

Bible reading : John 7: 37-44

³⁷ On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, 'Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. ³⁸ Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them.' ³⁹ By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified.

⁴⁰ On hearing his words, some of the people said, 'Surely this man is the Prophet.' ⁴¹ Others said, 'He is the Messiah.'

Still others asked, 'How can the Messiah come from Galilee? ⁴² Does not Scripture say that the Messiah will come from David's descendants and from Bethlehem, the town where David lived?' ⁴³ Thus the people were divided because of Jesus. ⁴⁴ Some wanted to seize him, but no one laid a hand on him.

Diary Dates

Sun 27th September – Harvest Festival Parade Service 10.30am at St Mary's

Sat 3rd October – Harvest Supper & Barn Dance 6.30pm

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

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Purton
Methodist Church

Sunday 20th 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

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Jesus said

**If anyone is THIRSTY,
let him come to ME and drink.**

John 7: 37

Church Events

Sunday 20th September	8.00am 10.30am 10.30am	Communion at St Mary's (officiant tbc) Church for All at St Mary's with Liz & David Martin. How did Jesus celebrate Harvest? Harvest Thanksgiving Service at Purton Methodist Church led by Revd Tony Brookes
Mon 21 st	10.00am 1.45pm 2.00pm 2.00pm 5.00pm 7.00pm	Zoom Prayer Group Zoom ID: 907644918 Passcode:918865 https://us06web.zoom.us/j/907644918 Bible study group (Pear Tree Close) Fellowship of Women at Purton Methodist Church with Christine Senior of the WRNS Benevolent Trust & Association of WRNS Triennial Inspection at St Mary's Church Wedding rehearsal at St Mary's PCC meeting at the vicarage
Tues 22 nd		
Wed 23 rd	5.00pm	Lady Chapel Prayer Group
Thurs 24 th	7.00pm	Christianity Explored at the vicarage
Fri 25 th	7.30pm	Bellringing practice
Sat 26 th	2.00pm	Wedding at St Mary's: Adam Staines & Rachel Doyle with Canon Michael Johnson
Sunday 27th September	10.30am 10.30am	Harvest Parade Service at St Mary's with Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith Service at Purton Methodist Church led by Joseph Musungu

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 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 Stephen Smith, Sylvia Handy, Maddie Cooper, Kevin Wicks and Ann Telling.

Wedding: Please pray for Adam Staines and Rachel Doyle who are getting married at St Mary's on Saturday 26th September.

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 16

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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.

Village Barn Dance & Harvest Supper **Saturday 3rd October in St Mary's Church at 6.30pm**

Bring and Share supper
Please bring your own preferred drinks and glasses.
All very welcome to come and join this harvest celebration.
Spread the word, maybe bring a friend or two!
Free entry ticket – further details from Sandra 01793 770157
or David 01793 770171

Readers: 20th Neil Day 27th Jean Belt

Intercessions: 20th David Martin 27th Libbie Sheppard
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