

Bible reading: John Chapter 2. 1 – 11

There was a wedding in the village of Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there. Jesus and his disciples were guests also. When they started running low on wine at the wedding banquet, Jesus' mother told him, "They're just about out of wine." Jesus said, "Is that any of our business, Mother—yours or mine? This isn't my time. Don't push me." She went ahead anyway, telling the servants, "Just do whatever he tells you". Six stoneware water pots were there, used by the Jews for washing. Each held twenty to thirty gallons. Jesus ordered the servants, "Fill the pots with water." And they filled them to the brim. "Now fill your pots and take them to the host," Jesus said, and they did. When the host tasted the water that had become wine (he didn't know what had just happened, but the servants of course knew), he called out to the bridegroom, "Everybody I know begins with their finest wines and after the guests have had their fill brings in the cheap stuff. But you've saved the best till now!" This act in Cana of Galilee was the first sign Jesus gave, the first glimpse of his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

Christian Aid Conference: Live streamed.

On Saturday March 14 there will be the annual Christian Aid Conference, live streamed in Purton. We are very grateful that The Methodist Church has agreed, once again, to welcome us at the Methodist Church from 10.30 – 2pm. Coffee will be served from 10am; and soup/bread and cake/coffee will be served after the Conference. Please do let us know if you are interested in joining us. Libbie 771018 and Mary 770505

Upcoming Events

Sat 21 March from 9.30am - Spring Cleaning and Maintenance Day at St Mary's Church.

Sat 18 April - Murder Mystery Evening with PADS in St Mary's Church at 7.00pm - Murder on the Home Front.

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

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Purton
Methodist Church

Sunday 15th March 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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A decorative logo for Mothering Sunday. The words "Mothering" and "Sunday" are written in a cursive font. The text is surrounded by several red flowers and sprigs of holly leaves and berries.

Mothering
Sunday

Church Events

Sunday 15th March	8.00am	Communion at St Mary's with Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith
	10.30am	Mothering Sunday United Parade Service at St Mary's with Lay Readers David & Liz Martin
Mon 16 th	10.00am	Zoom Prayer Group Zoom ID: 907644918 Passcode:918865 https://us06web.zoom.us/j/907644918
	1.45pm	Bible group at Pear Tree Close – The Gospel of John
Tues 17 th		
Wed 18 th	7.30pm	Lent group at Ringsbury Close
Thurs 19 th	7.30pm	Lent Group at College Road
Fri 20 th	7.30pm	Bellringing practice
Sat 21 st	9.30am-4.30pm	Spring Cleaning and Maintenance Day at St Mary's Church
Sunday 22nd March	10.30am	Communion at St Mary's with Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith
	10.30am	Service at Purton Methodist Church led by Adrian German

Prayer: In March (in our cycle of prayer for those living and working in the Parish) we pray for those living and working in Restrop View, Restrop Road, Battlewell, Bagbury Lane, (*and from Ridgeway Farm*) Quarry Field, Lower Mill, Mill View & Cotswolds Rise Care Home on Ridgeway Farm. 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 Jean Bamford, Reg Richardson, Marjorie Sansum, Derek Skuse, Robert Scott, Revd Trevor Day, Terence Hedges, Barbara Mills, Jennifer Dibling and Mark Wightman. The funeral service for the late Jennifer Dibling will take place at St Mary's on Monday 23rd March at 2.00pm.

Eco-Prayer Calendar for March 2026

Give thanks to God for the gift of water which sustains all life. Pray for those who do not have access to clean water and communities who are facing drought or floods due to climate change.

Collect: Mothering Sunday

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; 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.

Spring Cleaning and Maintenance day at St Mary's

Saturday 21st March from 9.30am – 4.30pm

We would be grateful for any offers of help, even if only for a couple of hours. Please speak to Howard Smith or the churchwardens for more information.

Passion Play by Rise Theatre.

Wednesday 18th March 7.30pm

Don't miss this amazing event - Citifaith Church in Regent Street. Doors open at 7pm. Under 14s to be accompanied by a parent, guardian or Youth Leader. Tickets can be bought online from www.ticketsource.co.uk/risetheatre - concessions are available. To watch a trailer for the play, follow this link [Reading Passion Play 2025 - RISE Theatre](#)

Readers: 15th Christine Gill 22nd Godfrey Fowler

Intercessions: 15th Celia Tweedie-Smith 22nd Liz Martin

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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. administrator@stmaryspurton.org.uk