

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.

SPACE SCIENTIST TALKING LOCALLY ABOUT HIS FAITH - This Wednesday 7.30pm

After much about the coming to Faith, and the motivation thereby given, by a major Christian philanthropist on Tuesday - a much decorated Space Scientist, working also with The British Olympic Cycling team on their technology, speaks about Faith in his understanding and experience. Please note the different venue to other presentations - Cricklade United Church, Calcutt Street (Opposite the former Prior Park School - now Manor) . Free Tickets are available from David Martin davgramart@gmail.com

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.....



St Mary's
Church Purton

**Purton
Churches
Together**

"In partnership with
other Christians in Purton"



Purton
Methodist Church

Sunday 16th 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

Collect: Lent 2

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Church Events

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
Mon 17 th	10.00am	Zoom Prayer Group Zoom ID:907644918 Passcode:918865
	2.00pm	Bible group at 43 Pear Tree Close
Tues 18 th	7.30pm 7.30pm	Choir practice <i>Lent Talk at Cricklade - cancelled</i>
Wed 19 th	12 noon	Lent Lunches at Purton Methodist Church
	7.30pm	Lent Group at 8 College Road
	7.30pm	Lent Talk at Cricklade (see separate info.)
	7.30pm	Bellringers - Demonstration for Purton Young Farmers
Thurs 20 th	9.15am	Bible Explorer at St Mary's School
	2.00pm	Bible Explorer at Ridgeway Farm School (Both with Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith)
	2.30pm	Communion at White Lodge with Liz & David Martin
	7.30pm	PCC meeting at the vicarage
Fri 21 st	5.30pm	BASH Youth group meeting in St Mary's Church
	7.30pm	Bellringing practice
Sat 22 nd	9 am- 4pm	St Mary's Church Maintenance & cleaning day
Sunday 23rd March	10.30am	Communion at St Mary's Church with Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith
	10.30am	Service at Purton Methodist Church led by Phil Bunce

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 Purton 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 & Wendy Walker.

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.

St Mary's Church Electoral Roll & Personal Data Forms

Every six years we have to replace our Electoral Roll (in effect membership of the Church of England in general and St Mary's Church Purton in particular). If you would like to show your allegiance to the St Mary's Church Family and to be able to vote at our Annual Parochial Church Meeting, then please fill in the Electoral Roll application form. At the same time, we are taking opportunity to update our Data Consent Forms. If we hold any of your data (even the electoral roll form), whether manually or on a computer, then we need your consent to process your data. Please fill in both forms which are either available in the church or can be sent electronically on request.

Please ensure you tick the relevant contact permission boxes at the bottom of the personal data form and return all signed forms by end of March to Rosie Harris, Parish Administrator. Thank you!

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

Dates for your diaries

Mon 19th May 2025 - Annual Parochial Church Meeting in St Mary's Church at 7.30pm

Readers: 16th Sandra Horsnall 23rd Sandra Horsnall

Intercessions: 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

