 26<sup>th</sup> David Nettleton

**Intercessions:** 19<sup>th</sup> Val Walker 26<sup>th</sup> David Nettleton

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