

Bible reading: John 1: 35-39

35 The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. 36 When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, 'Look, the Lamb of God!' 37 When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. 38 Turning round, Jesus saw them following and asked, 'What do you want?' They said, 'Rabbi' (which means 'Teacher'), 'where are you staying?' 39 'Come,' he replied, 'and you will see.'

Romans 15: 12-13

¹² Isaiah says, 'The Root of Jesse will spring up, one who will arise to rule over the nations; in him the Gentiles will hope.'

¹³ May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

A Time of Fellowship – Shared by the Messiah Homegroups

Everyone is warmly invited to a relaxed evening of fellowship and shared food, hosted by the Messiah homegroups as they come together for their final Advent gathering, shaped by *Handel's Messiah*. Alongside good company, there will be gentle reflection and an opportunity for anyone to explore what homegroups are like — whether you've journeyed with us through Advent or are simply curious.

Sunday 18th January, from 7pm, at the Vicarage.

All are very welcome.

India Unfolded:

Sights, stories and surprises from 40 years of travel

Saturday 24 January, 3pm - 5pm All Saints Church

Andrew Roberts shares highlights from 40 years and 43 journeys to India — from unexpected encounters and extraordinary friendships to moments of wonder, surprise and adventure.

An illustrated talk by the Lydiard Millicent resident and church warden.

English and Indian refreshments and nibbles

Admission free; donations invited. No booking required



St Mary's
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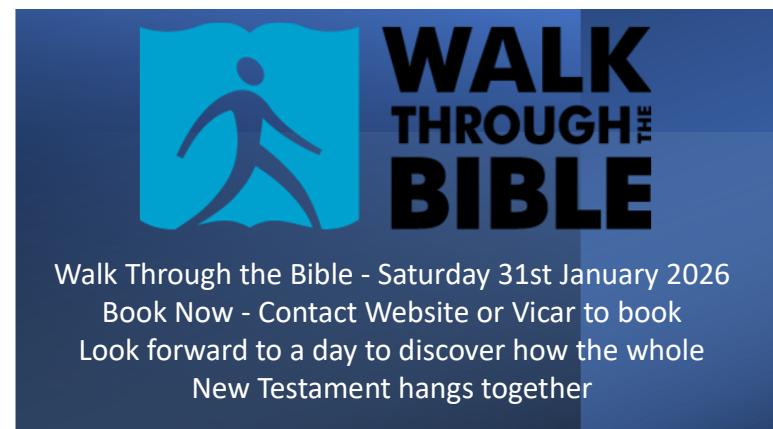


Purton
Methodist Church

**Sunday 18th January 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

- The Vicar, Rev Ian Tweedie-Smith on 01793 770077
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Church Events

Sunday 18th January	8.00am 10.30am 10.30am 1.00pm 2.00pm 7.00pm	Communion at St Mary's with Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith Church for All at St Mary's with Liz & David Martin Service at Purton Methodist Church led by Mark Dowling Baptism of Quinton Jarvis at St Mary's Baptism of Jack Forty at St Mary's – both with Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith Bring & Share meal at the vicarage followed by the final part of the Advent course. All welcome!
Mon 19 th	10.00am 3.00pm	Zoom Prayer Group Zoom ID: 907644918 Passcode:918865 https://us06web.zoom.us/j/907644918 Communion at Ashgrove House with Paul & Marie Dempsey
Tues 20 th	12 noon	Funeral of the late Edmund Tickell at St Mary's with Revd Judith Wells
Wed 21 st		
Thurs 22 nd		
Fri 23 rd	7.30pm	Bellringing practice
Sat 24 th		
Sunday 25th January	10.30am 10.30am 4.00pm	Communion at St Mary's with Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith Service at Purton Methodist Church led by Joseph Musungo Messy Church at St Mary's Church

Prayer: In January (in our cycle of prayer for those living and working in the Parish) we pray for those living and working in Pavenhill, Upper and Lower Pavenhill, Paven Close, Bunce Court, Gleed Close, (*and from Ridgeway Farm*) Cob Hill, Saxon Mill, Cowleaze and Ashgrove House Care Home. 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 Sheila Fowler, Trevor Maxfield, Patricia Fryer, Edmund Tickell, Jean Bamford and Reg Richardson.

Collect: Epiphany 2

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; 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.

Eco-Prayer Calendar for January

Pray for people, communities and wildlife affected by the loss of ice and snow and melting glaciers due to climate warming.

New Testament in a Nutshell

St Mary's Purton 31st January 10am-4.30pm

The New Testament is well known; however, the context can often be missed. Relax and enjoy the journey as an experienced guide encourages you to see God's Word through the 'Big Picture'. Our fun and memorable sessions will help you learn with such clarity you'll be able to retell the whole Storyline to a friend. We will also do our best to inspire and equip you to keep digging deeper.

St Mary's Church, Church End, Purton, SN5 4EB

Cost £19 including workbook and bread and soup lunch.

Free for children 11-18 if accompanied by an adult.

Book at www.Bible.org.uk or from Ian Tweedie-Smith

01793 770077 vicarage@tweediesmith.co.uk

Readers: 18th Howard Smith 25th Jane Smith

Intercessions: 18th Libbie Sheppard 25th Madeleine Harvey

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.

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