

New to Christianity? Or want to find out how Jesus is still relevant today?
A new course is starting on Thursday 26th August in Purton.

'Christianity Explored'

https://www.stmaryspurton.org.uk/ce_course2026



Bible reading : Romans 12: 1-8

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God – this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is – his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Recent sermon series on 'Hope'

In case you missed any sermons or would like to listen to any of them again, this link is for all of the Sermon series on Hope:
https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLI270WUzI4H2VyrYixwBR_EP5-lyn5bjH

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**

"In partnership with
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Purton
Methodist Church

Sunday 23rd August 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
vicarage@stmaryspurton.org.uk
- The Methodist Minister (a new minister starts at the beginning of September, details to follow)
- If you have any Church Safeguarding concern: Marie Dempsey on 07455046815
Email: safeguarding@stmaryspurton.org.uk
- For general enquiries: Parish Administrator Rosie Harris 01793 773035 (Tues/Thurs mornings)
Email: administrator@stmaryspurton.org.uk

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ROMANS 12:1



Church Events

Sunday 23rd August	10.30am	'Extended' Communion at St Mary's with David & Liz Martin
	10.30am	Holy Communion Service at Purton Methodist Church led by Rev Peter Grimwood
Mon 24 th	10.00am	Zoom Prayer Group will resume on 31 st August
Tues 25 th	7.30pm	Music group rehearsal (tbc)
Wed 26 th	5.00pm	Lady Chapel Prayer Group
Thurs 27 th	11.00am	Funeral of the late Sylvia Handy at St Mary's with Revd Judith Wells
Fri 28 th	7.30pm	Bellringing practice
Sat 29 th		
Sunday 30th August	10.30am	Informal Communion at St Mary's with Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith. United service with All Saints Lydiard Millicent
	10.30am	Service at Purton Methodist Church led by Robin Phoenix-Stone

Prayer: In August (in our cycle of prayer for those living and working in the Parish) we pray for those living and working in Witts Lane, Jewels Ash, Waite Meads Close, Pear Tree Close (*and from Moulden View*) Mustang Way, and Ashgrove House Nursing Home, currently under new ownership.

Methodist circuit prayers for this week are for Toothill Methodist 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, Stephen Smith and Sylvia Handy.

Eco-Prayer Calendar for August 2026

Pollution causes around 9 million premature deaths each year, mostly through air pollution. Bring before God these issues: Pollution, chemical use in industry which can leach into the land and nearby waters; traffic fumes, wildfires, dust, inadequate waste management. Pray for wisdom in land management, respect for the environment, and for the emergency services who deal with environmental problems and wildfires.

Collect: Trinity 12

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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.

Ride and Stride: Saturday 12th September 2026

This event raises money for the Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust. I can provide sponsor forms for anyone who wishes to cycle, walk or ride a horse to churches within Wiltshire. Alternatively, they can be found on the Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust website Half of any money collected goes to the Trust and the other half goes to a church of your choice in this county. Please contact me if you want a sponsor form from me on 772422 or janersmith1@gmail.com I am also looking for volunteers to welcome cyclists/walkers/horse riders to St Mary's Church between 10am and 5pm and give them refreshments. So if you could spare an hour on this day, please let me know. Jane Smith

Church phone lines

There is some maintenance being done to the vicarage telephone system to make things more efficient, so if you have any problems getting through in the next few weeks, please bear with us. We aim to have everything resolved as quickly as possible.

Readers: 23rd David Nettleton 30th Howard Smith

Intercessions: 23rd Liz Martin 30th Jane Smith

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

