

**You're Invited: Welcome Evening with Francis and Dorcus from Hope for Life Katanga, Uganda**

 **Saturday, 18th October**

 **6:00–8:00 PM**

 **All Saints Church, Lydiard Millicent**

Join us for a special evening as we warmly welcome Francis and Dorcus from Uganda. This is a wonderful opportunity to hear their inspiring personal stories and learn more about their impactful work in the Katanga slum community through Hope for Life.

We'll be serving a delicious home-cooked meal, including a vegetarian option, along with tea and coffee. Feel free to bring your own drinks and perhaps a dessert to share.

To help us plan catering, please RSVP by emailing

**Karen Johnson** on [k2e.johnson@gmail.com](mailto:k2e.johnson@gmail.com).

## **2 Timothy 3: 14-4:5**

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage – with great patience and careful instruction. For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather round them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.



St Mary's  
Church Purton

**Purton  
Churches  
Together**

"In partnership with  
other Christians in Purton"



Purton  
Methodist Church

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October 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  
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## Church Events

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| <b>Sunday<br/>19<sup>th</sup><br/>October</b> | 8.00am        | Communion at St Mary's with Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith                                                                                                                    |
|                                               | 10.30am       | Church for All at St Mary's with Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith                                                                                                               |
|                                               | 10.30am       | Service at Purton Methodist Church led by Joseph Musungu                                                                                                              |
| Mon 20 <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> |
|                                               | 1.00pm        | Funeral for the late Graham Quincey at St Mary's                                                                                                                      |
|                                               | 2.00pm        | Fellowship of Women at Purton Methodist Church: A Decade in Gascoigne - speaker John Clark                                                                            |
| Tues 21 <sup>st</sup>                         | 9.00am-1.00pm | Boiler being serviced at St Mary's                                                                                                                                    |
| Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup>                          | 5.00pm        | Lady Chapel Prayer Group                                                                                                                                              |
| Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup>                        |               |                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Fri 24 <sup>th</sup>                          | 7.30pm        | Bellringing practice                                                                                                                                                  |
| Sat 25 <sup>th</sup>                          |               |                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Sunday<br/>26<sup>th</sup><br/>October</b> | 10.30am       | Communion at St Mary's with Revd Norma McKemey                                                                                                                        |
|                                               | 10.30am       | Own Arrangement Service at Purton Methodist Church                                                                                                                    |

**Prayer:** In our street prayer cycle for October, we pray for Witfield Close, Glevum Close, The Common, Locks Lane, (*and from Moulden View*) Bretton Close and Bashkir Close & Quarrydene (Care Home) on Pavenhill.

Methodist Circuit prayers this week are for Highworth Methodist Church. We give thanks to God for the lives of those who have recently died. We pray for the families and friends of Nigel May, Simon Osborne, Claude Indge and Graham Quincey.

## **Collect: Trinity 18**

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; 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 October**

Give thanks to God for his provision of the harvest. Pray for farmers and the challenges they face, especially with climate change. Please also pray for 'Africa Naturally' in Mozambique (a charity supported by St Mary's). <https://africanaturally.com/>

## **Jigsaw Sale: Saturday October 25<sup>th</sup>: Pips Café: 10.30**

Please support the Jigsaw Sale on Sat 25<sup>th</sup>.  
All funds will go to Christian Aid for their re-building Gaza Appeal.  
Preloved Jigsaws from £2: new ones will cost a bit more.  
Also framed jigsaws and jigsaw boards available! If you can bring any puzzles to Pips from Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> that will be really helpful.  
If you need jigsaws collecting from your home, please phone me  
Thank you so much: Libbie: 771018

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

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

We are looking for new, different activities. Are you able to help on the day or run a stall? Do you know someone, a friend or neighbour who might be interested in booking a table? Let's make this a really exciting Community event this year! For more information, please contact Sandra - 01793 770157

**Readers:** 19<sup>th</sup> Val Walker 26<sup>th</sup> Jean Belt

**Intercessions:** 19<sup>th</sup> Celia Tweedie-Smith 26<sup>th</sup> Madeleine Harvey

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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