

Bible reading: Colossians 1: 9-20

⁹ For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, ¹⁰ so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, ¹¹ being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, ¹² and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. ¹³ For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

The supremacy of the Son of God

¹⁵ The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. ¹⁶ For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. ¹⁹ For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, ²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

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]



St Mary's
Church Purton

**Purton
Churches
Together**

"In partnership with
other Christians in Purton"



Purton
Methodist Church

Sunday 23rd 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

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

Sunday 23rd November	10.30am	Communion at St Mary's with Revd Sandy Railton
	10.30am	Service at Purton Methodist Church led by Pam Mullin
Mon 24 th	10.00am	Zoom Prayer Group Zoom ID: 907644918 Passcode:918865 Join Zoom Meeting https://us06web.zoom.us/j/907644918
	1.45pm	Bible group at 43 Pear Tree Close
Tues 25 th		
Wed 26 th	5.00pm	Lady Chapel Prayer Group
Thurs 27 th		
Fri 28 th	7.30pm	Bellringing practice
Sat 29 th	11.00am -3.00pm	St Mary's Church Christmas Market - in the church
Sunday 30th November	10.30am	United Communion Service at All Saints Lydiard Millicent (No service at St Mary's) with Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith
	10.30am	Service at Purton Methodist Church led by Revd Ian Mead

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 the 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 Claude Indge, Graham Quincey, Jim Summerfield and Roma Dodson.

Collect: Christ the King (Sunday next before Advent)

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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!

Advent Home Groups – Join Us This December

This Advent we are running two home groups exploring “**Hallelujah: Journeying through Advent with Handel’s Messiah.**”

Each session includes a short Bible reading, listening to a section of *Messiah*, a reflection, and gentle group discussion — a simple and meaningful way to prepare for Christmas.

When:

Wednesdays: 3, 10, 17 December at **7.30pm** (College Road)

Thursdays: 4, 11, 18 December at **7.30pm** (Ringsbury Close)

(plus each group also meets for an Epiphany session in mid-January.)

Books:

Daily devotional books are available from Ian, but **no book is required** for the home groups. All materials will be provided.

If you would like to join a group, sign up in Church, please speak to **Richard Harris** or **Paul Dempsey**, or email the church administrator.

Readers: 23rd Sandra Horsnall 7th Dec Christine Gill

Intercessions: 23rd David Martin 7th Dec Val Walker

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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