

### **Bible reading: 1 Samuel 16: 1-13**

The Lord said to Samuel, 'How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and be on your way; I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem. I have chosen one of his sons to be king.' <sup>2</sup> But Samuel said, 'How can I go? If Saul hears about it, he will kill me.' The Lord said, 'Take a heifer with you and say, "I have come to sacrifice to the Lord."' <sup>3</sup> Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what to do. You are to anoint for me the one I indicate.'

<sup>4</sup> Samuel did what the Lord said. When he arrived at Bethlehem, the elders of the town trembled when they met him. They asked, 'Do you come in peace?' <sup>5</sup> Samuel replied, 'Yes, in peace; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord. Consecrate yourselves and come to the sacrifice with me.' Then he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

<sup>6</sup> When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed stands here before the Lord.' <sup>7</sup> But the Lord said to Samuel, 'Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.'

<sup>8</sup> Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, 'The Lord has not chosen this one either.' <sup>9</sup> Jesse then made Shammah pass by, but Samuel said, 'Nor has the Lord chosen this one.' <sup>10</sup> Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, but Samuel said to him, 'The Lord has not chosen these.' <sup>11</sup> So he asked Jesse, 'Are these all the sons you have?' 'There is still the youngest,' Jesse answered. 'He is tending the sheep.' Samuel said, 'Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives.'

<sup>12</sup> So he sent for him and had him brought in. He was glowing with health and had a fine appearance and handsome features. Then the Lord said, 'Rise and anoint him; this is the one.' <sup>13</sup> So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the Lord came powerfully upon David. Samuel then went to Ramah.

### **Eco-Prayer Calendar for November**

We praise God for the awesome majesty of the heavens; for advancing technology which allows us to see it in ever greater detail. We pray for scientists, engineers and technicians, for wisdom and insight, that all their work would be towards the greater good and give glory to the One who made it all. "By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, their starry host by the breath of His mouth." [Psalm 33:6]



**Purton  
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Together**

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**Purton  
Methodist Church**

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> November 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

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**Choosing a King: Samuel anoints David. 1 Samuel 16:1-13**



## Church Events

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| <b>Sunday<br/>16<sup>th</sup><br/>November</b> | 8.00am  | Communion at St Mary's with Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith  |
|  | 10.30am | Church for All with the Baptisms of Albert Harris and David Harris at St Mary's with Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith & Richard Harris followed by Bring & Share lunch          |
|  | 10.30am | Service at Purton Methodist Church led by Rachel Dowling  |
|  | 4.00pm  | Messy Church at St Mary's   |
| Mon 17 <sup>th</sup>                           | 10.00am | Zoom Prayer Group<br>Zoom ID: 907644918 Passcode:918865<br>Join Zoom Meeting<br><a href="https://us06web.zoom.us/j/907644918">https://us06web.zoom.us/j/907644918</a> |
|  | 1.45pm  | Bible group at 43 Pear Tree Close   |
| Tues 18 <sup>th</sup>                          |         |   |
| Wed 19 <sup>th</sup>                           | 5.00pm  | Lady Chapel Prayer Group  |
| Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup>                         | 2.30pm  | Communion at White Lodge  |
| Fri 21 <sup>st</sup>                           | 7.30pm  | Bellringing practice  |
| Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup>                           |         |   |
| <b>Sunday<br/>23<sup>rd</sup><br/>November</b> | 10.30am | Communion at St Mary's with Revd Sandy Railton  |
|  | 10.30am | Service at Purton Methodist Church led by Pam Mullin  |

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

We give thanks to God for the lives of those who have recently died. We pray for the families and friends of Claude Indge, Graham Quincey and Jim Summerfield.

### **Collect: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Advent**

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure;

that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### **Baptisms and Bring & Share Lunch**

There will be two baptisms on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> November at 10.30am, of Albert (Bertie) Harris, who was recently prayed for by the church family after his very early arrival, and David Harris. The families would like to invite the church family to stay on after the service on 16<sup>th</sup> for a Bring & Share lunch as a baptism celebration– everyone welcome!

### **Come and Sing Handel's Messiah – 6<sup>th</sup> December 2025 at St Mary's Church**

Most if not all will have heard that this event is taking place. Now is the time to sign up. Having told the community that we are doing this it would be a shame if we had to postpone it through lack of subscribers. If you are planning to join us on 6<sup>th</sup> December please can you sign up by Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November. If finance is an issue please speak to the Vicar. Please also encourage your friends and contacts to come as well. Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith

### **St Mary's Church Christmas Market -**

**Sat 29 November 2025 in the Church, from 11.00am - 3.00pm.**

Do please support us if you can, either on the day or by providing items for sale - cakes, mince pies, tombola prizes, children's toys, Christmas Hamper items, books (good reads only please), crocks and pots (speak to Libbie) etc. Please do speak to me if you are able to help with cooking/providing food, for the light lunches, before the day. Any monies raised will go towards the running costs of our lovely church here in Purton. Thank you for all your support!

**Readers:** 16<sup>th</sup> Godfrey Fowler 23<sup>rd</sup> Sandra Horsnall

**Intercessions:** 16<sup>th</sup> David Nettleton 23<sup>rd</sup> David Martin

St Mary's Church website is: [www.stmaryspurton.org.uk](http://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.  
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