

## **Bible readings for 21<sup>st</sup> June**

### **Matthew 5: 43-48**

<sup>43</sup> 'You have heard that it was said, "Love your neighbour and hate your enemy." <sup>44</sup> But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, <sup>45</sup> that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. <sup>46</sup> If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? <sup>47</sup> And if you greet only your own people, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that? <sup>48</sup> Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

### **Jeremiah 18: 1-6**

This is the word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: <sup>2</sup> 'Go down to the potter's house, and there I will give you my message.' <sup>3</sup> So I went down to the potter's house, and I saw him working at the wheel. <sup>4</sup> But the pot he was shaping from the clay was marred in his hands; so the potter formed it into another pot, shaping it as seemed best to him. <sup>5</sup> Then the word of the Lord came to me. <sup>6</sup> He said, 'Can I not do with you, Israel, as this potter does?' declares the Lord. 'Like clay in the hand of the potter, so are you in my hand, Israel.'

## **Diary Dates**

**Sun 28<sup>th</sup> June** – Messy Church 4.00pm (postponed from 14<sup>th</sup> June)

**Sat 11<sup>th</sup> July** – Sing 4/4 Concert in St Mary's Church 7.00pm

**Sun 27<sup>th</sup> September** – Harvest Festival Parade Service 10.30am at St Mary's

**Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> October** – Harvest Supper & Barn Dance 6.00pm

**Sat 10<sup>th</sup> October** 'Come and Sing' Day at St Mary's Church – Handel's Messiah

**Readers:** 21<sup>st</sup> Godfrey Fowler 28<sup>th</sup> Sandra Horsnall

**Intercessions:** 21<sup>st</sup> Liz Martin 28<sup>th</sup> Paul Dempsey

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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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**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2026**

**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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JEREMIAH 18:6b

## Church Events

<b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June</b>	8.00am	Communion at St Mary's with Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith
	9.30am	Bacon butties for breakfast at St Mary's Church for All at St Mary's with David & Liz Martin – celebrating Father's Day
	10.30am	Own Arrangement Service at Purton Methodist Church
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Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup>	10.00am	Zoom Prayer Group Zoom ID: 907644918 Passcode:918865 <a href="https://us06web.zoom.us/j/907644918">https://us06web.zoom.us/j/907644918</a>
	1.45pm	Bible group (Pear Tree Close)
Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup>		
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup>	5.00pm	Lady Chapel Prayer Group
Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup>		
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Bellringing practice
Sat 27 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am-5.15pm	Small art exhibition in church
<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June</b>	10.30am	Communion at St Mary's with Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith
	10.30am	Service at Purton Methodist Church led by Pam Mullin
	4.00pm	Messy Church at St Mary's Church

**Prayer:** In June (in our cycle of prayer for those living and working in the Parish) we pray for those living and working in Purton Stoke, Bentham, Hayes Knoll, Braydon, Cross Lanes, (*and from Ridgeway Farm*) Hill View, Newman's View & Upper Oxhill; and White Lodge Care Home.

Methodist circuit prayers for this week are for Shrevenham Methodist Church.

We give thanks to God for the lives of those who have recently died. We pray for the families and friends of Norene Richardson, Dr Andrew Reekie, Bob Stimpson, Christopher Greet and Ann Lucas.

## **Eco-Prayer Calendar for June 2026**

Give thanks for our natural environment on which we rely for survival. Bring before God the loss of ecosystems, forests, habitats and endangered species. Pray for those who may be adversely affected by the emerging El Niño phenomenon, forecast to be stronger than usual this time. Pray for those trying to cope with rising heat levels and wisdom for governments in how best to mitigate this.

## **Collect: Trinity 3**

Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts whereby we call you Father: give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that we and all creation may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God; 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.

## **CELEBRATION OF FATHERHOOD - FOR FATHERS' DAY - Sunday 21st June**

Those who attended the Mothering Sunday Service will remember that we planned something similar this year for Fathers' Day. Visiting Children and Parents on that occasion voted for what they would like to present to their dads as a token of their appreciation. Chocolate was a clear winner! So on Sunday 21st, as part of the service, we will give chocolate, for those who can, to present to their dads.

This Celebration of Thanks gives opportunity for those of every age to personally recall and reflect upon what our own fathers have taught and given us. And together it provides timely opportunity to reflect upon God and our debt of gratitude for all he has generously provided us with.

Celebratory Service of Thanks at 10.30am. **Free Bacon Butties served from 9.30-10.15am.** To aid catering and make sure there is enough to go round, please email [davgramart@gmail.com](mailto:davgramart@gmail.com) OR ring or text 07309 752366