

Bible Reading - John 9:1-41 - Why is healing needed?

As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. ² His disciples asked him, 'Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?' ³ 'Neither this man nor his parents sinned,' said Jesus, 'but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him. ⁴ As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. ⁵ While I am in the world, I am the light of the world.' ⁶ After saying this, he spat on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man's eyes. ⁷ 'Go,' he told him, 'wash in the Pool of Siloam' (this word means 'Sent'). So the man went and washed, and came home seeing. ⁸ His neighbours and those who had formerly seen him begging asked, 'Isn't this the same man who used to sit and beg?' ⁹ Some claimed that he was. Others said, 'No, he only looks like him.' But he himself insisted, 'I am the man.' ¹⁰ 'How then were your eyes opened?' they asked. ¹¹ He replied, 'The man they call Jesus made some mud and put it on my eyes. He told me to go to Siloam and wash. So I went and washed, and then I could see.' ¹² 'Where is this man?' they asked him. 'I don't know,' he said.

¹³ They brought to the Pharisees the man who had been blind. ¹⁴ Now the day on which Jesus had made the mud and opened the man's eyes was a Sabbath. ¹⁵ Therefore the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight. 'He put mud on my eyes,' the man replied, 'and I washed, and now I see.' ¹⁶ Some of the Pharisees said, 'This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath.' But others asked, 'How can a sinner perform such signs?' So they were divided. ¹⁷ Then they turned again to the blind man, 'What have you to say about him? It was your eyes he opened.' The man replied, 'He is a prophet.'

¹⁸ They still did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they sent for the man's parents. ¹⁹ 'Is this your son?' they asked. 'Is this the one you say was born blind? How is it that now he can see?' ²⁰ 'We know he is our son,' the parents answered, 'and we know he was born blind. ²¹ But how he can see now, or who opened his eyes, we don't know. Ask him. He is of age; he will speak for himself.' ²² His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders, who already had decided that anyone who acknowledged that Jesus was the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. ²³ That was why his parents said, 'He is of age; ask him.'

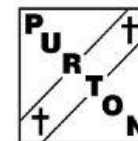
(For the rest of the reading please refer to your bibles.)



St Mary's
Church Purton

Purton Churches Together

"In partnership with
other Christians in Purton"



Purton
Methodist Church

Sunday 1st June 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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Church Events

Sunday 1st June	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
	10.30am	Own Arrangement Service at Purton Methodist Church
Mon 2 nd	10.00am	Zoom Prayer Group Zoom ID:907644918 Passcode:918865
	2.00pm	Bible group in church - Book of Mark
Tues 3 rd	7.30pm	Choir practice
Wed 4 th	5.00pm	Lady Chapel Prayer Group
Thurs 5 th	2.30pm	Communion at the Cedars with Liz & David Martin
Fri 6 th	7.30pm	Bellringing practice
Sat 7 th		
Sunday 8th June	10.30am	Communion at St Mary's with Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith
	10.30am	Holy Communion Service at Purton Methodist Church led by Rev Shirlyn Toppin

Prayer: In our street prayer cycle for June we pray for Purton Stoke, Benthams, Hayes Knoll, Braydon, Cross Lanes, *(and from Ridgeway Farm)* Hill View, Newman's View, Upper Oxhill and White Lodge Care Home on Braydon Road.

Methodist Circuit prayers this week are for Toothill 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 and Kathleen Fuller.

The **funeral** for the late Kathleen Fuller will be at St Mary's Church on Friday 13th June at 11.30am with Revd Shirly Danby.

Collect: Easter 7

O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Eco-Prayer

Give thanks for our natural environment on which we rely for survival. Bring before God the loss of ecosystems, forests and habitats and endangered species. Learn about and pray for the 'Great Big Green Week' on 7th - 15th June 2025: "The UK's biggest ever celebration of community action to tackle climate change and protect nature."

<https://greatbiggreenweek.com/>

Christian Aid

Thank you again to everyone who has taken part in Christian Aid Week activities, in one way or another. We are so grateful. So far, we have raised over £5,350, which is phenomenal. Many people have used GiveStar for their donations which is great as we don't have to deal with the cash or the envelopes. But you know us...we are happy to receive money for Christian Aid any way it arrives! Thank you all again for supporting in so many different ways.

Libbie, Mary H and the Purton Christian Aid Team

St Mary's Church – Healing Series

We regularly pray for people who are unwell. But what should we expect when we pray? What does God say in the Bible on the subject? We are going to do a short series in June culminating in an healing service on 29th June within an informal communion service.

Why is healing needed? 1st June

Why is healing possible? 8th June

Who is healed and when? 22nd June

Praying for healing today 29th June

(Followed by bring & share lunch possibly with a BBQ)

If you are away for any of the Sundays, hopefully it will be possible to watch online on our YouTube channel. For more information, please speak with the Vicar.

Readers: 1st June Sandra Horsnall 8th Brian Gill 15th Christine Gill

Intercessions: 1st Madeleine Harvey 8th David Martin 15th Val Walker

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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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