

Purton
Churches

Easter
2024

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


Palm Sunday 24th March 2024

10.30am Holy Communion with gift of Palm Crosses at St Mary's Church
10.30am Holy Communion at Purton Methodist Church
4.00pm Messy Church at St Mary's Church
There will be a Procession and Easter activities, refreshments, crafts
- children must bring an adult!

Maundy Thursday 28th March

7.30pm Holy Communion at St Mary's

Good Friday 29th March

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 31st March

8.00am Holy Communion at St Mary's
10.30am Easter Celebration
with Family Communion at St Mary's
www.stmaryspurton.org.uk/easter24
10.30am Easter Morning Service at Purton Methodist Church

**A very Happy Easter to everyone from Purton Churches
Easter Resurrection Hope — “Stand and Stare”**

W H Davies asked, “What is this life if full of care, we have no time to stand and stare?” A challenging, but also encouraging question, reminding us to reassess our existence and appreciate the seasonality of creation and life. An accident, illness or death makes the apparent important things seemingly irrelevant, rendering us to ‘stand and stare’. As the season of spring comes with rebirth and renewal, we are incited to ‘stand and stare’, to marvel at God’s creation.

The angels said to the women, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; He has risen!” [Luke chapter 24 verses 5-6 - The Bible]

A summon that echoes clearly in our celebration of Easter, paying attention to Luke’s gospel account of Jesus’ resurrection. The women were left to ‘stand and stare’, perplexed on realisation that the stone was rolled away, and the tomb was empty. Perplexity did not mean paralysis and the message of hope resounded triumphantly. Hope that will not die because of the gift of salvation offered to all who believe. May you feel inspired this Easter to ‘stand and stare’ for what God has done through Christ. Revd Shirlyn Toppin (*Methodist Minister*)

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

Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith 01793 770077 email: vicarage@stmaryspurton.org.uk
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 (*1st & 3rd Sundays*) at St Mary's Church
10.30am Contemporary Service - Church for All (*1st 3rd & 5th Sundays*)
And Holy Communion (*2nd & 4th 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
Facebook St. Mary's Church, Purton, Wiltshire



Do you want to find out more about the Christian resurrection hope?

After Easter we are hoping to run a group to discuss this further
see website above or contact Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith