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 and have not had a chance to write their names on the list in church, please ring Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith directly at this stage on 01793 770077, or let him know after the morning service. *Thank you.*

St Mary's Church Purton

Purton Churches Together

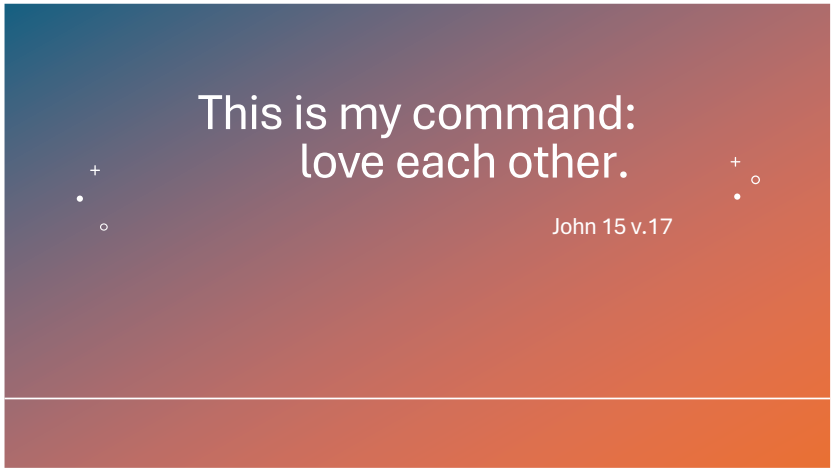
"In partnership with other Christians in Purton"

Purton Methodist Church

Sunday 8th 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



Church Events

Sat 7th	8.00am	Men's Breakfast at All Saints Lydiard Millicent
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
	3.15pm	Q&A with Tim Cross in Silver Threads
	6.00pm	All Soul's Service at St Mary's with Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith & Ret. Major-General Tim Cross to preach
Mon 9th	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
	3.00pm	Communion at the Ashgrove with Paul & Marie Dempsey
Tues 10th	7.30pm	Choir practice
Wed 11th	12.00-5.00pm	Work being done on security system at St Mary's Church
	5.00pm	Lady Chapel Prayer group
Fri 13th	7.30pm	Bellringing practice
Sunday 15th November	8.00am	Communion at St Mary's with Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith
	10.30am	Church for All with adult baptism at St Mary's with Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith
	2.30pm	Service led by Pam Mullin at Purton Methodist Church
	4.00pm	Messy Church at St Mary's

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 MHA Fitzwarren House and Court. 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.

Being a Peacemaker rather than a Peacebreaker in today's fractured and war torn world - what will that look like for us as individuals, for our society and government, for our world. Major General Tim Coss (retired) has commanded on the battlefield and been advisor to successive governments. In partnership with Pathway Church after the service at the War Memorial at approximately 3.15pm. Tim will take questions and propose answers on how he as a Christian would face being a Peacemaker today. Please contact the Vicar if you have particular questions to start off the discussion.

Collect: 3rd Sunday before Advent

Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of all: govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Bible reading: John 15: 9-17

9 'As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. **10** If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love. **11** I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. **12** My command is this: love each other as I have loved you. **13** Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.

Readers: 8th David Martin 15th Liz Martin
Intercessions: 8th Jean Belt 15th Sandra Horsnall
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