



Hello lovely friends!

Francis and I were married FIFTY years ago, in October 1974 and we now feel in need of a celebration having got as far as this!

So on **Saturday 12th October** we invite you to join us in St. Mary's Church, Purton for a Golden

Tea Party. There will be a sandwich or two, a glass of fizz as well as lashings of tea (and coffee!) with Golden Anniversary cake and, knowing Purton, we are quietly hoping for some other edible goodies to be there as well!

The plan for the afternoon is to gather any time from around 2pm onwards to eat, drink, chat and then eat and chat some more! We have been offered the use of our beautiful church for this celebration. Do come and enjoy the building and the friendship. Our own children and grandchildren will not be with us in Purton as we are also organising other October gatherings in different parts of the country with our extended families. So this is for you, as a key part of our local family of friends who mean so much to us, and put up with us on a regular basis!

Contributions for the gathering would always be welcome ... cakes, buns, cookies ... especially anything home-made! (Please label it if it is gluten or dairy free). Alternatively there will also be a collecting bucket for Christian Aid for those who prefer, but **please** don't feel you have to bring anything – your presence will be our ideal present....no need for other gifts. Do please let us know if you hope to join us and if you have any food allergies.

Hugs and hopes from Libbie and Francis xx

Saturday 5 October 2024 -

**Harvest Supper and Barn Dance in St Mary's Church
starting at 6.30pm.**

Bring and Share Supper. All very welcome

For further information please contact Sandra - 01793 770157



St Mary's
Church Purton

**Purton
Churches
Together**

"In partnership with
other Christians in Purton"



Purton
Methodist Church

Sunday 1st September 2024

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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Collect: Trinity 14

Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in 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.

Church Events

Sunday 1st September	8.00am	Communion at St Mary's Church with Rev Ian Tweedie-Smith
	10.30am	Church for All at St Mary's Church with David & Liz Martin
	10.30am	Service at Purton Methodist Church led by Joseph Musungu
Mon 2 nd	10.00am	Zoom Prayer Group Zoom ID:907644918 Passcode:918865
Tues 3 rd	2.00pm	Memorial Service for Ronald 'Ron' Kaupinnen at St Mary's Church with Rev Tudor Roberts
	6.30pm	Wedding rehearsal at St Mary's Church
	7.30pm	Choir practice
Wed 4 th	5.00pm	Prayer Group – Lady Chapel
Thurs 5 th	2.45pm-4.30pm	Florist setting up wedding flowers in St Mary's Church
Fri 6 th	1.00pm	Wedding: Elliott Jones & Rebecca Goddard, at St Mary's Church with Rev Norma McKemey
	7.30pm	Bellringing practice
Sat 7 th		
Sunday 8th September	10.30am	United Holy Communion Service and PEG AGM at Purton Methodist Church led by Rev Shirlyn Toppin (No 10.30am service at St Mary's)

Prayer: In our street prayer cycle for September, we pray for Jubilee Estate, Vasterne Close, Hoggs Lane, Vasterne Hill, (*and from Moulden View*) Caspian Close and Pinto Close and 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 Maureen, Pat Suddaby, Eileen Chamberlain, Harry Titcombe and Ronald 'Ron' Kaupinnen.

Eco-Prayer Calendar for September

Pray for the health of the world's oceans, coral reefs, lakes and rivers; for the creatures and fish who live in them, and for people whose livelihood depends on them. Pray for communities in low-lying places which are being affected by rising sea levels.

Reading: James 2.1-6,8

2 My brothers and sisters, believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ must not show favouritism. 2 Suppose a man comes into your meeting wearing a gold ring and fine clothes, and a poor man in filthy old clothes also comes in. 3 If you show special attention to the man wearing fine clothes and say, "Here's a good seat for you," but say to the poor man, "You stand there" or "Sit on the floor by my feet," 4 have you not discriminated among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts?
5 Listen, my dear brothers and sisters: Has not God chosen those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and to inherit the kingdom he promised those who love him? 6 But you have dishonoured the poor.
8 If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, "Love your neighbour as yourself," you are doing right.

The second reading for this Sunday is: **Luke 10: 28-36**

Ride and Stride - Saturday 14th September 2024.

I have sponsor forms for anyone who wishes to cycle, walk or ride a horse to churches within Wiltshire. Half of any money collected goes to the Wiltshire Historic Trust and the other half goes to a church of your choice in this county. I am also looking for volunteers to welcome cyclists/walkers/horse riders to St Mary's Church between 10am and 5pm and give them refreshments. So if you could spare an hour on this day please let me know. janersmith1@gmail.com 772422
Sandra is hoping to complete a sponsored cycle ride on the day, to help raise money for WHCT and St Mary's Church. Any support much appreciated!

Readers: 1st Sept Howard Smith 15th Godfrey Fowler

Intercessions: 1st Sept Madeleine Harvey 15th Celia Tweedie-Smith

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

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