

## **Christian Aid Week**

Huge thanks to all who came to the breakfast and service last Sunday. Your involvement was greatly appreciated. We collected over £430 for Christian Aid, so thank you all very very much indeed, especially those who helped, those who contributed towards the bacon, the cereals, the croissants, the coffee etc.

The quiz was dramatic this year with five worthy winners sharing the prize, as they scored 100%. They even managed to correct my mistakes...an extra challenge! Thank you for all who took part. Over £730 was raised, with people taking part from all over the country!

Please remember the Cake Sales this Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> May!  
If you are able to bring any home-made contributions for us to sell at Pips we would be SO grateful. Contributions from 9.30am would be wonderful. Sylvia is also running a cake sale and tombola at the top of Purton High Street from early morning.

**Plants for sale:** Mary Nettleton is selling plants from her house, in aid of Christian Aid, St Mary's Church and other charities. The plants are really good...flowers as well as vegetables. They are going fast so make sure you don't leave it too late!



**Purton  
Churches  
Together**

"In partnership with  
other Christians in Purton"



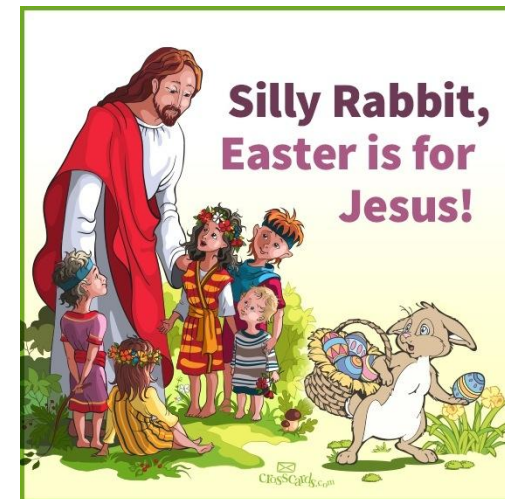
**Purton  
Methodist Church**

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May 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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<b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May</b>	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, Bev Kaupinnen & The BASH youth group from Lydiard Millicent
	10.30am	Service at Purton Methodist Church led by Adam Longhurst
	4.00pm	Messy Church at St Mary's
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Zoom Prayer Group Zoom ID:907644918 Passcode:918865
	2.00pm	St Mary's Fellowship of Women meet at Purton Methodist Church. Subject: Medieval Pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela , speaker Judith Cranswick.
	7.00pm	Annual Parochial Church Meeting at St Mary's Church
Tues 20 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Choir practice
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup>	5.00pm	Lady Chapel Prayer Group
Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup>	7.30pm	Bellringing practice
<b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May</b>	10.30am	Communion at St Mary's with Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith
	10.30am	Service at Purton Methodist Church led by Pam Mullin
	1.00pm	Baptism of Winifred Harris at St Mary's
	2.00pm	Baptism of Beverley Rutter at St Mary's – both with Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith

**Prayer:** In our street prayer cycle for May we pray for Kibblewhite Close, Proud Close, Reids Piece, The Peak, Willis Way, Long Acre, High Street, College Road, Hooks Hill, *(and from Ridgeway Farm)* The Brook, Webb's Place and New Reed; The Cedars Care Home on The High Street. 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 Jenny Burge, Ed Parker, Joyce Ball, Wendy Walker & William Moffat.

#### **Collect: Easter 5**

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ

our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

#### **18<sup>th</sup> May 10.30am 'Church for All' at St Mary's Purton**

#### **'Shrek found the real meaning of Christmas, but what about Easter?'**

On Good Friday, BASH – the All Saints Bible and Sharing Hour youth group, took the All-age service for All Saints with 'Shrek found the real meaning of Christmas, but what about Easter?' At Christmas we led the All -age Christmas eve service at Lydiard with 'Shrek found the real meaning of Christmas'. This is the Easter follow up!

Through music, dance, prayers, the words of a young, budding preacher and the characters from Shrek we look at the Easter story and its potential implications on our lives.

It is an ideal service for all ages, and we would love to see as many people as possible in church on the 18<sup>th</sup>! In addition, it is a chance for St Mary's congregation to chat with the youngsters about what we do in school and at BASH and to ask leader Bev Kaupinnen questions regarding her present and future role as faith youth worker (chaplain) for All Saints and St Mary's combined.

#### **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** in St Mary's Church on Mon 19 May 2025 at **7.00pm**

Please consider standing for election to the Parochial Church Council. Could you make a difference - have your say in the running of St Mary's Church - make things happen .....Nomination forms are available in Church. Any questions or further information required do please speak to Ian, Sandra or Marie. Look forward to seeing you at the meeting. Please remember that current PCC members need to complete a Nomination Form if they wish to continue in that role after the APCM

**Readers:** 18<sup>th</sup> Marie Dempsey 25<sup>th</sup> Godfrey Fowler

**Intercessions:** 18<sup>th</sup> Jane Smith 25<sup>th</sup> Sandra Horsnall

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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