

## **OLD MEAL - NEW MEANING**

See how Jesus transformed the Passover Meal into our Holy Communion. Join us at St Mary's Church for this event where you will hear the story about the Passover meal and explore the symbolism. We will enjoy the food together and find out how Jesus transformed the Passover Meal into what is now our Holy Communion celebration. All are welcome - the event is **free** (donations towards the food are welcome).

### **Sunday 13th April, 6.00pm at St Mary's Church**

Book a place on Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/old-meal-new-meaning-tickets-1305765001269?aff=oddtcreator> or email [vicarage@stmaryspurton.org.uk](mailto:vicarage@stmaryspurton.org.uk) or phone 01793 770077



### **Easter Flowers**

If anyone would like to help with Easter flowers we would be delighted. Help can come in different ways...

- a) money for us to buy flowers on your behalf:
- b) a gift of flowers from your garden which you or we can use in the Easter vases
- c) a gift of shop bought flowers, which you can arrange yourself or give to us to arrange for you.

All contributions most gratefully received:  
Libbie: 771018 and Jane: 772422



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Purton  
Methodist Church

### **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2025 Palm Sunday 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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- The Methodist Minister, Rev Shirlyn Toppin on 01793 853197  
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Bible Reading for Palm Sunday: Matthew 27: 45-53

## Church Events

<b>Palm Sunday</b> 13 <sup>th</sup> April	10.30am	Communion at St Mary's Church with Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith
	10.30am	Own Arrangement Service for Palm Sunday at Purton Methodist Church
	12.45pm	Baptism of Poppy Haddrell at St Mary's with Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith
	6.00pm	Passover meal at St Mary's Church – Free, all welcome, but need to book please!
Mon 14 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Zoom Prayer Group Zoom ID:907644918 Passcode:918865
	11.30am	Memorial Service for the late William Moffat at St Mary's Church with Revd Moira Slack
	1.45pm	Bible group at St Mary's Church – NB slightly earlier time today
	3.30pm	Communion at the Ashgrove with Paul & Marie Dempsey
Tues 15 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Choir practice
<b>Maundy Thursday</b>	2.30pm	Communion at White Lodge with Liz & David Martin
	6.00pm	Communion at St Mary's with Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith
<b>Good Friday</b>	10.00am	Walk of Witness (starting at Pavenhill shops)
	2.00pm	Hour at the Cross - United service at St Mary's
<b>Sunday</b> 20 <sup>th</sup> April <b>Easter Day</b>	8.00am	Communion at St Mary's with Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith
	10.30am	Easter Celebration with Family Communion at St Mary's with Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith
	10.30am	Easter Day Holy Communion Service at Purton Methodist Church led by Rev Mark Barrett

**Prayer:** In our street prayer cycle for April we pray for Dogridge, Orchard Gardens, Waterfield, Ringsbury Close, Restrop View, (*and from Ridgeway Farm*) Dewpont Close, The Farm and Moses Mead; Quarrydene (Care Home) on Pavenhill. Methodist Circuit prayers 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 Reginald Ovens, Arthur Griffin, Jenny Burge, Ed Parker, Joyce Ball, Wendy Walker & William Moffat.

### **Collect: Palm Sunday**

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; 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.

### **GOOD FRIDAY WALK OF REFLECTION AND WITNESS**

An opportunity to reflect upon the events of the first Good Friday that took place in and around the Streets of Jerusalem - along the High Street of Purton. Walking together behind the cross - reminders and reflections at appropriate places - prayers for the village and the world - a demonstration to all who pass by that this is no ordinary day. Meeting at Pavenhill Shops - 10.00 am - Friday morning (18th April)

The **Christian Aid Quiz** is NOW AVAILABLE! £2 each. – Libbie Sheppard

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### **Early warning of Christian Aid Week**

Please note that this year we shall be having the Christian Aid Week Breakfast and Service in St Mary's Church. It will be on Sunday May 11<sup>th</sup> and we shall be looking for help with preparing the Breakfast from 8.30 ready for 9am; and then clearing up so we are ready to start the service at 10.30. So please book to have your Breakfast in Church with us. It will cost a suggested minimum donation of £6. Offers of help with cooking bacon for the butties, providing jams for the croissants, cooking porridge or even providing a packet of Cornflakes will all be most gladly welcomed. Libbie: 771018 and Mary H :770505

### **Dates for your diaries**

Mon 19<sup>th</sup> May 2025 - **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** in St Mary's Church at 7.30pm

**Readers:** 13<sup>th</sup> Dave Nettleton 20<sup>th</sup> Jane Smith

**Intercessions:** 13<sup>th</sup> Paul Dempsey 20<sup>th</sup> Revd Ian & Celia Tweedie-Smith  
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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