

Purton
Churches

Easter
2026

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

Palm Sunday 29th March 2026

10.30am Holy Communion with gift of Palm Crosses and Prayers for Healing - jointly with All Saints Lydiard Millicent at St Mary's Church
10.30am Morning Service at Purton Methodist Church

Maundy Thursday 2nd April

6.00pm Holy Communion (*remembering the Last Supper*) at St Mary's
7.00pm Circuit Service (The Last Supper)
at Royal Wootton Bassett Methodist Church

Good Friday 3rd 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
with Revd Shirlyn Toppin - 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 5th April

8.00am Holy Communion at St Mary's
Incl light Breakfast from 10.00am & Easter activity - children must bring an adult!
10.30am Easter Celebration
with Family Communion and Easter Egg Hunt at St Mary's
www.stmaryspurton.org.uk/easter26
10.30am Easter Service at Purton Methodist Church

A very Happy Easter to everyone from Purton Churches Easter Brings Renewed Hope

After the quiet, inner searching depth of Lent and the shadows of Holy Week, Easter comes like a breath of fresh air, bringing renewed hope. It comes with an astonishing truth that life has overcome death; love has overcome fear and hope has overcome despair. Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

Luke's account of the resurrection stated, "*But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb*" (Luke chapter 24 verses 1-2 The Bible)

The women came to perform an ultimate act of love, because this was the normal, faithful way to care for a body after death in first-century Jewish burial customs. Due to the start of Sabbath, they could not fully honour the body of Jesus, so they returned at the earliest possible moment, only to be met with the most astounding news. They were expecting to encounter sorrow, but hope had already arrived; expecting to find death, but life had already broken through; expecting to stand outside a closed tomb, but God had already opened the way. The stone was rolled away, and nothing is the same.

The stone was rolled away not to let Jesus out, but to let us in to witness God's power is greater than anything that tries to hold us captive. More so, God is already ahead of us rolling away stones we thought were permanent, reminding us that despair does not have the final say. Let us discover again joy where we may expect sorrow; peace in times of worry and renewed hope this Easter.

Revd Shirlyn Toppin (*Methodist Minister*)

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

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Or Revd Judith Wells 01793 770627

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 hope that Jesus brings?

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