

### **Summer Reading – collect from church**

#### **A Cause Worth Living For - David Hamilton - 4.00 (RRP 5.99)**

Many of us will remember well the troubles in Northern Ireland and the determination of terrorists on both sides to force their will upon that country. One such terrorist was David Hamilton, who through a variety of times in prison discovered that Christ wanted to change his life because He had a calling for him. What follows includes some gruesome details of the methods and practices of those terrorist groups, but it also charts the ways God intervened and transformed David's life from having a cause worth dying for as a terrorist to having a cause worth living for as a Christian. At the time I remember thinking that there was no way these troubles could ever be brought to an end, and yet here is the reminder that the God we believe in is more than a match for any who would attempt to stand in His way.

#### **Inspired - Simon Guillebaud - 7.00 (RRP 8.99)**

Simon Guillebaud has brought together eight individuals, each of whom felt God's calling on their life. Each of whom discovered the adventure of following Christ in various different countries. They discovered the challenge of taking risks and in the process finding God's faithfulness. I was inspired as I read it and it is my prayer that you will be too. Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith

### **Fellowship of Women**

**Meet monthly at Purton Methodist Church 2.00pm**  
**Programme of events**

21 July: Wiltshire Wildlife Trust - speaker from the Trust  
15 September: The Quiet Engineer (Thomas Guppy) - speaker Gordon Shaw  
20 October: A Decade in Gascoigne - speaker John Clark  
17 November: Photographic History of Swindon Pre- and Post-war - speaker Jon Ratcliffe  
9 December: Christmas Devotional Afternoon - speaker Richard Harris (followed by mince pies and tea)

**Readers:** 20<sup>th</sup> Val Walker 3<sup>rd</sup> Aug: Howard Smith

**Intercessions:** 20<sup>th</sup> Jean Belt 3<sup>rd</sup> Aug: Libbie Sheppard

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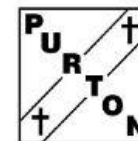
If you want to add an article into the church notices, please email Parish Administrator, Rosie Harris, by first thing Thursday mornings.  
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St Mary's  
Church Purton

### **Purton Churches Together**

"In partnership with  
other Christians in Purton"



Purton  
Methodist Church

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July 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

<b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July</b>	8.00am	Communion at St Mary's with Revd Sandy Railton
	10.30am	Church for All at St Mary's with David & Liz Martin
	10.30am	Service at Purton Methodist Church led by Adam Longhurst
Mon 21 <sup>st</sup>	9.30am	Meeting in St Mary's Church (DN)
	10.00am	Zoom Prayer Group Zoom ID:907644918 Passcode:918865
	2.00pm	Fellowship of Women meeting at Purton Methodist Church
Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup>	9.00am-11.00am	St Mary's School Leaver's Service (including rehearsal time)
Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup>	5.00pm	Lady Chapel Prayer Group
Thurs 24 <sup>th</sup>		
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Bellringing practice
Sat 26 <sup>th</sup>		
<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July</b>	10.30am 10.30am	No service at St Mary's United Service at Purton Methodist Church led by Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith

**Prayer:** In our street prayer cycle for July we pray for Hillside, Station Road, Willow Brook, Bamford Close, Shaftesbury Close, Smiths Court, Widham, Clardon, New Road, *(and from Ridgeway Farm)* Course Meadow and South View & Ashgrove House Care Home on Station Road.  
Methodist Circuit prayers this week are for Shrivenham Methodist 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, Kathleen Fuller, Frances Pinhorn, Jonathan Bryan, Valerie Kay & Ian Handy.

## **Collect: Trinity 5**

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## **Bible reading: Luke 10: 38-42**

<sup>38</sup> As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. <sup>39</sup> She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. <sup>40</sup> But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, 'Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!' <sup>41</sup> 'Martha, Martha,' the Lord answered, 'you are worried and upset about many things, <sup>42</sup> but few things are needed – or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her.'

## **BASH BBQ and rounders tournament for EVERYONE, from St Mary's church and All Saints church.**

On Friday 25th July from 4.00 at Lydiard park we will be having our annual BBQ and rounders tournament. It will be a lovely opportunity for all of us from both churches to have a chance to eat and share together. Also take in the youngsters in a rounders match for those who are so inclined!!!

I will be providing burgers, buns, sausages and rolls.

All we ask is you bring yourself, something to sit on and drinks.

If and only If you have a family dish or a dish from your culture that you could bring for sharing that would be a bonus but not a necessity! Look forward to seeing you at Lydiard Park 25th July from

4.00 🙏 Bev K