

### **Jigsaw Sale update**



Delighted to write that the total from the Jigsaw Sale in March, for Christian Aid has gone up from £384 to £484...a wonderful start to our fundraising. Thank you to all involved.

Now the quiz is out ...please buy a copy....and we are ready to start planning the main Christian Aid Week events for May 10<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>.

Please do support us...and especially put Saturday May 16<sup>th</sup> at 5pm in your diaries, for the treat of hearing an amazing choir, Faith Alive, in St Mary's, singing their 'Just Believe' concert.

More details from Libbie: 771018

### **Walking on Top of the World: Treks Across Iconic Mountains**

 Saturday 18 April -  3:00pm – 5:00pm

 All Saints Church, Lydiard Millicent

Join local resident and church warden John Halstead for an inspiring illustrated talk exploring the highlights from 30 mountain treks across 4 continents. From breathtaking landscapes and unexpected encounters to physical challenges and rich cultural experiences, this is a journey across some of the world's most iconic peaks — all from the comfort of your seat.

 Mountain-themed refreshments served during the interval

 Free admission (donations warmly welcomed)

 No booking required

### **Diary Dates**

**Sat 16 May** – Faith Alive concert in St Mary's Church 5.00pm

**Mon 18 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? Please do ensure that your name is on the Electoral Roll (on the noticeboard in church)

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



St Mary's  
Church Purton

**Purton  
Churches  
Together**

"In partnership with  
other Christians in Purton"



Purton  
Methodist Church

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April 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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<sup>19</sup> On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you!' <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

John 20: 19-20



## Church Events

<b>12<sup>th</sup> April</b>	10.30am	Communion at St Mary's Church with Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith
	10.30am	Holy Communion Service at Purton Methodist Church led by Rev Ian Mead
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Zoom Prayer Group Zoom ID: 907644918 Passcode:918865 <a href="https://us06web.zoom.us/j/907644918">https://us06web.zoom.us/j/907644918</a>
	3.00pm	Communion at Ashgrove House with Paul & Marie Dempsey
Tues 14 <sup>th</sup>		
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup>	5.00pm	Lady Chapel Prayer Group
Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup>		
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Bellringing practice
Sat 18 <sup>th</sup>	7 for 7.30pm	Murder Mystery Evening at St Mary's Church with PADS
<b>19<sup>th</sup> April</b>	8.00am	Communion at St Mary's Church with Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith & Richard Harris
	10.30am	Church for All at St Mary's Church with Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith & Richard Harris
	10.30am	Own Arrangement Service at Purton Methodist Church

**Prayer:** In April (in our cycle of prayer for those living and working in the Parish) we pray for those living and working in Dogridge, Orchard Gardens, Waterfield, Ringsbury Close, Restrop View, (and from *Ridgeway Farm*) Dewpond Close, The Farm and Moses Mead, and Quarrydene (Care Home) on Pavenhill. Methodist circuit prayers for this week are for 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 Robert Scott, Revd Trevor Day, Terence Hedges, Barbara Mills, Jennifer Dibling, Mark Wightman, Linda Sawyer and Norene Richardson.

**Bible reading for 12<sup>th</sup> April** *John 20:19-31*

## **Eco-Prayer Calendar for April 2026**

Earth day this year is on 22<sup>nd</sup> April <https://www.earthday.org/earth-day-2026/> Go to their website to find out more, including '***Why Imperfect Climate Action Is Better Than Perfect Inaction***'. What one small thing could you do this month to be more eco-friendly? There are plenty of interesting ideas on this website as a starting point, or maybe visit a local organic farm shop for inspiration?

## **Collect: Easter 2**

Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## **Revision of the Church Electoral Roll - May 2026**

*Please check that your name is on the current Electoral Roll. This is displayed on the noticeboard in church. If you need an application form these are also on the noticeboard. Please contact Rosie or Sandra if you need any help or further information.*

*Not to be missed! -*

## **Murder Mystery Evening with PADS in St Mary's Church 'Death on the Home Front'**

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2026 - 7.00pm for 7.30pm start.  
Tickets £12.00 each to include a light supper + Raffle.

Please bring your own glasses and drinks.

For tickets contact Sandra 01793 770157 or Marie 07455046815

Look forward to seeing you there.....

**Readers:** 12<sup>th</sup> David Nettleton 19<sup>th</sup> David Martin

**Intercessions:** 12<sup>th</sup> Madeleine Harvey 19<sup>th</sup> David Martin

St Mary's Church website is: [www.stmaryspurton.org.uk](http://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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