



St Mary's
Church Purton

**Purton
Churches
Together**

"In partnership with
other Christians in Purton"



Purton
Methodist Church



**Sunday 19th November
2.30pm
at St Mary's Church**

*A talk with slides on
'Parish Churches in North Wiltshire'*

With retired headteacher and church organist Michael Rumsey of Box Methodist Church

Refreshments afterwards
Donations to St Mary's Church

19th November 2023

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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**St Mary's Church Christmas Market
Sat 25 November
11.00 to 3.00pm in the Church**

Do come and join us in our lovely Church for light lunches, mince pies, teas & coffees. Listen to St Mary's Primary School Choir, singing their hearts out for you! Many attractions and stalls including locally grown and homemade produce, cakes, books, toys & Christmas items (including the popular Christmas Hamper Raffle).

Please let me know if you are able to help in anyway or maybe provide items for the Raffle, Tombola and Cake stalls or even run your own stall! Any donations received will help towards the running of St Mary's Church, enabling us to reach out into our wonderful, caring Community here in Purton. Book the date and we look forward to seeing you at the Christmas Market. Thank you, Sandra: 01793 770157

Christmas Market – Items needed please!

Donations for the Tombola are welcome, please pass on to Sheila Fowler; donations for the hamper raffle – please pass items on to Val Walker; good quality books and toys – please leave in church/vestry. Thank you!

**Advent Bible Course
"Looking and Longing"
by David Adam.**

Tuesdays at 7.30pm on Zoom, beginning 28th November, and in person, as a group, on Wednesdays at 7.30pm, beginning 29th November.

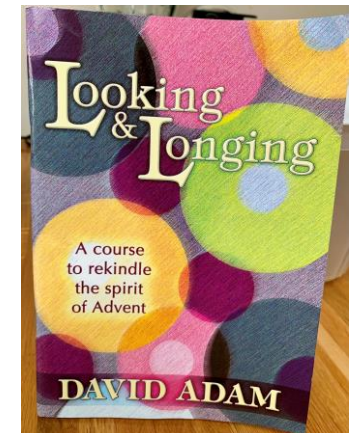
Zoom link for Tuesdays:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83879543705>

Please let either Richard Harris or Paul Dempsey know if you would like to join the course.

Richard: 07740 029148

Paul 07796 378136



Church Events

Sunday 19th November	8.00am	Communion at St Mary's Church with Rev Dr John Railton
	10.30am	Church for All at St Mary's Church with David & Liz Martin
	10.30am	Junior Church at St Mary's Church
	10.30am	Service at Purton Methodist Church led by Pam Mullin
	2.30pm	Talk with slides on 'Parish Churches of North Wiltshire' at St Mary's Church with refreshments afterwards
Mon 20 th	10.00am	Zoom Prayer group ID: 907 644 918 Password: 918865
	1.00pm	Bible group at St Mary's Church (Lady Chapel)
Tues 21 st	7.30pm	Choir practice
Wed 22 nd	5.00pm	Lady Chapel Prayer Group
Thurs 23 rd	6.00pm	'Explorers' at the Vicarage
Fri 24 th	7.30pm	Bellringing practice
Sat 25 th	11.00am -3.00pm	St Mary's Christmas Market – in the church
Sunday 26th November	10.30am	Communion at St Mary's Church with Rev Ian Tweedie-Smith
	10.30am	Holy Communion Service at Purton Methodist Church led by Rev Joseph Ribeiro
	12.30pm	Bring & Share lunch at St Mary's Church, celebrating 50 years of Ian becoming a Christian
	6.30pm	Dig Deeper at the Vicarage

Prayer: In our Prayer list for November we pray for Church Path, Church Street, Hyde Lane, The Hyde, Parkside, Church End & Manor Hill, (*and from Moulden View*) Criollo Place & Oldenburg Close.

Methodist circuit prayers this week are for Royal Wootton Bassett Methodist Church.

We give thanks to God for the lives of those who have recently died, and we pray for the families of Janice Giles, Jean Blakey, May Griffin, Ann Ovens, Michael Hull, Tony Thombs, Frank Strange and Duncan Joslyn (k/a Joss).

There will be a memorial service for Frank Strange at St Mary's on Wednesday 29th November at 2.30pm.

Duncan Joslyn's funeral will be in the church on Friday 8th December 11.00am.

Bible reading: 1 Thessalonians 5.5-11

⁵All of you are people who belong to the light, who belong to the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness. ⁶So then, we should not be sleeping like the others; we should be awake and sober. ⁷It is at night when people sleep; it is at night when they get drunk. ⁸But we belong to the day, and we should be sober. We must wear faith and love as a breastplate, and our hope of salvation as a helmet. ⁹God did not choose us to suffer his anger, but to possess salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us in order that we might live together with him, whether we are alive or dead when he comes. ¹¹And so encourage one another and help one another, just as you are now doing.

Eco-Prayer Calendar for November

Praise God for the awesome majesty of space and the night sky; for scientific knowledge and telescopes which allows us to see it in ever greater detail. Pray for scientists, engineers and technicians, that all their work would be for the greater good. ⁶By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, their starry host by the breath of his mouth." Psalm 33

Collect: 2nd 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.

Readers: 19th Brian Gill 26th Godfrey Fowler 3rd Dec Christine Gill

Intercessions: 19th David/Liz Martin 26th Howard Smith 3rd David/Liz M

If you have anything to include in the Church Notices, contact administrator@stmaryspurton.org.uk by first thing Thursday mornings.

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