



**St Mary's Church Christmas Market**  
**Saturday 25th 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). 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. 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!

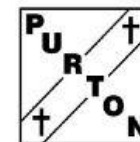
**Christmas Market** - many paintings for sale, by well known local artists. Some are by Andy le Poidevin, Catherine Pier, Eddie Goodrich. These have all been gifted to the Church. Come and see for yourself.



St Mary's  
Church Purton

**Purton  
Churches  
Together**

"In partnership with  
other Christians in Purton"



Purton  
Methodist Church

**26<sup>th</sup> 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

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<sup>1</sup> You have searched me, LORD,  
and you know me.

<sup>2</sup> You know when I sit and when I rise;  
you perceive my thoughts from afar.

<sup>3</sup> You discern my going out and my lying down;  
you are familiar with all my ways.

<sup>4</sup> Before a word is on my tongue  
you, LORD, know it completely.

<sup>5</sup> You hem me in behind and before,  
and you lay your hand upon me.

<sup>6</sup> Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,  
too lofty for me to attain. **Psalms 139**

## Church Events

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| <b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November</b> | 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   |
| Mon 27 <sup>th</sup>                   | 10.00am | Zoom Prayer group<br>ID: 907 644 918 Password: 918865  |
|  | 1.00pm  | Bible group at St Mary's Church (Lady Chapel)  |
| Tues 28 <sup>th</sup>                  | 7.30pm  | Choir practice   |
| Wed 29 <sup>th</sup>                   | 2.30pm  | Memorial Service for Frank Strange at St Mary's Church with Rev Judith Wells & Rev Dr John Railton |
|  | 5.00pm  | Lady Chapel Prayer Group   |
| Thurs 30 <sup>th</sup>                 | 7.00pm  | Wedding rehearsal  |
| Fri 1 <sup>st</sup>                    | 7.30pm  | Bellringing practice   |
| Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup>                    | 9am-12  | Christmas Tree festival: trees arriving  |
|  | 2.00pm  | Wedding: Steven Dearlove & Jennifer Stillwell with Rev Judith Wells                                |
| <b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December</b>  | 8.00am  | Communion at St Mary's Church with Rev Dr John Railton   |
|  | 10.30am | Church for All at St Mary's Church with Liz & David Martin. Dedication of Christmas Tree Festival. |
|  | 12.30pm | Service at Purton Methodist Church led by Rachel Dowling   |
|  | 1.00pm  | Baptism of Daisy White at St Mary's Church with Rev Judith Wells                                   |

**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 Shaw Church.

We give thanks to God for the lives of those who have recently died, and we pray for the families of Michael Hull, Tony Thombs, Frank Strange and Duncan Joslyn (k/a Joss). Duncan Joslyn's funeral will be in the church on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December 11.00am.

## **Bible readings:** Psalm 139 & Daniel 7: 9-14

<sup>9</sup> 'As I looked, 'thrones were set in place, and the Ancient of Days took his seat. His clothing was as white as snow; the hair of his head was white like wool. His throne was flaming with fire, and its wheels were all ablaze. <sup>10</sup> A river of fire was flowing, coming out from before him. Thousands upon thousands attended him; ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him. The court was seated, and the books were opened. <sup>11</sup> 'Then I continued to watch because of the boastful words the horn was speaking. I kept looking until the beast was slain and its body destroyed and thrown into the blazing fire. <sup>12</sup> (The other beasts had been stripped of their authority, but were allowed to live for a period of time.)

<sup>13</sup> 'In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. <sup>14</sup> He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all nations and peoples of every language worshipped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed.

## **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. <sup>6</sup> By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, their starry host by the breath of his mouth." Psalm 33

**Collect:** Sunday next before Advent. Christ the King.

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.

**Readers:** 26<sup>th</sup> Godfrey Fowler 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec Christine Gill

**Intercessions:** 26<sup>th</sup> Howard Smith 3<sup>rd</sup> David/Liz M

If you have anything to include in the Church Notices, contact [administrator@stmaryspurton.org.uk](mailto:administrator@stmaryspurton.org.uk) by first thing Thursday mornings.

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