

Bible reading : Luke 1: 39-56

Mary's song

⁴⁶ And Mary said: 'My soul glorifies the Lord
⁴⁷ and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,
⁴⁸ for he has been mindful
of the humble state of his servant.
From now on all generations will call me blessed,
⁴⁹ for the Mighty One has done great things for me –
holy is his name.
⁵⁰ His mercy extends to those who fear him,
from generation to generation.
⁵¹ He has performed mighty deeds with his arm;
he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts.
⁵² He has brought down rulers from their thrones
but has lifted up the humble.
⁵³ He has filled the hungry with good things
but has sent the rich away empty.
⁵⁴ He has helped his servant Israel,
remembering to be merciful
⁵⁵ to Abraham and his descendants for ever,
just as he promised our ancestors.'
⁵⁶ Mary stayed with Elizabeth for about three months and then
returned home.

Diary Dates

Sun 27th September – Harvest Festival Parade Service 10.30am at St Mary's
Sat 3rd October – Harvest Supper & Barn Dance 6.00pm
Sat 10th October 'Come and Sing' Day at St Mary's Church – Handel's Messiah
Sat 17th October – Church cleaning and maintenance day



St Mary's
Church Purton

**Purton
Churches
Together**

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Purton
Methodist Church

Sunday 13th September 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

- Vicar, Rev Ian Tweedie-Smith on 01793 770077
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'My soul glorifies the Lord and my
spirit rejoices in God my Saviour'

Luke 1: 46

Mary's song

Church Events

Sunday 13th September	10.30am	Communion at St Mary's with Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith
	10.30am	Holy Communion Service at Purton Methodist Church led by Rev Tony Brookes
	4.00pm	Messy Church at St Mary's
Mon 14 th	10.00am	Zoom Prayer Group Zoom ID: 907644918 Passcode:918865 https://us06web.zoom.us/j/907644918
	1.45pm	Bible study group (Pear Tree Close)
	3.00pm	Communion at Ashgrove House
Tues 15 th		
Wed 16 th	5.00pm	Lady Chapel Prayer Group
Thurs 17 th	7.00pm	Christianity Explored at the vicarage
Fri 18 th	7.30pm	Bellringing practice
Sat 19 th		
Sunday 20th September	8.00am	Communion at St Mary's with Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith
	10.30am	Church for All at St Mary's with Liz & David Martin
	10.30am	Harvest Thanksgiving Service at Purton Methodist Church led by Rev Tony Brookes

Prayer: In September (cycle of prayer for those living and working in the Parish) we pray for those living and working in Jubilee Estate, Vasterne Close, Hoggs Lane, Vasterne Hill, (*and from Moulden View*) Caspian Close and Pinto Close and Cotswolds Rise Care Home on Ridgeway Farm.

Methodist circuit prayers for this week are for MHA Fitzwarren House and Court.

We give thanks to God for the lives of those who have recently died. We pray for the families and friends of Stephen Smith, Sylvia Handy, Maddie Cooper, Kevin Wicks and Ann Telling.

Eco-Prayer Calendar for September

Pray for the health of the world's oceans, coral reefs, lakes and rivers; for the creatures and fish who live in them and for people whose livelihood depends on them. Pray for communities in low-lying places which are being affected by rising sea levels and for scientists studying the ocean in relation to climate change.

Collect: Trinity 15

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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.

Vicarage Telephone Line (Still not fixed properly)

As many of you are aware BT are removing all traditional landlines by the end of 2026. At the Vicarage the phone lines are changing in August, hopefully on Monday 24th. There will still be handsets in the Vicarage and the numbers will link to our mobiles. So, in theory the telephone number 01793 770077 will remain the same and will still connect to the Vicarage, as will the Parish emergency number 01793 773031. In addition, the number for Rosie (01793 773035) should also continue to operate. However, there may be some disruption for a few days, please bear with us if there are teething problems.

Readers: 13th Val Walker 20th Neil Day

Intercessions: 13th Liz Martin 20th David Martin

St Mary's Church website is: 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. administrator@stmaryspurton.org.uk