Stars!

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 or Jane 772422 to know more.

Christmas Market in St Mary's Church

Saturday 28th November 2026 from 11.00am - 2.30pm

How could you help please -

Perhaps you could provide – homemade cakes, mince pies, biscuits; items for the tombola, for the 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 further information please contact Sandra 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. Major General (retired)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 25th October 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

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another…

Colossians 3: 12-13a

Church Events

Sunday 25th October	10.30am 10.30am	Communion at St Mary's with Canon Michael Johnson Service at Purton Methodist Church led by Adam Longhurst
Mon 26th	10.00am 1.45pm	Zoom Prayer Group Zoom ID: 907644918 Passcode:918865 https://us06web.zoom.us/j/907644918 Bible group at Pear Tree Close Book of John
Tues 27th	7.30pm	Music group rehearsal in church (tbc)
Wed 28th	5.00pm	Lady Chapel Prayer group
Thurs 29th		
Fri 30th	7.30pm	Bellringing practice
Sat 31st		
Sunday 1st November	8.00am 10.30am 10.30am	Communion at St Mary's (officiant tbc) Church for All at St Mary's with Liz & David Martin Holy Communion Service at Purton Methodist Church led by Rev Tony Brookes

Prayer: In October (cycle of prayer for those living and working in the Parish) we pray for those living and working in Witfield Close, Glevum Close, The Common, Locks Lane, *(and from Moulden View)* Bretton Close and Bashkir Close, and Quarrydene (Care Home) on Pavenhill. Methodist circuit prayers for this week are Toothill Church.
We give thanks to God for the lives of those who have recently died. We pray for the families and friends of Kevin Wicks, Ann Telling, Nigel Hopgood, Claire Housley and Sally-Ann Duguid.

Eco-Prayer Calendar for October
Give thanks to God for his provision of the harvest. Pray for farmers and the challenges they face because of climate change and world events out of their control. Please also pray for 'Africa Naturally' in Mozambique (a charity supported by St Mary's).

Collect: Trinity 21
Grant, we beseech you, merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins and serve you with a quiet mind; 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: Colossians 3: 12-17
Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.
Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Gospel reading: Luke 4:16-24

Readers: 25th Sandra Horsnall 1st Nov Julia Knowles
Intercessions: 25th Val Walker 1st Nov Madeleine Harvey
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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