

Bible reading : Revelation 3: 14-22

¹⁴ 'To the angel of the church in Laodicea write:

These are the words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the ruler of God's creation. ¹⁵ I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other! ¹⁶ So, because you are lukewarm – neither hot nor cold – I am about to spit you out of my mouth. ¹⁷ You say, "I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing." But you do not realise that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked. ¹⁸ I counsel you to buy from me gold refined in the fire, so that you can become rich; and white clothes to wear, so that you can cover your shameful nakedness; and salve to put on your eyes, so that you can see.

¹⁹ Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest and repent. ²⁰ Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me. ²¹ To the one who is victorious, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I was victorious and sat down with my Father on his throne. ²² Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches.'

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

Vicarage Telephone Line

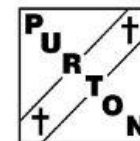
As many of you are aware BT are removing all traditional landlines by the end of 2026. At the Vicarage the phone lines are changing in August, hopefully on Monday 24th. There will still be handsets in the Vicarage and the numbers will link to our mobiles. So, in theory the telephone number 01793 770077 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.



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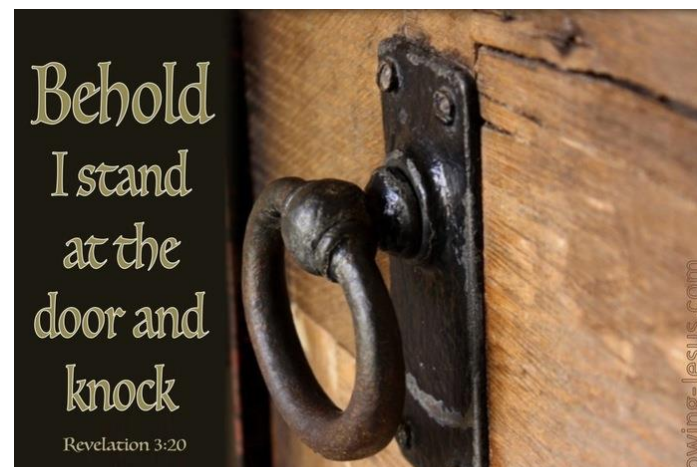
Purton
Methodist Church

Sunday 30th 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



Church Events

Sunday 30th August	10.30am 10.30am	Informal Holy Communion at St Mary's with Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith. A United service with All Saints Lydiard Millicent Service at Purton Methodist Church led by Robin Phoenix-Stone
Mon 31 st	10.00am	Zoom Prayer Group Zoom ID: 907644918 Passcode:918865 https://us06web.zoom.us/j/907644918
Tues 1 st	7.30pm	Music group rehearsal (tbc)
Wed 2 nd	10.00am -11.30 5.00pm	Visiting bellringers + using the church for coffee Lady Chapel Prayer Group
Thurs 3 rd	2.30pm	Communion at the Cedars with Liz & David Martin
Fri 4 th	7.30pm	Bellringing practice
Sat 5 th	10.00am -11.30	Branch bellringing practice
Sunday 6th September	8.00am 10.30am 10.30am	Communion at St Mary's with Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith & Bev Kauppinen to speak Church for All at St Mary's with Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith & Bev Kauppinen to speak Service at Purton Methodist Church led by Adrian German

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 Methodist Upper Thames Circuit.

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, Sylvia Handy, Maddie Cooper, Kevin Wicks, Ann Telling.

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 13

Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, 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

Readers: 30th Howard Smith 6th Sept Jane Smith

Intercessions: 30th Jane Smith 6th Sept Paul Dempsey

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

