

Matthew 25: 31-40

³¹ 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. ³² All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³ He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

³⁴ 'Then the King will say to those on his right, "Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. ³⁵ For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, ³⁶ I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was ill and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me."

³⁷ 'Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? ³⁸ When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? ³⁹ When did we see you ill or in prison and go to visit you?"

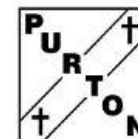
⁴⁰ 'The King will reply, "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."



St Mary's
Church Purton

**Purton
Churches
Together**

"In partnership with
other Christians in Purton"



Purton
Methodist Church

Sunday 10th May 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
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A Benefit Concert for Christian Aid Week
By vocal ensemble 'Faith Alive'
Saturday 16th May at 5.00pm
St Mary's Church, Purton
Free admission, all donations to Christian Aid
(See poster for more details)

Diary Dates

Mon 18th May - Annual Parochial Church Meeting in St Mary's Church at 7.00pm. Are you willing to help with the running of the Church this year?

Sat 11th July – Sing 4/4 Concert in St Mary's Church 7.00pm

Sat 10th October 'Come and Sing' Day at St Mary's Church – Handel's Messiah



Church Events

Sunday 10th May	9.00am	Christian Aid Breakfast at Purton Methodist Church
	10.30am	United Christian Aid Service at Purton Methodist Church led by Rev Shirlyn Toppin
Mon 11 th	10.00am	Zoom Prayer Group Zoom ID: 907644918 Passcode:918865 https://us06web.zoom.us/j/907644918
	1.30pm 3.00pm	Bible group (Pear Tree Close) Communion at The Ashgrove with Paul & Marie Dempsey
Tues 12 th	7.30pm	Music group rehearsal (venue tbc)
Wed 13 th	5.00pm	Lady Chapel Prayer Group
	7.30pm	Quarter peal - bellringers
Thurs 14 th		
Fri 15 th	4.00pm	Diocesan Pilgrimage participants staying at St Mary's for the night
	7.30pm	Bellringing practice
Sat 16 th	From 10.00am 2.00pm- 4.30pm 5.00pm	Sylv's Bargain Morning with refreshments at 35 High Street. Faith Alive rehearsal at St Mary's Faith Alive Choir Concert at St Mary's
Sunday 17th May	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 and BASH Youth group
	10.30am	Service at Purton Methodist Church led by Joseph Musungu
	4.00pm	Messy Church at St Mary's

Prayer: In May (in our cycle of prayer for those living and working in the Parish) we pray for those living and working in Kibblewhite Close, Proud Close, Reids Piece, The Peak, Willis Way, Long Acre, High Street, College Road, Hooks Hill, (*and from Ridgeway Farm*) The Brook, Webb's Place and New Reed; The Cedars Care Home on High Street. 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 Linda Sawyer, Norene Richardson, Dr Andrew Reekie and Bob Stimpson.

Eco-Prayer Calendar for May 2026

Bring before God the work of organisations involved in conservation. Locally, give thanks and pray for the work of the Wiltshire Wildlife Trust and the RSPCA Oak and Furrows Wildlife Rescue Centre near Purton, whose volunteers look after 2500 wildlife patients annually.
<https://rspanorthwilts.org.uk/pages/rescue-centre>

Collect: Easter 6

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal 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.

Cakes for Christian Aid Week

We would be so grateful for any contributions towards the Cake Sale for Christian Aid Week in Pips on Saturday May 9th. Home-made cakes, buns, cookies, biscuits, jams, sweets etc can be brought along to Pips any time from Thursday afternoon onwards. The sale starts at 10am. Thank you in advance...and apologies if you have already been asked and are already baking! Please list the ingredients on the cake wrapping for health safety. Libbie and Mary

Readers: 17th Jane Smith 24th Jean Belt

Intercessions: 17th Howard Smith 24th 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.
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