

Bible Reading: Mark 5: 1-20

They went across the lake to the region of the Gerasenes. ²When Jesus got out of the boat, a man with an impure spirit came from the tombs to meet him. ³This man lived in the tombs, and no one could bind him anymore, not even with a chain. ⁴For he had often been chained hand and foot, but he tore the chains apart and broke the irons on his feet. No one was strong enough to subdue him. ⁵Night and day among the tombs and in the hills he would cry out and cut himself with stones. ⁶When he saw Jesus from a distance, he ran and fell on his knees in front of him. ⁷He shouted at the top of his voice, 'What do you want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? In God's name don't torture me!' ⁸For Jesus had said to him, 'Come out of this man, you impure spirit!' ⁹Then Jesus asked him, 'What is your name?' 'My name is Legion,' he replied, 'for we are many.' (Read your bible to continue...)

Jigsaw Puzzle Sale: for Christian Aid

In Pips Café on Saturday March 7th from 10.30am.
Most puzzles £2: brand-new ones may be a bit more. Also, some other board games for sale. If you have any puzzles/games to donate, please bring them along to Pips on Thursday 5th or Friday 6th March or contact Libbie 771018 and she will collect. Thank you

Sat 21st March from 9.30am - Spring Cleaning and Maintenance Day at St Mary's Church. Please save the date

Sat 18 April 2026 - Murder Mystery Evening with PADS in St Mary's Church at 7.00pm - Murder on the Home Front. More details to follow.

Mon 18 May 2026 - 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)

Readers: 1st March Marie Dempsey 8th Brian Gill

Intercessions: 1st March Val Walker 8th Howard Smith

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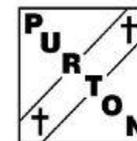
If you want to add an article into the church notices, please email Parish Administrator, Rosie Harris, by first thing Thursday mornings.
administrator@stmaryspurton.org.uk



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Church Purton

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"In partnership with
other Christians in Purton"



Purton
Methodist Church

Sunday 1st March 2026

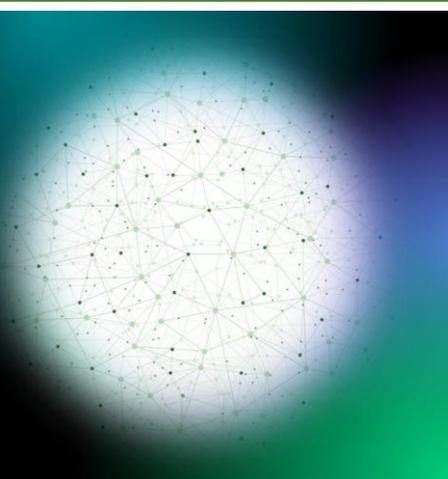
Welcome to our two Churches.

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
vicarage@stmaryspurton.org.uk
- The Methodist Minister, Rev Shirlyn Toppin on 01793 853197
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Marie Dempsey on 07455046815
Email: safeguarding@stmaryspurton.org.uk
For general enquiries: Parish Administrator, Rosie Harris
01793 773035 (Tues/Thurs mornings)
Email: administrator@stmaryspurton.org.uk

*Who is
Jesus?
He is Lord
over demons*

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Church Events

Sunday 1st March	8.00am	Communion at St Mary's with Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith
	10.30am	Church for All at St Mary's with Revd Ian & Celia Tweedie-Smith
	10.30am	Service at Purton Methodist Church led by Rachel Dowling
	6.00pm	Sunday Evening Music at Purton Methodist Church
Mon 2 nd	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
	7.00pm	PCC Meeting at the vicarage
Tues 3 rd	10.30am	Funeral of the late Derek Skuse at St Mary's with Revd Judith Wells
Wed 4 th	8am-5pm	Electrical inspection in St Mary's Church
	12 noon	Lent Lunches at Purton Methodist Church
	7.30pm	Lent group at Ringsbury Close
Thurs 5 th	8am-5pm	Electrical inspection in St Mary's Church
	7.30pm	Lent Group at College Road
Fri 6 th	7.30pm	Bellringing practice
Sat 7 th	8.00am	Men's breakfast at All Saints Lydiard Millicent
	10.30am	Jigsaw puzzle sale at PIPs
Sunday 8th March	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
	4.00pm	Messy Church at St Mary's

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 Shrivensham Methodist Church.

We give thanks to God for the lives of those who have recently died. We pray for the families and friends of Trevor Maxfield, Patricia Fryer, Tom Tickell, Joy Newman, Peggy Young, Jean Bamford, Reg Richardson, Marjorie Sansum, Derek Skuse, Robert Scott, Revd Trevor Day, Terence Hedges and Barbara Mills.

The funeral service for the late Terence Hedges will take place at St Mary's on 10th March at 10.30am with Revd Sandy Railton.

The funeral service for the late Barbara Mills will take place at St Mary's on 11th 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: Lent 2

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The attached QR code and/or link below will take anyone to the webpage with the Daily Bible Reading references. Just open the camera app on your phone and hover it over the QR code. Tap the link which appears.

<https://www.stmaryspurton.org.uk/Lent26DailyBibleReadings>



