

Bible reading : Galatians 5:16-26

16 So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.

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

Village Barn Dance & Harvest Supper – coming shortly –

Sat 3 October 2026 in St Mary's Church at 6.30pm.

Bring and Share supper would be appreciated .

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 770157or

David 01793 770171



St Mary's
Church Purton

Purton Churches Together

"In partnership with
other Christians in Purton"



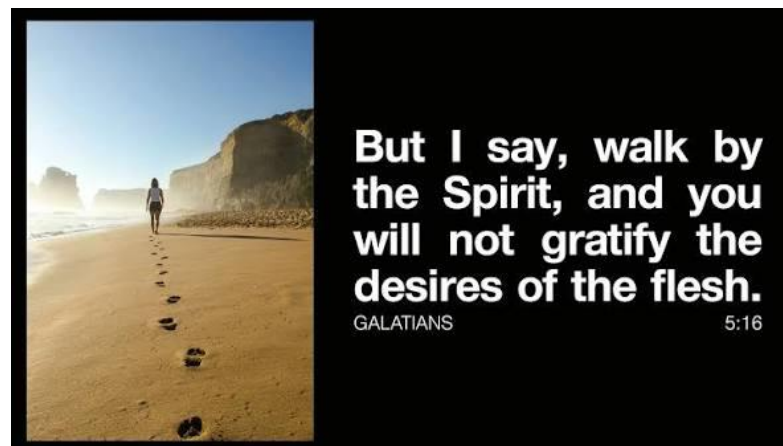
Purton
Methodist Church

Sunday 6th 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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- For general enquiries: Parish Administrator Rosie Harris
01793 773035 (Tues/Thurs mornings)
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Church Events

Sunday 6th September	8.00am	Communion at St Mary's with Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith & Bev Kauppinen to speak
	10.30am	Church for All at St Mary's with Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith & Bev Kauppinen to speak
	10.30am	Service at Purton Methodist Church led by Adrian German
Mon 7 th	10.00am	Zoom Prayer Group Zoom ID: 907644918 Passcode:918865 https://us06web.zoom.us/j/907644918
Tues 8 th		
Wed 9 th	9.00am 5.00pm	PAT Testing of Electrical items Lady Chapel Prayer Group
Thurs 10 th		
Fri 11 th	7.30pm	Bellringing practice
Sat 12 th	10.00am	Ride and Stride visitors!
Sunday 13th September	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 with Celia Tweedie-Smith & Co

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, Caspian Close and Pinto Close and Cotswolds Rise Care Home on Ridgeway Farm. 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 Stephen Smith, Sylvia Handy, Maddie Cooper, Kevin Wicks, Ann Telling

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 14

Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; 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.

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: 6th Jane Smith 13th Val Walker

Intercessions: 6th Paul Dempsey 13th Liz Martin

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

