

## Cricklade Lent Talks 2025

**Thursday 6th March**, Stef Jones, Ad. Agency Chief, Founder of XO Bikes - breaking the cycle of reoffending and prison crowding - campaigning against and providing achievable alternative.

**Tuesday 11th March**, Ram Goodimal - Co-founder of Christmas Cracker - raising 10M dollars for good causes. Chair of numerous charities, Co - author of 'The British and How to Deal with Them' and 'How would Jesus Vote? - What to look for in your National Leaders

**Tuesday 18th March**. Shermara Fletcher Hoyte - Writer, Broadcaster, Recipient of the 2020 Exceptional Young Woman Award from The Wise Women Awards, invited to officiate at Queen Elizabeth's funeral.

**Wednesday 19th March**, Prof. Stuart Burgess. Inst. of Mechanical Engineers James Clayton Award for exceptional contribution to engineering and Invention. Works European Space Agency. Turner Medal for spacecraft design. Designed revolutionary drive-chain for Team GB Olympic Bikes.

**Thursday 10th April**, John Glen MP - recent Cabinet Minister as - Chief Secretary to The Treasury (2022/23) and Paymaster General (2003/24)

**Friday 11th April - Lisa Potts** - George Medal Recipient - Nursery teacher severely injured protecting children from a machete attack by an intruding paranoid schizophrenic.

All sessions begin at 7.30pm and comprise a 45-minute presentation followed by questions from the floor, followed by drinks & nibbles and chance to talk to the presenting speaker. All venues bar 19th March are St Sampson's C/E Primary School SN6 6AX - close to St Sampson's Church. 19th March at Cricklade United Church in Calcutt Street SN6 6AZ (Please note some dates are consecutive nights in order to allow speakers' participation.)

Admission by Free Ticket - available through David Martin, 07890 002175, [davgramart@gmail.com](mailto:davgramart@gmail.com), who will also co-ordinate any transport requests/shares - or direct from organiser Graham Light, [grahamdlight77@gmail.com](mailto:grahamdlight77@gmail.com)



St Mary's  
Church Purton

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Purton  
Methodist Church

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 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

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**Bible reading:** Luke 8: 22-25

<sup>22</sup> One day Jesus said to his disciples, 'Let us go over to the other side of the lake.' So they got into a boat and set out. <sup>23</sup> As they sailed, he fell asleep. A squall came down on the lake, so that the boat was being swamped, and they were in great danger. <sup>24</sup> The disciples went and woke him, saying, 'Master, Master, we're going to drown!' He got up and rebuked the wind and the raging waters; the storm subsided, and all was calm. <sup>25</sup> 'Where is your faith?' he asked his disciples. In fear and amazement they asked one another, 'Who is this? He commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him.'

## Church Events

<b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February</b>	10.30am	Communion at St Mary's Church with Revd Norma McKemey
	10.30am	Service at Purton Methodist Church led by Pam Mullin
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Zoom Prayer Group Zoom ID:907644918 Passcode:918865
	2.00pm	Bible group at 43 Pear Tree Close
Tues 25 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Music group rehearsal
Wed 26 <sup>th</sup>	5.00pm	Prayer Group at 8 College Road
Thurs 27 <sup>th</sup>	6.00-7.30pm 7.30pm	BASH & Explorers pancake evening in St Mary's Church 'The Bells of St Mary's Purton' with Michael Woodward & Katy Whitaker at Purton Methodist Church
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Bellringing practice
Sat 1 <sup>st</sup>	7.00 for 7.30pm	movies@Mary's film showing of 'Casablanca' at St Mary's Church. Film starts 7.30pm
<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March</b>	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	Service at Purton Methodist Church led by Robin Phoenix-Stone

**Prayer:** In our street prayer cycle for February, we pray for Blacklands, Red Gables Close, Ward Close, Highridge Close, The Masons, (*and from Ridgeway Farm*) Upper Mill, Ray Close and The Buffer, and Caring Hands (Wiltshire) Care Home at Battle Lake Farm. Methodist Circuit prayers this week are for Methodist Homes for the Aged.

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, Arthur Griffin and Jenny Burge.

### **Collect: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent**

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever. Amen.

### **Eco-Prayer**

In February pray that God will give wisdom to nations to honour the commitments they have made in the Paris Agreement to keep global temperature rises below 2C. Pray that God will inspire scientists and industry to find solutions to the problem of generating clean affordable energy and reducing carbon emissions.

### **Purton Historical Society**

On Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February 7.30pm - an evening with Michael Woodward & Katy Whitaker who will be doing a presentation on 'the Bells of St Mary's Purton' at Purton Methodist Church. Non-members are welcome, £3 per visitor.

### **movies@Mary's**

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March

Film: '**Casablanca**' – which this years' Lent course is based around  
Please arrive from 7.00pm for 7.30pm film-showing at St Mary's Church

**Lent Lunches at Purton Methodist Church** begin on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March at 12 noon and run for 4 weeks: 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> March. Cost: £6, plus cakes as priced. All proceeds sent to Mercy Ships.

### **Dates for your diaries**

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> March - Church bi-annual maintenance and cleaning day  
Sat 29<sup>th</sup> March 2025 - Murder Mystery Evening with PADS in St Mary's Church 7.00 for 7.30pm. Further details to follow.

Mon 19<sup>th</sup> May 2025 - Annual Parochial Church Meeting in St Mary's Church at 7.30pm

**Readers:** 23<sup>rd</sup> Marie Dempsey 2<sup>nd</sup> March Godfrey Fowler

**Intercessions:** 23<sup>rd</sup> Sandra Horsnall 2<sup>nd</sup> March Madeleine Harvey

St Mary's Church website is: [www.stmaryspurton.org.uk](http://www.stmaryspurton.org.uk)

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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