

Christian Aid

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Sat May 9th: Cake Sales

Sun May 10th: Breakfast in the Methodist Church followed by the Christian Aid Service

Sat May 16th: Faith Alive Choir concert 'Just Believe!' in St Mary's.

More details on the separate information sheet.

Not to be missed! -

Murder Mystery Evening with PADS in St Mary's Church 'Death on the Home Front'

Saturday 18th April, 7.00pm for 7.30pm start.

Tickets £12.00 each to include a light supper + Raffle.

Please bring your own glasses and drinks.

For tickets contact Sandra 01793 770157 or Marie 07455046815

Walking on Top of the World: Treks Across Iconic Mountains 🏔️

📅 Saturday 18 April - 🕒 3:00pm – 5:00pm

📍 All Saints Church, Lydiard Millicent

Join local resident and church warden John Halstead for an inspiring illustrated talk exploring the highlights from 30 mountain treks across 4 continents. From breathtaking landscapes and unexpected encounters to physical challenges and rich cultural experiences, this is a journey across some of the world's most iconic peaks — all from the comfort of your seat.

☕ Mountain-themed refreshments served during the interval

🎟️ Free admission (donations warmly welcomed)

📅 No booking required

Diary Dates

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?

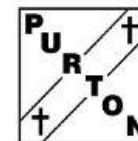
Sat 11 July – Sing 4/4 Concert in St Mary's Church 7.00pm



St Mary's
Church Purton

Purton
Churches
Together

"In partnership with
other Christians in Purton"



Purton
Methodist Church

Sunday 19th April 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
vicarage@stmaryspurton.org.uk
- The Methodist Minister, Rev Shirlyn Toppin on 01793 853197
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- If you have any Church Safeguarding concern:
Marie Dempsey on 07455046815
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For general enquiries: Parish Administrator, Rosie Harris
01793 773035 (Tues/Thurs mornings)
Email: administrator@stmaryspurton.org.uk



¹³ May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15 v.13

Church Events

Sunday 19th April	8.00am	Communion at St Mary's Church with Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith & Richard Harris
	10.30am	Church for All at St Mary's Church with Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith & Richard Harris
	10.30am	Own Arrangement Service at Purton Methodist Church
Mon 20 th	10.00am	Zoom Prayer Group Zoom ID: 907644918 Passcode:918865 https://us06web.zoom.us/j/907644918
	1.45pm	Bible group (Pear Tree Close)
	2.00pm	St Mary's Fellowship of Women meet at Purton Methodist Church: 'Therapies inc. reiki and acupuncture' with Christine King
	7.00pm	PCC meeting at the vicarage
Tues 21 st		
Wed 22 nd	5.00pm	Lady Chapel Prayer Group
Thurs 23 rd		
Fri 24 th	7.30pm	Bellringing practice
Sat 25 th		
Sunday 26th April	10.30am	Communion at St Mary's Church with Revd Sandy Railton
	10.30am	Morning Service and General Church Meeting at Purton Methodist Church led by Rev Shirlyn Toppin

Prayer: In April (in our cycle of prayer for those living and working in the Parish) we pray for those living and working in Dogridge, Orchard Gardens, Waterfield, Ringsbury Close, Restrop View, (*and from Ridgeway Farm*) Dewpond Close, The Farm and Moses Mead, and Quarrydene (Care Home) on Pavenhill. Methodist circuit prayers for 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 Robert Scott, Revd Trevor Day, Terence Hedges, Barbara Mills, Jennifer Dibling, Mark Wightman, Linda Sawyer, Norene Richardson, Dr Andrew Reekie and Bob Stimpson.

Bible reading for 19th April: *Romans 15: 1-13*

Eco-Prayer Calendar for April 2026

Earth day this year is on 22nd April <https://www.earthday.org/earth-day-2026/> Go to their website to find out more, including '**Why Imperfect Climate Action Is Better Than Perfect Inaction**'. What one small thing could you do this month to be more eco-friendly? There are plenty of interesting ideas on this website as a starting point, or maybe visit a local organic farm shop for inspiration?

Collect: Easter 3

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; 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.

Revision of the Church Electoral Roll - May 2026

Please check that your name is on the current Electoral Roll. This is displayed on the noticeboard in church. If you need an application form these are also on the noticeboard. Please contact Rosie or Sandra if you need any help or further information.

Easter Flowers in St Mary's

Thank you to all who contributed towards the flowers in St Mary's for Easter...the greenery (choisia), the lilies, gifts of money, the rosemary. And thank you to those who contributed time and effort in arranging the flowers, to make St Mary's look even more special.

Men's Breakfast

The next breakfast will be at All Saints Lydiard Millicent Church on Saturday 9th May at 8am (not 2nd).

Readers: 19th David Martin 26th Libbie Sheppard

Intercessions: 19th David Martin 26th David Nettleton

St Mary's Church website is: 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. administrator@stmaryspurton.org.uk

