

**WALK THROUGH THE BIBLE
The Old Testament in a nutshell**

Saturday 25th January 2025

9:30am - 5.00pm Arrive from 9:00am

VENUE: St Mary's Church, Purton SN5 4EB

www.stmaryspurton.org.uk

The Old Testament is massive, often hard to understand and difficult to navigate. 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.

Bread & Soup Provided (please inform for special dietary needs) Bring Packed Lunch if you need more
Cost £14 including workbook
(FREE for children aged 11-17)

Contact Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith or book your place on the 'Walk through the bible' website by Sunday 19th January if possible. 01793 770077
Or on the day 01793 773031
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St Mary's
Church Purton

**Purton
Churches
Together**

"In partnership with
other Christians in Purton"



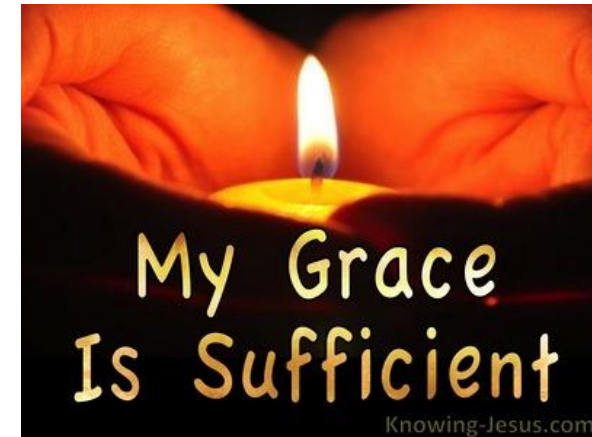
Purton
Methodist Church

Sunday 26th January 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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- The Methodist Minister, Rev Shirlyn Toppin on 01793 853197
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Email: administrator@stmaryspurton.org.uk



Church Events

Sunday 26th January	10.30am	Communion at St Mary's Church with Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith
	10.30am	Service at Purton Methodist Church led by Joseph Musungu
Mon 27 th	10.00am	Zoom Prayer Group Zoom ID:907644918 Passcode:918865
	2.00pm	Bible group at 16 Pear Tree Close
Tues 28 th	7.30pm	Music group rehearsal 2 Ringsbury Close
Wed 29 th	5.00pm	Prayer Group at 8 College Road
	7.30pm	Bellringers – Quarter peal
Thurs 30 th		
Fri 31 st	5.30pm	BASH Youth group at St Mary's Church
	7.30pm	Bellringing practice
Sat 1 st		
Sunday 2nd February	8.00am	Communion at St Mary's Church with Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith
	10.30am	Church for All at St Mary's Church with Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith
	10.30am	Holy Communion Service at Purton Methodist Church led by Rev Shirlyn Toppin
	6.00pm	Raise a Hallelujah at Purton Methodist Church

Prayer: In our street prayer cycle for January, we pray for Pavenhill, Upper and Lower Pavenhill, Paven Close, Bunce Court, Gleed Close, (*and from Ridgeway Farm*) Cob Hill, Saxon Mill and Cowleaze and Ashgrove House Care Home. Methodist Circuit prayers this week are for Shrivensham Methodist Church.

We give thanks to God for the lives of those who have recently died. We pray for the families and friends of Elizabeth "Betty" Hudson, Brenda Cook, Brenda David-Fenner, Mary New, Pete Goodings, Josie Young, David Herbert, Reginald Ovens and Arthur Griffin.

The funeral for the late Peter Goodings will be at St Mary's Church on Wednesday 5th February at 12 noon with Revd Moira Slack.

Collect: Epiphany 3

Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; 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.

Nature Quiz Night

Lydiard Millicent Parish Hall Saturday 1st February at 7.00pm

"We are trying to raise money for our church building project (a glass door) and one of our young people, who is going to Canada with the Swindon Ice Hockey team and needs to raise money to take part. In our last quiz in September St Mary's Purton beat All Saints. It would be great if other churches were able to take up our challenge." £5 per person. Contact tricia.f.roberts@gmail.com

Reading: 2 Corinthians 12:6-10

⁶ Even if I should choose to boast, I would not be a fool, because I would be speaking the truth. But I refrain, so no one will think more of me than is warranted by what I do or say, ⁷ or because of these surpassingly great revelations. Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. ⁸ Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. ⁹ But he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.' Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. ¹⁰ That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

Readers: 26th David Nettleton 2nd Feb Jane Smith

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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

