

**Save the date** - Sat 11 October 2025 - 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 continues to support.

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

#### **Other advance notices**

Please see our separate posters:

- Foodbank list for Harvest
- 'Come and Sing' Day - Handel's Messiah – on December 6<sup>th</sup> at St Mary's
- Walk Through the Bible – New Testament  
Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2026 – Details available soon

#### **The Quiet Time - KickStart - Rachel Jones - 5.00 (RRP 6.99)**

Have you thought about reading the Bible, but you do not know not know where to start. Or maybe you have started but more recently that time of quiet with God has gone a bit stale. Or perhaps you have been reading the Bible but now want to dig a bit deeper. If any of these descriptions fit your experience, then why not give your Quiet Times with God a boost with this book, which quite literally will give you a Kick Start and a friendly helping hand - why not give it a go from the beginning of September. Books available in Church or from the Vicar

**Readers:** 14<sup>th</sup> David Martin 21<sup>st</sup> David Nettleton

**Intercessions:** 14<sup>th</sup> Jane Smith 21<sup>st</sup> Liz & 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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**Purton  
Churches  
Together**

"In partnership with  
other Christians in Purton"



**Purton  
Methodist Church**

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September 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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- The Methodist Minister, Rev Shirlyn Toppin on 01793 853197  
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**Luke 15: 1-10 The good shepherd**

## Church Events

<b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September</b>	10.30am	Communion at St Mary's with Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith
	10.30am	Service at Purton Methodist Church led by Eric Hewitt
	1.00pm	Baptism of Oliva Potheary at St Mary's
	2.00pm	Baptism of Winifred Harris at St Mary's – both with Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Zoom Prayer Group Zoom ID: 907644918 Passcode:918865 Join Zoom Meeting <a href="https://us06web.zoom.us/j/907644918">https://us06web.zoom.us/j/907644918</a>
	2.30pm	Fellowship of Women meet at Purton Methodist Church
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Music group rehearsal (venue tbc)
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup>	5.00pm	Lady Chapel Prayer Group
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup>	2.30pm	Communion at White Lodge with David & Liz Martin
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Bellringing practice
Sat 20 <sup>th</sup>		
<b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September</b>	8.00am	Communion at St Mary's
	10.30am	Church for All at St Mary's with David & Liz Martin
	10.30am	Service at Purton Methodist Church led by Rev Shirlyn Toppin
	12.30pm	Bring & Share birthday celebration at St Mary's

**Prayer:** In our street prayer cycle for September, we pray for Jubilee Estate, Vasterne Close, Hoggs Lane, Vasterne Hill, (*and from Moulden View*) Caspian Close and Pinto Close; Cotswolds Rise Care Home on Ridgeway Farm.

Methodist Circuit prayers this week are for Shrivenham Methodist Church.

We give thanks to God for the lives of those who have recently died. We pray for the families and friends of Ron Scott, Roderick Wightman, Ken Cox and Nigel May.

## **Prayer (Trinity 13):**

Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## **Birthday Lunch Invitation**

As some of you will know, Mary Wooding turns 80 on the 21<sup>st</sup> September. She would like to invite you to a Bring & Share lunch starting at 12.30 on her birthday in St Mary's church, Purton after the 10.30 service. She says that she would love a card to mark the occasion but does not want any presents. If you insist on giving something, then she would appreciate a small contribution to her next trip to visit family in New Zealand. Please would you RSVP to Mary Nettleton on [marynettleton@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:marynettleton@hotmail.co.uk) or 01793 772298 so we know how many plates/glasses/drinks we need to get organised. PS this is not a surprise party! She knows all about it. PPS You are welcome to bring partners.

## **St Mary's Church Maintenance and Cleaning Day Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September 9:30 - 16:30**

Yes, another one! Our lovely Grade 1 listed building needs continuing attention. Many jobs to be done ranging from cleaning gutters and gullies to cobweb removal. **Please save the date and come for whatever time you can spare.** A snack lunch will be provided. So tools and materials can be resourced in time, please sign sheet in Church or contact Howard Smith on 01793 771493 before 15<sup>th</sup> September. Thank you.

## **Harvest**

Any help with Harvest decorations for St Mary's will be warmly welcomed by Libbie and Jane as they decorate for Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October. We shall be in Church on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> (after having flu and covid jabs!) if anyone wants to join us! Flowers, fruits, garlands, sheaves of corn...anything harvest and seasonal will be welcomed with grateful thanks.

