



Christmas Eve 4.00pm United Village Nativity & Carol Service with the Cricklade Band

Children are welcome to come dressed as a Nativity character if they wish! We want everyone to join in....



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 (£14 before 24/12) 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: 21st David Nettleton 4th Jan Liz Martin

Intercessions: 21st Jane Smith 4th Jan Paul Dempsey

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



St Mary's
Church Purton

Purton
Churches
Together

"In partnership with
other Christians in Purton"



Purton
Methodist Church

Sunday 21st December 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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Email: administrator@stmaryspurton.org.uk



Church Events

Sunday 21st December	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, the BASH Youth group and Bev Kauppinen
	10.30am	Carol Service at Purton Methodist Church led by Rev Ian Mead
	6.00pm	Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols at St Mary's
Mon 22 nd	10.00am	Zoom Prayer Group Zoom ID: 907644918 Passcode:918865 https://us06web.zoom.us/j/907644918
Tues 23 rd	9.30am	Nativity rehearsal at St Mary's
Christmas Eve	4.00pm	United Village Nativity & Carol Service with the Cricklade Band at St Mary's
	11.30pm	Midnight Communion at St Mary's with Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith
Christmas Day	8.00am	Communion at St Mary's with Revd Judith Wells
	10.30am	Christmas Day Family Celebration with Communion at St Mary's with Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith
Sunday 28th December	10.30am	St Mary's on Zoom with Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith. Zoom link on website: www.stmaryspurton.org.uk
	10.30am	Own Arrangement Service at Purton Methodist Church
Sunday 4th January	8.00am	Extended Holy Communion with Paul & Marie Dempsey (to be confirmed)
	10.30am	Informal Communion Service with Canon Chris Dobson. Epiphany. Matthew 2: 1-12
	10.30am	Service at Purton Methodist Church led by Adam Longhurst

Prayer: In December (in our cycle of prayer for those living and working in the Parish) we pray for those living and working in The Fox, The Pry, Collins Lane, *(and from Moulden View)* Arabian Avenue, Palamino Place and Eriskay Place and White Lodge Care Home on Braydon Road.

Methodist Circuit prayers this week are for Purton Methodist Church and next week for Royal Wootton Bassett Methodist Church.

We give thanks to God for the lives of those who have recently died. We pray for the families and friends of Jim Summerfield, Roma Dodson, Sheila Fowler, Trevor Maxfield, Patricia Fryer and Edmund Tickell.

Collect: Advent 4

God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect: Christmas Day

Almighty God, you have given us your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin: grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; 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.

Eco-Prayer Calendar for December

Pray for all world leaders, politicians and business leaders, that God would grant them wisdom in making decisions on matters related to the environment and climate. Ask God for personal wisdom and guidance in how we as individuals can be more respectful of our natural world, including how to have an 'eco-friendly' Christmas.



Nine Lessons & Carols by candlelight Sunday 21st December 6.00pm

with St Mary's Church Choir
& Handbells by the 'Peartree Pealers'
Followed by Mulled Wine and Mince Pies



