

### **Sermon Series**

Today Ian will be preaching on "Finding God's hope in the face of dying.

### **Psalm 23: 1-6**

The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right path for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

### **Revelation 21: 1-4**

Then I saw 'a new heaven and a new earth,' for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. <sup>3</sup> And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'Look! God's dwelling-place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. <sup>4</sup> "He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death" or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.'

Extra reading is **John 14: 1-6**

### **Diary Dates**

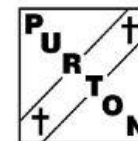
**Sat 11<sup>th</sup> July** – Sing 4/4 Concert in St Mary's Church 7.00pm  
**Sun 27<sup>th</sup> September** – Harvest Festival Parade Service 10.30am at St Mary's  
**Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> October** – Harvest Supper & Barn Dance 6.00pm  
**Sat 10<sup>th</sup> October** 'Come and Sing' Day at St Mary's Church – Handel's Messiah



St Mary's  
Church Purton

## **Purton Churches Together**

"In partnership with  
other Christians in Purton"



Purton  
Methodist Church

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July 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

- The Vicar, Rev Ian Tweedie-Smith on 01793 770077  
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## Church Events

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|------------------------------------|---------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July</b>  | 8.00am  | Communion at St Mary's with Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith                                                                                               |
|                                    | 10.30am | Church for All with Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith                                                                                                       |
|                                    | 10.30am | Holy Communion Service at Purton Methodist Church led by Rev Shirlyn Toppin                                                                      |
|                                    | 1.30pm  | Baptism of Codi Lewis at St Mary's with Revd Judith Wells                                                                                        |
| Mon 6 <sup>th</sup>                | 10.00am | Zoom Prayer Group<br>Zoom ID: 907644918 Passcode:918865<br><a href="https://us06web.zoom.us/j/907644918">https://us06web.zoom.us/j/907644918</a> |
|                                    | 1.45pm  | Bible group (Pear Tree Close)                                                                                                                    |
| Tues 7 <sup>th</sup>               |         |                                                                                                                                                  |
| Wed 8 <sup>th</sup>                | 5.00pm  | Lady Chapel Prayer Group                                                                                                                         |
| Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup>              | 7.30pm  | Sing 4/4 choir rehearsal at St Mary's                                                                                                            |
| Fri 10 <sup>th</sup>               | 7.30pm  | Bellringing practice                                                                                                                             |
| Sat 11 <sup>th</sup>               | 7.00pm  | Concert at St Mary's: Sing 4/4 Community Choir                                                                                                   |
| <b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July</b> | 10.30am | Communion at St Mary's with Canon Michael Johnson                                                                                                |
|                                    | 10.30am | Service at Purton Methodist Church led by Rachel Dowling                                                                                         |

**Prayer:** In July (in our cycle of prayer for those living and working in the Parish) we pray for those living and working in Hillside, Station Road, Willowbrook, Bamford Close, Shaftesbury Court, Smiths Court, Widham, Clardon Lane, New Road, Course Meadow and South View; and Ashgrove House Care Home on Station Road. Methodist Circuit prayers for this week are for Upper Thames Circuit.

We give thanks to God for the lives of those who have recently died. We pray for the families and friends of Martin Gem.

## Eco-Prayer Calendar for July 2026

Thank God for the beauty of the earth, for the great variety of plants, birds and wildlife which enriches our lives. Pray for those who do not have access to green space; for our government, councils, industries and house-building companies to recognise the importance of working in harmony with the environment.

### **Collect: Trinity 5**

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## CONCERT

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July 7.00pm  
at St Mary's Church  
Sing 4/4 Community Choir present  
"The Music of Stage and Screen"

Tickets £8.50 (under 12s free)  
Retiring collection in aid of St Mary's Purton  
*For more details see separate poster*

**Readers:** 5<sup>th</sup> Brian Gill 12<sup>th</sup> Christine Gill

**Intercessions:** 5<sup>th</sup> Jean Belt 12<sup>th</sup> Madeleine Harvey

St Mary's Church website is: [www.stmaryspurton.org.uk](http://www.stmaryspurton.org.uk)

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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