

## St Mary's Church Christmas Market Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2024

to be held in the Church from 11.00am to 2.30pm.

Could **you** please help at this event by running a stall - cakes, books & jigsaws, produce, tombola, children's toys etc or by making cakes, preparing food for refreshments, providing tombola or raffle prizes or helping to set up and clear up chairs and tables. Your support is much appreciated. Let us make this a joyous fundraising event to help support St Mary's Church and Family now and in the future. Please contact either Sandra or Marie for more information

### **Tombola - St Mary's Christmas Market**

*Please pass any items for the Tombola to Sheila Fowler - all suitable items gratefully received!*

*Many thanks.*

### **Jigsaw Puzzle Sale: Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November from 10.30am.**

Pips Café in Silver Threads:

For Christian Aid's funds for Gaza.

DEC will be match funded by the Government so please give generously. If you want to donate any puzzles please ring Libbie 771018 to arrange a time for collection. We already have well over 100 puzzles ready for you to come and buy! Used puzzles from £1. Others unused will cost a bit more!

## **All Soul's Service Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 6.00pm at St Mary's Church**

This is a special service to remember and give thanks for those who have died. There will be an opportunity to light a candle in someone's memory if you wish.

If you would like anyone remembered by name at this service, please speak to Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith or Revd Judith Wells.



St Mary's  
Church Purton

**Purton  
Churches  
Together**

"In partnership with  
other Christians in Purton"



Purton  
Methodist Church

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2024**

**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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## **Advent Bible Study Group**

**Come and study the biblical words of  
peace, hope, joy, and love.**

From 25<sup>th</sup> November for 4 weeks  
starting at 7:30pm

Monday Group – Richard & Rosie's  
Thursday Group – Paul & Marie's

Talk to Paul, Richard or contact  
[administrator@stmaryspurton.org.uk](mailto:administrator@stmaryspurton.org.uk)

## Church Events

<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November</b>	8.00am	Communion at St Mary's Church with Revd John Martin
	10.30am	Church for All at St Mary's Church with Revd Judith Wells
	10.30am	Service at Purton Methodist Church led by Robin Phoenix-Stone
	5.00pm 6.00pm	Bellringers ringing half-muffled quarter-peal All Soul's Service at St Mary's Church with Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith, Revd Judith Wells & Revd Chris Dobson
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Zoom Prayer Group Zoom ID:907644918 Passcode:918865
	2.00pm	Bible group – Proverbs (In church)
Tues 5 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Music group rehearsal (venue tbc)
	7.30pm	Choir practice
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup>	5.00pm	Prayer Group – Lady Chapel
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup>		
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup>	5.30- 7.45pm	BASH Youth group (in church) with Bev Kauppinen
	7.30pm	Bellringing practice
Sat 9 <sup>th</sup>		
<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November</b>	10.30am	Communion with Act of Remembrance at St Mary's Church with Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith
	10.30am	Holy Communion Service at Purton Methodist Church led by Rev Shirlyn Toppin
	2.30pm	Service of Remembrance at war memorial with Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith & Revd Judith Wells
	4.00pm	Messy Church at St Mary's Church

**Prayer:** In our street prayer cycle for November, we pray for Church Path, Church Street, Hyde Lane, The Hyde, Parkside, Church End, Manor Hill, (*and from Moulden View*) Criollo Place and Oldenburg Close; the Cedars Care Home on Purton 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 James Kent, George Duguid, Hedley Webb, Margaret Beaumont, Vicki Venter and Jill Mucklow.

## **Funerals coming up at St Mary's Church:**

Hedley Webb on 15<sup>th</sup> November at 10.30am.

Vicki Venter on 19<sup>th</sup> November at 12 noon (with Revd Tudor Roberts).

Jill Mucklow on 21<sup>st</sup> November at 1.15pm (with Revd Tudor Roberts).

## **Eco-Prayer Calendar for November**

Praise God for the awesome majesty of the heavens; for advancing technology which allows us to see it in ever greater detail. Pray for scientists, engineers and technicians, for wisdom and insight, that all their work would be towards the greater good. *"By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, their starry host by the breath of his mouth."* Psalm 33

## **Collect: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday before Advent**

Almighty and eternal God, you have kindled the flame of love in the hearts of the saints: grant to us the same faith and power of love, that, as we rejoice in their triumphs, we may be sustained by their example and fellowship; 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.

## **Reading: Acts 9: 1-19**

Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest <sup>2</sup> and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup> As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. <sup>4</sup> He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' <sup>5</sup> 'Who are you, Lord?' Saul asked. 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting,' he replied. <sup>6</sup> 'Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do.' (Please read your bibles for the rest of the story...)

**Readers:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov Jean Belt 10<sup>th</sup> Marie Dempsey

**Intercessions:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Paul Dempsey 10<sup>th</sup> Jean Belt

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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.

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