

Psalm 139

You have searched me, Lord, and you know me. ²You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. ³You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways. ⁴Before a word is on my tongue you, Lord, know it completely. ⁵You hem me in behind and before, and you lay your hand upon me. ⁶Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain.

⁷Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? ⁸If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. ⁹If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, ¹⁰even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast. ¹¹If I say, 'Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me,' ¹²even the darkness will not be dark to you; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you.

¹³For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. ¹⁴I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. ¹⁵My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth. ¹⁶Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be. ¹⁷How precious to me are your thoughts, God! How vast is the sum of them! ¹⁸Were I to count them, they would outnumber the grains of sand – when I awake, I am still with you.

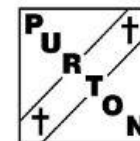
¹⁹If only you, God, would slay the wicked! Away from me, you who are bloodthirsty! ²⁰They speak of you with evil intent; your adversaries misuse your name. ²¹Do I not hate those who hate you, Lord, and abhor those who are in rebellion against you? ²²I have nothing but hatred for them; I count them my enemies. ²³Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. ²⁴See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.



St Mary's
Church Purton

Purton Churches Together

"In partnership with
other Christians in Purton"



Purton
Methodist Church

Sunday 19th 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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Finding God's Hope in the face of the Everyday



Church Events

Sunday 19th July	8.00am	Extended Communion at St Mary's with Paul & Marie Dempsey and Richard Harris
	10.30am	Church for All at St Mary's led by Peter Harris - and Richard Harris to speak
	10.30am	Own Arrangement Service at Purton Methodist Church
Mon 20 th	10.00am	Zoom Prayer Group Zoom ID: 907644918 Passcode:918865 https://us06web.zoom.us/j/907644918
	1.45pm	Bible group (Pear Tree Close)
	2.00pm	Fellowship of Women at Purton Methodist Church: "Dressability" with Nicola Probert-Thompson
Tues 21 st	9.30am 10.30am	Children in church for service rehearsal Year 6 Leaver's Service at St Mary's
Wed 22 nd	3.45pm	Lady Chapel Prayer Group
Thurs 23 rd	9.00am- 1.00pm	Fire alarm testing in St Mary's Church
Fri 24 th	7.30pm	Bellringing practice
Sat 25 th		
Sunday 26th July	10.30am	Communion at St Mary's with Revd Sandy Railton
	10.30am	Service at Purton Methodist Church led by Mark 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, New Road, *(and from Ridgeway Farm)* Course Meadow and South View; and Ashgrove House Care Home on Station Road.

Methodist circuit prayers for this week are for Cricklade United Church.

We give thanks to God for the lives of those who have recently died. We pray for the families and friends of Martin Gem, Ron Townsend & Hazel Beckett.

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 7

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; 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.

Diary Dates

Sat 1st August – next Men's Breakfast at All Saints Lydiard Millicent 8.00am

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

Readers: 19th Julia Knowles 26th David Martin

Intercessions: 19th David Martin 26th David Nettleton (tbc)

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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

