

Purton  
Churches

Easter  
2023

St Mary's Church - Church End SN5 4EB — Methodist Church - Play Close SN5 4DP


### Palm Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2023

8.00am Communion at St Mary's  
10.30am Church for All with Messy Church at St Mary's  
There will be a Procession and Easter activities, refreshments, crafts  
- children must bring an adult!  
10.30am Morning Service at Purton Methodist Church

### Maundy Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April

7.30pm Holy Communion at St Mary's

### Good Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April

10.00am Walk of Reflection and Witness (*starting at Pavenhill Shops*)  
(*Also at any time*) Your own reflective walk Around Purton  
Collect a Guide from outside St Mary's Church or   
from the Coop or One Stop or download from the website  
2.00pm Hour at the Cross United - Service at St Mary's  
A time to reflect on what Christ did for us -  
with Bible Readings, Prayer, Hymns & Times of Quiet

*Alleluia* **Christ is risen!**

### Easter Day - Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April

8.00am Holy Communion at St Mary's  
10.30am Easter Celebration  
with Family Communion at St Mary's  
[www.stmaryspurton.org.uk/easter23](http://www.stmaryspurton.org.uk/easter23)  
10.30am Holy Communion at Purton Methodist Church

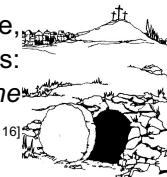
## A very Happy Easter to everyone from Purton Churches

**Snowdrops** are the first flowers in my garden in the Spring. I always think the special ones are dead, because these tall, plump ones always emerge so very late! The smoky green shoots emerge near the window where I sit to work, yet they're the ones which last the longest. They were my mother's and I have been dividing them, so I have more clumps every year. They remind me of her. A truly loving, hardworking, gardening Christian lady. By the time you read this, her cowslips will be multiplying in yellows and reds on a bank in another corner. These remind me of her too. She lived a long time. She was always encouraging, warm and caring. She always gave me hope for the future, just like Spring flowers in our gardens.

God gives us **Hope** too, a better one! He gave us His Son Jesus to free us from the things we do wrong! Jesus died and He rose again for us! We have **Hope** through this rising from the dead, for eternal life. We just have to believe, (and that's no easy thing to do). But we only have to hang on to this **Hope** because it's eternal. It's forever. Jesus stands alongside us now and if we believe, we will be with Him in the future too, forever! See what the Bible says:

"God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone *who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life*" [John chapter 3 verse 16]

Revd Judith Wells (*Associate Minister for St Mary's*)



### If you or any of your family or friends need our prayers please contact:

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or Revd Judith Wells 01793 770627 for St Mary's Church.  
Or Revd Shirlyn Toppin 01793 853197 for Purton Methodist Church

### The services overleaf are our special Easter Services

#### Our normal Sunday pattern is as follows:

8.00am Holy Communion (*1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays*) at St Mary's Church  
10.30am Contemporary Service - Church for All (*1<sup>st</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays*)  
And Holy Communion (*2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays*) at St Mary's Church  
10.30am Service at Purton Methodist Church  
4.00pm Messy Church (*Monthly*) at St Mary's Church

#### For more Information

See website [www.stmaryspurton.org.uk](http://www.stmaryspurton.org.uk)  
Facebook St. Mary's Church, Purton, Wiltshire



### Coronation of King Charles III

#### Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2023 - Live Streamed in St Mary's Church

Tickets are available first come first served - For a free ticket please use  
[www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/coronation-livestreaming-tickets-586046670367](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/coronation-livestreaming-tickets-586046670367)  
or see the website or use the Vicarage contact details above