

Electoral roll

We will be updating the Electoral roll this month. This is a revision of the current roll and not a new one. Please fill out a form if you are NOT currently on the Electoral roll, but would like to be, and return this to Rosie Harris or Sandra Horsnall by Sunday 28th April at the latest. If you cannot remember whether you are already on the roll, please check the Electoral roll list which will be on the church notice board or ask Rosie: administrator@stmaryspurton.org.uk

Christian Aid

On Saturday (13th) we have the **Sale of Puzzles and Pictures** in Pips Café from 10.30am. Please do come and have a look and start our fundraising for Christian Aid.

We also have the 'infamous **Purton Christian Aid Quiz**' for sale around the village. If it's easier you can ask for a copy to be sent electronically. You can also pay any donations into the Christian Aid JustGiving page at any time. <https://justgiving.com/page/purton-christian-aid-2024>
More details of any events from Libbie: 771018 or Mary H:770505

Monday Bible Group News

We have just finished studying the whole of the Gospel of Luke, which certainly got everyone thinking; it was very helpful to read a gospel all the way through together from start to finish, giving a whole new perspective to events. The final chapters coincided perfectly with the Easter season. A few new people have been welcomed to the group along the way, which is great! There will be a short break while we consider what to study next. If you are interested in coming along, or just trying it out for one session even, please speak to either Rosie Harris or Marie Dempsey for more details. Everyone is welcome! Marie will be leading the next course – start date to be confirmed. Monday afternoons 1.30-3.00pm.



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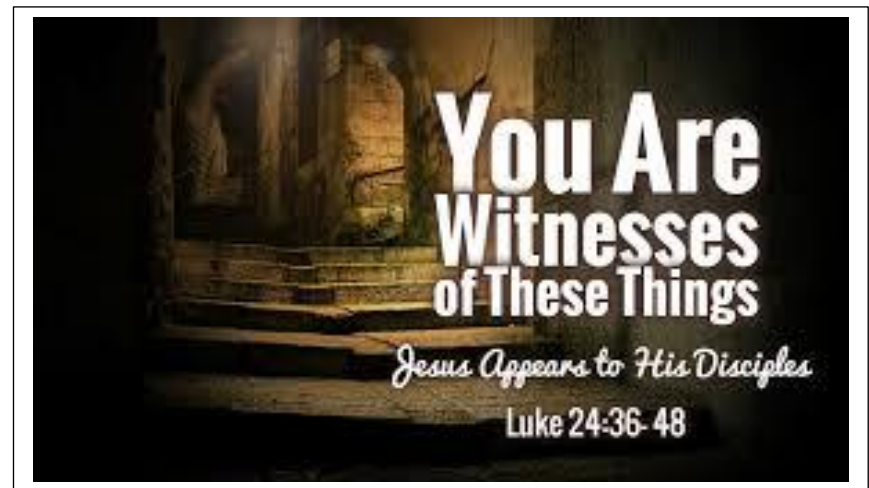
Purton
Methodist Church

14th April 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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Marie Dempsey: 07455046815
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Church Events

Sunday 14th April	10.30am	Communion at St Mary's Church with Rev Phil Ashby
	10.30am	Service at Purton Methodist Church led by Pam Mullin
Mon 15 th	10.00am	Zoom Prayer Group Zoom ID:907644918 Passcode:918865
Tues 16 th		
Wed 17 th	8am-4pm 5.00pm	Works to St Mary's Church lighting Prayer Group
Thurs 18 th	8am-4pm	Works to St Mary's Church lighting
Fri 19 th	7.30pm	Bellringing practice
Sat 20 th		
Sunday 21st April	8.00am	Communion at St Mary's Church with Rev Judith Wells
	10.30am	Church for All at St Mary's Church with Rev Judith Wells
	10.30am	Morning Worship at Purton Methodist Church led by Joseph Musungu

Prayer: In April we pray for Dogridge, Orchard Gardens, Waterfield, Ringsbury Close, Restrop View, (*and from Ridgeway Farm*) Dewpond Close, The Farm and Moses Mead, Quarrydene (Care Home) on Pavenhill. Methodist Circuit prayers this week are for Purton Methodist Church.

We give thanks to God for the lives of those who have recently died, and we pray for the families of Cynthia Huband, Clare Tweedie-Smith, Angie Woods and Ann Orr-Ewing.

The funeral of Ann Orr-Ewing will be at St Mary's Church on Monday 22nd April at 12.30pm with Rev Judith Wells.

'Eco-Prayer' for April

April 22nd is 'Earth Day'. This year Earthday.org is "*unwavering in our commitment to end plastics for the sake of human and planetary health, demanding a 60% reduction in the production of all plastics by 2040*".

<https://www.earthday.org/earth-day-2024/>

Prayerfully consider how we can better educate ourselves on this issue and what we can do to reduce plastic pollution.

Prayer for the 3rd Sunday after Easter (The Collect)

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; 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: Luke 24: 36b-48

Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.'
³⁷ They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. ³⁸ He said to them, 'Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? ³⁹ Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have.'
⁴⁰ When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. ⁴¹ And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, 'Do you have anything here to eat?' ⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³ and he took it and ate it in their presence. ⁴⁴ He said to them, 'This is what I told you while I was still with you: everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.' ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶ He told them, 'This is what is written: the Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷ and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.'

Readers: 14th Libbie Sheppard 21st Jane Smith

Intercessions: 14th Howard Smith 21st Madeleine Harvey

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

If you have anything to include in the Church Notices, contact administrator@stmaryspurton.org.uk by first thing Thursday mornings.

