

Harvest Flowers

Thank you to all volunteers who helped with harvest flowers for St Mary's church. We were given stunning dahlias, beautiful sedum, pink and white roses, lots of little harvest cottage loaves and even a pumpkin full of sunflowers! And thank you to our volunteers who used these flowers to make the church look even more beautiful.



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 Horsnall 770157 / David Martin 770171



'Messiah' Come and Sing: October 10

This is your last chance to sign up for taking part in 'Come & Sing Messiah'. It should be a wonderful day. Please see the posters and click on the QR code...or ask Libbie for help with signing up. If you turn up on the day of course we'll welcome you but we prefer to know in advance so we can organise food, seating, musical scores etc.

Help with cakes!

On Saturday October 10 we have our Come & Sing Handel's 'Messiah'. We are planning to feed all the singers during the day. If you are able to make a cake or some biscuits for us to share with the 60 singers we would be really grateful. (Please write the ingredients on the cake wrapper.)

There will be a little workshop concert at the end of the day, (5.30pm) for people to come and hear all that work that has been achieved! Do come and join us. More details from Libbie: 771018



St Mary's
Church Purton

Purton Churches Together

"In partnership with
other Christians in Purton"



Purton
Methodist Church

Sunday 4th October 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
Email: safeguarding@stmaryspurton.org.uk
- For general enquiries: Parish Administrator Rosie Harris
01793 773035 (Tues/Thurs mornings)
Email: administrator@stmaryspurton.org.uk

I press on toward the goal for
the prize of the upward call of
God in Christ Jesus. PHIL. 3:14



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Church Events

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
	1.00pm 2.00pm	Baptism of Brayden Young at St Mary's, and Baptism of Ava-Rose Hadden-Heal at St Mary's, both with Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith
Mon 5 th	10.00am	Zoom Prayer Group Zoom ID: 907644918 Passcode:918865 https://us06web.zoom.us/j/907644918
	1.45pm	Bible group at Pear Tree Close – Book of John
Tues 6 th	7.30pm	Music group rehearsal in church (tbc)
Wed 7 th	5.00pm	Lady Chapel Prayer Group
Thurs 8 th	7.00pm	Christianity Explored at College Road
Fri 9 th	7.30pm	Bellringing practice
Sat 10 th	From 10am	'Come & Sing' Day, Excerpts of Handel's Messiah
	5.30pm	Workshop Concert – all welcome to come and listen
Sunday 11th October	10.30am	Communion at St Mary's with Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith
	10.30am	Holy Communion Service at Purton Methodist Church led by Rev Tony Brookes
	4.00pm	Messy Church at St Mary's Church

Prayer: In October (cycle of prayer for those living and working in the Parish) we pray for those living and working in Witfield Close, Glevum Close, The Common, Locks Lane, (*and from Moulden View*) Bretton Close and Bashkir Close, and Quarrydene (Care Home) on Pavenhill. Methodist circuit prayers for this week are Purton Methodist Church.

We give thanks to God for the lives of those who have recently died. We pray for the families and friends of Kevin Wicks, Ann Telling and Claire Housley.

A Memorial Service will be held at St Mary's on Wednesday 14th October at 4.30pm for the late Claire Housley, with Revd Judith Wells.

Permission has been granted from Rowie to park behind the farm shop if you are able to walk to the church from there.

Baptisms: Please pray for the two children due to be baptised at St Mary's this Sunday, Brayden Young and Ava-Rose Hadden-Heal, and for their parents and godparents.

Eco-Prayer Calendar for October

Give thanks to God for his provision of the harvest. Pray for farmers and the challenges they face as a result of climate change and world events out of their control. Please also pray for 'Africa Naturally' in Mozambique (a charity supported by St Mary's).

Collect: Trinity 18

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; 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: Philippians 3: 1-14 (here – v.4-8)

If someone else thinks they have reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for righteousness based on the law, faultless. But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things...

Diary Dates

Sat 17th October – Church cleaning and maintenance day

Readers: 4th Marie Dempsey 11th Godfrey Fowler

Intercessions: 4th Oct Howard Smith 11th David Nettleton

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

