

### **Summer Reading – collect from church**

#### **A Cause Worth Living For - David Hamilton - 4.00 (RRP 5.99)**

Many of us will remember well the troubles in Northern Ireland and the determination of terrorists on both sides to force their will upon that country. One such terrorist was David Hamilton, who through a variety of times in prison discovered that Christ wanted to change his life because He had a calling for him. What follows includes some gruesome details of the methods and practices of those terrorist groups, but it also charts the ways God intervened and transformed David's life from having a cause worth dying for as a terrorist to having a cause worth living for as a Christian. At the time I remember thinking that there was no way these troubles could ever be brought to an end, and yet here is the reminder that the God we believe in is more than a match for any who would attempt to stand in His way.

#### **Inspired - Simon Guillebaud - 7.00 (RRP 8.99)**

Simon Guillebaud has brought together eight individuals, each of whom felt God's calling on their life. Each of whom discovered the adventure of following Christ in various different countries. They discovered the challenge of taking risks and in the process finding God's faithfulness. I was inspired as I read it and it is my prayer that you will be too. Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith

### **Fellowship of Women**

**Meet monthly at Purton Methodist Church 2.00pm**

#### **Programme of events**

21 July: Wiltshire Wildlife Trust - speaker from the Trust  
15 September: The Quiet Engineer (Thomas Guppy) - speaker Gordon Shaw  
20 October: A Decade in Gascoigne - speaker John Clark  
17 November: Photographic History of Swindon Pre- and Post-war - speaker Jon Ratcliffe  
9 December: Christmas Devotional Afternoon - speaker Richard Harris (followed by mince pies and tea)

**Readers:** 13<sup>th</sup> Dave Nettleton 20<sup>th</sup> Val Walker

**Intercessions:** 13<sup>th</sup> Howard Smith 20<sup>th</sup> Jean Belt

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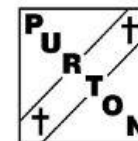
If you want to add an article into the church notices, please email Parish Administrator, Rosie Harris, by first thing Thursday mornings.  
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St Mary's  
Church Purton

**Purton  
Churches  
Together**

"In partnership with  
other Christians in Purton"



Purton  
Methodist Church

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July 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

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**Go and Do Likewise**  
**Luke 10:25-37**



## Church Events

<b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July</b>	10.30am	Communion at St Mary's with Canon Michael Johnson
	10.30am	Own Arrangement Service at Purton Methodist Church
Mon 14 <sup>th</sup>	12.30pm	Funeral of the late Ian Handy at St Mary's with Revd Sandy Railton followed by burial at Purton Cemetery
	3.30pm	Communion at Ashgrove Nursing Home with Paul & Marie Dempsey
Tues 15 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Music group rehearsal (venue tbc)
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup>	2.30pm	Communion at White Lodge with David & Liz Martin
	5.00pm	Lady Chapel Prayer Group
Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup>		
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Bellringing practice
Sat 19 <sup>th</sup>		
<b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July</b>	8.00am	Communion at St Mary's with Revd Sandy Railton
	10.30am	Church for All at St Mary's with David & Liz Martin
	10.30am	Service at Purton Methodist Church led by Adam Longhurst

**Prayer:** In our street prayer cycle for July we pray for Hillside, Station Road, Willow Brook, Bamford Close, Shaftesbury Close, Smiths Court, Widham, Clardon, New Road, (*and from Ridgeway Farm*) Course Meadow and South View & Ashgrove House Care Home on Station Road.

Methodist Circuit prayers this week are for Royal Wootton Bassett Methodist Church.

We give thanks to God for the lives of those who have recently died. We pray for the families and friends of William Moffat, Deborah Webb, Kathleen Fuller, Frances Pinhorn, Jonathan Bryan, Valerie Kay & Ian Handy.

## **Collect: Trinity 4**

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that with you as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not our hold on things eternal; grant this, heavenly Father, for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## **Bible reading: Luke 10: 25-37**

<sup>25</sup> On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus.

'Teacher,' he asked, 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?' <sup>26</sup> 'What is written in the Law?' he replied. 'How do you read it?'

<sup>27</sup> He answered, "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind"; and, "Love your neighbour as yourself."

<sup>28</sup> 'You have answered correctly,' Jesus replied. 'Do this and you will live.'

<sup>29</sup> But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?'

<sup>30</sup> In reply Jesus said: 'A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half-dead. <sup>31</sup> A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup> So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup> But a Samaritan, as he travelled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. <sup>34</sup> He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. <sup>35</sup> The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. "Look after him," he said, "and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have." <sup>36</sup> 'Which of these three do you think was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?'

<sup>37</sup> The expert in the law replied, 'The one who had mercy on him.' Jesus told him, 'Go and do likewise.'

