

Christian Aid

Quiz: The winner will be announced after the Christian Aid Service on Sunday May 11th!! So far this has raised over £530. Thank you ALL for taking part.

Christian Aid Beetle Drive: Last call to join the Beetle Drive in Pips Café, Silver Threads Hall on Saturday May 10th 2.00-4pm. £2 Primary School age children need to be accompanied.

Christian Aid Breakfast: Sunday May 11th from 9.00am at St Mary's Church. There will be porridge/cereals; bacon butties; warm croissants etc. Suggested donation of £6. Thank you to all who have already offered to help.

Christian Aid Service: St Mary's, Sunday May 11th at 10.30am. Please do come and find out more about the 80 years of Christian Aid work across the world in places of great need. Hopefully with a guest speaker from Christian Aid.

Christian Aid 'Bona Fide Bargains': A table of Bargains will be at Pips Café from May 13th-16th (outdoors if the weather is good). We want to sell 80 items during the week, as Christian Aid is 80 years old this year. If you have any new or nearly new bargains that we could sell, please offer them to Libbie 771018 or Mary 770505. So far, we have jigsaws, bedding, crockery, paintings, books...

Plants for sale: Mary Nettleton is selling plants from her house, in aid of Christian Aid, St Mary's Church and other charities. The plants are really good...flowers as well as vegetables. They are going fast so make sure you don't leave it too late!

Primary School Assembly: Tuesday 13 May. A Christian Aid Assembly at St Mary's School, including a sponsored silence for the children AND Libbie!...(Is that possible?)

Christian Aid Cake Sale: Saturday May 17 : It's not possible to have Christian Aid Week without a cake sale!...two sales in fact! One in **Pips** from 10am and the other at **Sylvia's** at the top of the High St, from early morning. Sylvia will also have a Tombola! There'd no stopping her! Gifts of cakes, buns, cookies, home-made sweets etc will be welcome by Libbie 771018: Mary 770505 . Please bring them to Pips on Sat morning from 9.30am or we can arrange to collect them earlier.

Christian Aid envelopes: These will be delivered by volunteers throughout the week. Please note the address for returning the envelopes is on the reverse so no-one needs to walk too far. Thanks to Howard for organising this so efficiently: and thanks to all the delivery volunteers, especially The Guides. We are so grateful.



St Mary's
Church Purton

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Purton
Methodist Church

Sunday 11th May 2025

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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Church Events

Sunday 11th May	9.00am 10.30am 10.30am	Christian Aid Breakfast at St Mary's Christian Aid Service at St Mary's Holy Communion Service and General Church Meeting at Purton Methodist Church led by Rev Shirlyn Toppin
Mon 12 th	10.00am 2.00pm 3.30pm	Zoom Prayer Group Zoom ID:907644918 Passcode:918865 Bible group in Lady Chapel - Book of Mark Communion at the Ashgrove with Paul & Marie Dempsey
Tues 13 th	7.30pm	Christian Aid assembly at St Mary's School Music group rehearsal at 2 Ringsbury Close
Wed 14 th	5.00pm	Lady Chapel Prayer Group
Thurs 15 th	2.30pm	Communion at White Lodge with David & Liz Martin
Fri 16 th	5.30pm 7.30pm	BASH Youth group at St Mary's Bellringing practice
Sat 17 th	Early morning 10.00am	Cake sale & tombola at Sylvia's on the High Street Cake sale at PIPs (Christian Aid events)
Sunday 18th May	8.00am 10.30am 10.30am Time tbc	Communion at St Mary's with Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith Church for All at St Mary's with Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith & The BASH youth group Morning Service at Purton Methodist Church Messy Church at St Mary's

Prayer: In our street prayer cycle for May we pray for 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 The High Street. Methodist Circuit prayers this week are for Highworth Methodist Church. We give thanks to God for the lives of those who have recently died. We pray for the families and friends of Jenny Burge, Ed Parker, Joyce Ball, Wendy Walker & William Moffat.

Collect: Easter 4

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Eco-Prayer

Bring before God the work of organisations involved in conservation. Locally, give thanks and pray for the work of the Wiltshire Wildlife Trust <https://www.wiltshirewildlife.org/> Pray also for Christian Aid and other charities who work to improve the lives of people worldwide.

Next week: 18th May 10.30am 'Church for All' at St Mary's Purton

'Shrek found the real meaning of Christmas, but what about Easter?'

On Good Friday, BASH – the All Saints Bible and Sharing Hour youth group, took the All age service for All Saints with 'Shrek found the real meaning of Christmas, but what about Easter?' At Christmas we led the all age Christmas eve service at Lydiard with 'Shrek found the real meaning of Christmas'. This is the Easter follow up!

Through music, dance, prayers, the words of a young, budding preacher and the characters from Shrek we look at the Easter story and its potential implications on our lives.

It is an ideal service for all ages and we would love to see as many people as possible in church on the 18th! In addition, it is a chance for St Mary's congregation to chat with the youngsters about what we do in school and at BASH and to ask leader Bev Kauppinen questions regarding her present and future role as faith youth worker (chaplain) for All Saints and St Mary's combined.

Dates for your diaries

Mon 19th May - Fellowship of Women meeting at the Methodist Church. Subject: Medieval Pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela, speaker Judith Cranswick.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting in St Mary's Church on Mon 19 May 2025 at **7.00pm (please note the time change).**

Please consider standing for election to the Parochial Church Council. Could you make a difference - have your say in the running of St Mary's Church - make things happenNomination forms are available in Church. Any questions or further information required do please speak to Ian, Sandra or Marie. Look forward to seeing you at the meeting. Please remember that current PCC members need to complete a Nomination Form if they wish to continue in that role after the APCM

Readers: 11th Jean Belt 18th Marie Dempsey

Intercessions: 11th Libbie Sheppard 18th Jane Smith

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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