

**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
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St Mary's
Church Purton

**Purton
Churches
Together**

"In partnership with
other Christians in Purton"



Purton
Methodist Church

Sunday 12th 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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Church Events

Sunday 12th January	10.30am	Communion at St Mary's Church with Revd Norma McKemey
	10.30am	Own Arrangement Service at Purton Methodist Church
Mon 13 th	10.00am	Zoom Prayer Group Zoom ID:907644918 Passcode:918865
	2.00pm	Bible group (venue tbc)
	2.30pm	Communion at Ashgrove House Care Home
Tues 14 th	7.30pm	Choir practice
Wed 15 th	5.00pm	Prayer Group at 8 College Road
Thurs 16 th	2.30pm	Communion at The Cedars Care Home
Fri 17 th	7.30pm	Bellringing practice
Sat 18 th		
Sunday 19th January	8.00am	Communion at St Mary's Church with Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith
	10.30am	Church for All at St Mary's Church with David & Liz Martin
	10.30am	Service at Purton Methodist Church led by Revd Joseph Ribeiro
	4.00pm	Messy Church at St Mary's 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 Highworth 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, Peter Goodings, Josie Young and David Herbert.

The funeral for the late David Herbert will be at St Mary's Church on Friday 24th January at 12 noon with Revd Moira Slack.

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.

Eco-prayer for January

Pray for people, communities and wildlife affected by the loss of ice and snow due to climate warming.

Collect: Epiphany 1

O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at last behold your glory face to face; 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.

Readings: Matthew 2: 1-12

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem ² and asked, 'Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.' ³ When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. ⁴ When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵ 'In Bethlehem in Judea,' they replied, 'for this is what the prophet has written: ⁶ "But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel." ⁷ Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. ⁸ He sent them to Bethlehem and said, 'Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.'

⁹ After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. ¹¹ On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. ¹² And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

Readers: 12th Jan Howard Smith 19th Libbie Sheppard

Intercessions: 12th Jan Liz Martin 19th Val Walker

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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

