Star Festival at St Mary's

We are hoping to fill the Church with home-made stars during Advent! We do hope YOU will take part and add some stars of you own. You can make some in memory of someone: you can paint and decorate them: They can be made of paper, or fabric, wood or whatever you like. We have some being made from clay, by youngsters at Messy Church. Others are being knitted or sewn. We're experimenting with paper folded stars and searching out poems! The younger children at Purton School are even doing a 'Star Trail' around the church! Can you get involved? Can you help by making some stars? The only rule is please *no glitter!*

Please contact Libbie 771018 to know more.

Messy Church – Star-making

Also, please encourage people to come and make stars at Messy Church on Sunday 15th November at 4.00pm. They can make any kind of star…using paper, fabric, sticks, whatever. There will be all sorts of activities going on…for children and adults…so do come and join in!

Christmas Market in St Mary's Church

Saturday 28th November 2026 from 11.00am - 2.30pm

How could you help?

Perhaps you could provide – homemade cakes, mince pies, biscuits; donate items for the tombola, Christmas hamper, raffle prizes, children's books and toys. Could you run your own stall? Let's make this a bumper event and raise money to help with the Lady Chapel roof repair. *Thank you so much.* For more information contact Sandra on 770157.

All Soul's Service

This year the All Soul's service will be on Sunday 8th November at 6.00pm at St Mary's. Retired Major General Tim Cross will be preaching both for this service and for the other Remembrance services that day. If you would like a loved one who has died to be remembered by name at this service, please write their name clearly on the sheet of paper in church, or email the administrator with details of names by 4th November latest. administrator@stmaryspurton.org.uk *Thank you.*

St Mary's Church Purton

Purton Churches Together

"In partnership with other Christians in Purton"

Purton Methodist Church

Sunday 1st November 2026

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

- Vicar, Rev Ian Tweedie-Smith on 01793 770077 vicarage@stmaryspurton.org.uk
- The Methodist Minister, Rev Tony Brookes on 01793 853197 tony.brookes2025@outlook.com
- 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

"For now, we see through a glass, darkly. Then we shall see face to face. Now I know only in part. Then we shall know fully."

1 Corinthians 13 v.12

Church Events

Sunday 1st November	8.00am	Communion at St Mary's with Revd Sally Robertson
	10.30am	Church for All at St Mary's with Liz & David Martin
	10.30am	Holy Communion Service at Purton Methodist Church led by Rev Tony Brookes
Mon 2nd	10.00am	Zoom Prayer Group Zoom ID: 907644918 Passcode:918865 https://us06web.zoom.us/j/907644918
	1.45pm	Bible group at Pear Tree Close Book of John
Tues 3rd	7.30pm	Choir practice
Wed 4th	5.00pm	Lady Chapel Prayer group
Thurs 5th	2.30pm	Communion at the Cedars with Liz & David Martin
	6.00pm	Wedding rehearsal at St Mary's
Fri 6th	12.30pm	Wedding at St Mary's: Jack Winson & Barbara Zanovello with Revd Jo Winson
	7.30pm	Bellringing practice
Sat 7th		
Sunday 8th November	10.30am	Communion with Act of Remembrance at St Mary's with Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith & Ret. Major-General Tim Cross to preach
	10.30am	Service led by Jenny Corkett at Purton Methodist Church
	2.30pm	Service of Remembrance at Purton War Memorial with Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith & Ret. Major-General Tim Cross
	6.00pm	All Soul's Service at St Mary's with Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith & Ret. Major-General Tim Cross to preach

Prayer: In November (cycle of prayer for those living and working in the Parish) we pray for those living and working Church Path, Church Street, Hyde Lane, The Hyde, Parkside, Church End, Manor Hill, *(and from Moulden View)* Criollo Place and Oldenburg Close. Also: The Cedars Care Home on The High Street.
Methodist circuit prayers this week are for Methodist Upper Thames Circuit.

We give thanks to God for the lives of those who have recently died. We pray for the families and friends of Claire Housley, Sally-Ann Duguid, Danny Telling and Joe Gardner.
Weddings: Please pray for Jack Winson and Barabara Zanovello, due to be married this week.

Eco-Prayer Calendar for November
Praise God for the awesome majesty of the heavens; for advancing technology which allows us to see it in ever greater detail. Pray for scientists, engineers and technicians, for wisdom and insight, that all their work would be towards the greater good. "**6** *By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, their starry host by the breath of his mouth*." Psalm 33

Collect: All Saints Day
Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; 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.

Bible reading: Revelation 7: 9-12
I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could
count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the
throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were
holding palm branches in their hands. **10** And they cried out in a loud voice:
'Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.'
11 All the angels were standing round the throne and round the elders and
the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne
and worshipped God, **12** saying: 'Amen! Praise and glory
and wisdom and thanks and honour and power and strength be to our God
for ever and ever. Amen!'

Readers: 1st Nov Julia Knowles 8th David Martin
Intercessions: 1st Nov Madeleine Harvey 8th Jean Belt
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