

Lent Books

'**In Quietness and Trust**' by Matt Searles, 40 days of readings based on The Beatitudes from the Sermon on the Mount. This is gentle and refreshing whilst also being thought provoking. We are helped to see the wider implications of the Beatitudes. Each day includes a brief Bible Reading and a short comment followed by a suggested prayer. Then if you are technologically able there is a Spotify link to piece of music / song linked to the theme of the day. In addition there are a helpful series of daily prayers which you can choose to add to your Lent routine but there is no compulsion to do so. Normal price 6.99, St Mary's price 4.99.

'**Mud, Bullets and Open Roads**' by David Robinson - An autobiography of a "ordinary" life made "extra ordinary" as David took God at His word and trusted Him and His promises. Normal price 7.99, St Mary's price 5.99. Normal conditions apply - return at any time for a refund if the book is not for you.

movies@Mary's

Saturday 1st 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

St Mary's Church invites you to

A Murder Mystery Evening on Sat 29th March 2025

in St Mary's Church

in conjunction with PADS (Purton Amateur Dramatic Society).

Time: 7.00pm for 7.30pm

Tickets : £10.00 to include a light supper plus 'Death at the Museum'

Please bring your own drinks and glasses.

To book your seat or for more information please call:

Sandra 01793 770157 or Marie 07455046815

Look forward to seeing you there.....

St Mary's Church Electoral Roll

News - 2025 is the year for the preparation of a **New Church Electoral Roll**. (This takes place every six years)

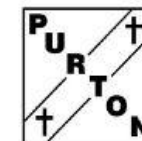
Do not miss out - every person who wishes to have his or her name entered on the new roll is asked to apply for enrolment. Forms for Application for Enrolment on the Church Electoral Roll are in church or can be sent electronically. Please return signed forms to Rosie Harris.



St Mary's
Church Purton

Purton Churches Together

"In partnership with
other Christians in Purton"



Purton
Methodist Church

Sunday 2nd March 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
vicarage@stmaryspurton.org.uk
- The Methodist Minister, Rev Shirlyn Toppin on 01793 853197
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- If you have any Church Safeguarding concern:
Marie Dempsey on 07455046815
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For general enquiries: Parish Administrator, Rosie Harris
01793 773035 (Tues/Thurs mornings)
Email: administrator@stmaryspurton.org.uk

Bible reading: Matthew 26:30-35, 69-75

When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. Then Jesus told them, 'This very night you will all fall away on account of me, for it is written: "I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered." But after I have risen, I will go ahead of you into Galilee.'

Peter replied, 'Even if all fall away on account of you, I never will.' 'Truly I tell you,' Jesus answered, 'this very night, before the cock crows, you will disown me three times.'

But Peter declared, 'Even if I have to die with you, I will never disown you.' And all the other disciples said the same.

(v.30-35) *See bibles for the rest of the story...*

Church Events

Sunday 2nd March	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
	6.00pm	Raise a Hallelujah at Purton Methodist Church
Mon 3 rd	10.00am	Zoom Prayer Group Zoom ID:907644918 Passcode:918865
	2.00pm	Bible group at 43 Pear Tree Close
Tues 4 th	7.30pm	Choir practice
Wed 5 th	12 noon	Lent Lunches at Purton Methodist Church
	5.00pm	Prayer Group at 8 College Road
	6.00pm	Ash Wednesday Communion at St Mary's Church with Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith
Thurs 6 th	9.15am	Bible Explorer at St Mary's School
	2.00pm	Bible Explorer at Ridgeway Farm School (Both with Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith)
	2.30pm	Communion at the Cedars with Liz & David Martin
	7.30pm	Lent Talk at Cricklade (see separate info.)
Fri 7 th	5.30pm	BASH Youth group at St Mary's Church
	7.30pm	Bellringing practice
Sat 8 th		
Sunday 9th March	10.30am	Communion at St Mary's Church with Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith
	10.30am	Holy Communion Service at Purton Methodist Church led by Rev Shirlyn Toppin
	4.00pm	Messy Church at St Mary's Church

Prayer: In our street prayer cycle for March we pray for Restrop View, Restrop Road, Battlewell, Bagbury Lane, (*and from Ridgeway Farm*) Quarry Field, Lower Mill, Mill View & Cotswolds Rise Care Home on Ridgeway Farm. Methodist Circuit prayers this week are for Cricklade United 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, Pete Goodings, Josie Young, David Herbert, Reginald Ovens, Arthur Griffin, Jenny Burge & Joyce Ball.

Collect: Sunday next before Lent

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Eco-Prayer

Give thanks to God for the gift of water which sustains all life. Pray for those who do not have access to clean water and communities who are facing drought or floods due to climate change.

Lent Bible Study

To help us reflect on the message of the Gospel during Lent this 5 week study considers powerful themes of love, loss, faith and sacrifice from the film Casablanca. One group, which will meet on Wednesdays 7.30-9.00pm, is **now full**. If anyone else is interested please contact Paul Dempsey or the Vicar as it may be possible to have a second group. See *separate flyer* for more details.

Lent Lunches at Purton Methodist Church continue on 12th, 19th and 26th March. Cost £6 plus cakes as priced. All proceeds sent to Mercy Ships.

Dates for your diaries

Saturday 22nd March - Church bi-annual maintenance and cleaning day
Mon 19th May 2025 - Annual Parochial Church Meeting in St Mary's Church at 7.30pm

Readers: 2nd March Godfrey Fowler 9th Brian Gill

Intercessions: 2nd March Madeleine Harvey 9th Libbie Sheppard

St Mary's Church website is: 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.
administrator@stmaryspurton.org.uk

