

Saturday 11th October
Harvest Supper and Barn Dance

at St Mary's Church, Purton
starting at 6.30pm.

Free entry to this seasonal celebration with a Bring and Share Supper, please bring your own drinks and glasses. All very welcome, children please bring adults. No obligation to dance but it can be fun!

Donations received will go towards the work of Africa Naturally in Mozambique. This is a charity that St Mary's Church supports.

Please contact Sandra 01793 770157 or David 01793 770171 to book your seats. Look forward to seeing you there!

Psalm 65

¹ Praise awaits you, our God, in Zion; to you our vows will be fulfilled. ² You who answer prayer, to you all people will come.

³ When we were overwhelmed by sins, you forgave our transgressions. ⁴ Blessed are those you choose and bring near to live in your courts! We are filled with the good things of your house, of your holy temple.

⁵ You answer us with awesome and righteous deeds, God our Saviour, the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas, ⁶ who formed the mountains by your power, having armed yourself with strength, ⁷ who stilled the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, and the turmoil of the nations.

⁸ The whole earth is filled with awe at your wonders; where morning dawns, where evening fades, you call forth songs of joy.

⁹ You care for the land and water it; you enrich it abundantly. The streams of God are filled with water to provide the people with corn, for so you have ordained it. ¹⁰ You drench its furrows and level its ridges; you soften it with showers and bless its crops.

¹¹ You crown the year with your bounty, and your carts overflow with abundance. ¹² The grasslands of the wilderness overflow; the hills are clothed with gladness. ¹³ The meadows are covered with flocks and the valleys are mantled with corn; they shout for joy and sing.



St Mary's
Church Purton

**Purton
Churches
Together**

"In partnership with
other Christians in Purton"



Purton
Methodist Church

Sunday 12th October 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 12th October	10.30am	Communion at St Mary's with Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith
	10.30am	Holy Communion Service at Purton Methodist Church led by Rev Shirlyn Toppin
	4.00pm	Messy Church at St Mary's
Mon 13 th	10.00am	Zoom Prayer Group Zoom ID: 907644918 Passcode:918865 Join Zoom Meeting https://us06web.zoom.us/j/907644918
	1.45pm	Bible study at 43 Pear Tree Close looking at the story of Elijah (NB earlier time today)
	3.30pm	Communion at Ashgrove House with Paul & Marie Dempsey
Tues 14 th	7.30pm	Music group rehearsal (venue tbc)
Wed 15 th	5.00pm	Lady Chapel Prayer Group
	7.30pm	Bellringers Quarter Peal
Thurs 16 th	2.30pm	Communion at White Lodge with Liz & David Martin
Fri 17 th	7.30pm	Bellringing practice
Sat 18 th		
Sunday 19th October	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	Service at Purton Methodist Church led by Joseph Musungu

Prayer: In our street prayer cycle for October, we pray for Witfield Close, Glevum Close, The Common, Locks Lane, (*and from Moulden View*) Bretton Close and Bashkir Close & Quarrydene (Care Home) on Pavenhill.

Methodist Circuit prayers this week are for Cricklade United Church. We give thanks to God for the lives of those who have recently died. We pray for the families and friends of Nigel May, Simon Osborne, Claude Indge and Graham Quincey.

The funeral for the late Graham Quincey will be at St Mary's Church at 1.00pm on Monday 20th October.

Collect: Trinity 17

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; 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.

Eco-Prayer Calendar for October

Give thanks to God for his provision of the harvest. Pray for farmers and the challenges they face, especially with climate change. Please also pray for 'Africa Naturally' in Mozambique (a charity supported by St Mary's). <https://africanaturally.com/>

Thank you so very much to everyone who helped decorate the Church for Harvest It was an amazing team effort. Plants, flowers, vegetables, leaves and teasels were delivered to the porch; skilled decorators offered their time and expertise, draping leaves around the pillars and producing beautiful flower arrangements; bread dough was plaited or made into dozens of cottage loaves; Messy Church parents and children produced a wonderful frieze of God's creations here on earth. it all looked so beautiful. It made the Harvest services joyful!

St Mary's Church Christmas Market -

Sat 29 November 2025 in the Church, from 11.00am - 3.00pm.

We are looking for new, different activities. Are you able to help on the day or run a stall? Do you know someone, a friend or neighbour who might be interested in booking a table? Let's make this a really exciting Community event this year! For more information please contact Sandra - 01793 770157

Readers: 12th Jane Smith 19th Val Walker

Intercessions: 12th Paul Dempsey 19th Celia Tweedie-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. administrator@stmaryspurton.org.uk

