

**Bible reading: Romans 13: 11-14**

**The day is near**

11 And do this, understanding the present time: the hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armour of light. Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh.

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**Readers:** 7<sup>th</sup> Dec Christine Gill 14<sup>th</sup> Julia Knowles

**Intercessions:** 7<sup>th</sup> Dec Val Walker 14<sup>th</sup> Howard Smith

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**Eco-Prayer Calendar for November**

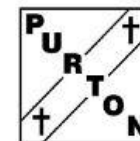
We praise God for the awesome majesty of the heavens; for advancing technology which allows us to see it in ever greater detail. We pray for scientists, engineers and technicians, for wisdom and insight, that all their work would be towards the greater good and give glory to the One who made it all. "By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, their starry host by the breath of His mouth."  
[Psalm 33:6]



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**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> 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

<b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November</b>	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
	6.00pm	Dig Deeper: An Evening with Major General Tim Cross (retired) via zoom at the vicarage
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> December	10.00am	Zoom Prayer Group Zoom ID: 907644918 Passcode:918865 <a href="https://us06web.zoom.us/j/907644918">https://us06web.zoom.us/j/907644918</a>
	1.30pm	Bible group at 43 Pear Tree Close
	2.00pm	Fellowship of Women at Purton Methodist Church with guest speaker Richard Harris
Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup>	11.00am	Memorial Service at St Mary's for the late Roma Dodson with Revd Judith Wells
	3.00pm	Communion at Ashgrove House
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup>	5.00pm	Lady Chapel Prayer Group
	7.30pm	Advent Group at Ringsbury Close
Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup>	2.30pm	Communion at the Cedars
	9am-4pm	Concert preparations at St Mary's Church
	6.00pm	Bradon Forest Christmas Concert at St Mary's Church
	7.30pm	Advent Group at College Road
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Bellringing practice
Sat 6 <sup>th</sup>	8.00am	Men's Breakfast at All Saints Lydiard Millicent – St Mary's men welcome to join!
<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December</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 & Celia Tweedie-Smith
	10.30am	Service at Purton Methodist Church led by Robin Phoenix-Stone
	6.00pm	Sunday Evening Music at Purton Methodist Church
	6.00pm	Community Christmas Carols at St Mary's Church with school choirs, with Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith

**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 MHA Fitzwarren House and Court. 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: Advent 1**

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### **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** (Ringsbury Close)

**Thursdays:** 4, 11, 18 December at **7.30pm** (College Road) (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.

