

Harvest Flowers

If anyone would like to come and help with Harvest flowers in St Mary's we would be so delighted.

There are several ways you can help:

- Bring some flowers to church from your garden and we will arrange them for you
- Bring flowers to church and arrange them yourself
- Come and help us and learn how to arrange flowers...it will take you a couple of hours
- Give us a donation if you would like some specific flowers for a particular date or place in the church

We are grateful for any help you can give. We want the church to look extra good for Harvest. Jane will be in church on Friday 25th 9.30-12noon; Libbie will be there Saturday morning from 10-12noon, Before the afternoon wedding.

Thank you: Libbie 771018 and Jane 772422

'Messiah ' Come and Sing: Saturday October 10th

This is almost your ***last chance*** to sign up for taking part in Come & Sing 'Messiah'. It should be a wonderful day: we have participants coming from all over the south of England and two wonderful conductors who will be leading and teaching the choir.

Please see the posters and click on the QR code...or ask Libbie for help with signing up. If it all seems a bit too much for you then please come along to the workshop concert at 5.30pm to hear the results of all the efforts put in during the day. You can also help by offering us a homemade cake or some cookies, biscuits etc for feeding the singers throughout the day. Thank you so much Libbie: 771018

Diary Dates

Sat 17th October – Church cleaning and maintenance day



St Mary's
Church Purton

Purton Churches Together

"In partnership with
other Christians in Purton"



Purton
Methodist Church

Sunday 27th 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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- The Methodist Minister, Rev Tony Brookes on 01793 853197
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- If you have any Church Safeguarding concern:
Marie Dempsey on 07455046815
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- For general enquiries: Parish Administrator Rosie Harris
01793 773035 (Tues/Thurs mornings)
Email: administrator@stmaryspurton.org.uk



Village Barn Dance & Harvest Supper

**Saturday 3rd October
in St Mary's Church at 6.30pm**

Bring and Share supper
Please bring your own drinks and glasses.

Free entry (please let us know for numbers)
Donations welcome for St Mary's Church & 'Africa Naturally'
Contact administrator@stmaryspurton.org.uk
or Sandra Horsnell 770157 / David Martin 770171



Church Events

Sunday 27th September	10.30am	Harvest Parade Service at St Mary's with Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith
	10.30am	Service at Purton Methodist Church led by Joseph Musungu
Mon 28 th	9.30am	St Mary's School Harvest Service at St Mary's Church
	10.00am	Zoom Prayer Group Zoom ID: 907644918 Passcode:918865 https://us06web.zoom.us/j/907644918
Tues 29 th	7.30pm	Music group rehearsal in church (tbc)
Wed 30 th	5.00pm	Lady Chapel Prayer Group
Thurs 1 st	2.30pm	Communion at The Cedars with David & Liz Martin
	7.00pm	Christianity Explored at College Road
Fri 2 nd	7.30pm	Bellringing practice
Sat 3 rd	6.30pm	Harvest Supper & Barn Dance at St Mary's
Sunday 4th October	8.00am	Communion at St Mary's with Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith
	10.30am	Church for All at St Mary's with Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith
	10.30am	Service at Purton Methodist Church led by Phil Bunce

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 Highworth Methodist 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 17

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; 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.

Bible reading: Luke 12: 16-31

¹⁶ And he told them this parable: 'The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. ¹⁷ He thought to himself, "What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops."
¹⁸ 'Then he said, "This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. ¹⁹ And I'll say to myself, 'You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.'"
²⁰ 'But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?"
²¹ 'This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich towards God.'

Readers: 27th Jean Belt 4th Marie Dempsey

Intercessions: 27th David Martin 4th Oct Howard Smith
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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.
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