

Bible reading
Mark 10: 13-16

The little children and Jesus

People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them.

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 maintenance day

"SANCTUM"

Spiritual direction and formational training

Are you exploring a call to the ministry of spiritual direction? In January 2027, the Diocese of Bristol will launch Sanctum, a new ecumenical formation and training course for both lay and ordained Christians. Running fortnightly during term time, with mainly online sessions and three in-person days, the course is designed to support and equip those discerning this important ministry. Applications are now open and close on Friday 2 October 2026.

For more information see the separate attachment.



St Mary's
Church Purton

**Purton
Churches
Together**

"In partnership with
other Christians in Purton"



Purton
Methodist Church

Sunday 9th 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

- The 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 9th August	10.30am	Communion at St Mary's with Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith
	10.30am	Service at Purton Methodist Church led by Rev Ian Mead
Mon 10 th	10.00am	Zoom Prayer Group Zoom ID: 907644918 Passcode:918865 https://us06web.zoom.us/j/907644918
	3.00pm	Communion at the Ashgrove with Paul & Marie Dempsey
Tues 11 th		
Wed 12 th	5.00pm	Lady Chapel Prayer Group
Thurs 13 th	2.30pm	Communion at the Cedars with Liz & David Martin
Fri 14 th	6.00pm	Wedding rehearsal at St Mary's
	7.30pm	Bellringing practice
Sat 15 th	1.00pm	Wedding at St Mary's: Angus Creer & Alexandra Brilliant with Revd Lydia Morey
Sunday 16th August	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	Own Arrangement Service at Purton Methodist Church

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 Royal Wootton Bassett 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 10

Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please you; 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: 9th Libbie Sheppard 16th tbc

Intercessions: 9th Libbie Sheppard 16th Val Walker

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

