

Electoral roll

We will be updating the Electoral roll this month. This is a revision of the current roll and not a new one. Please fill out a form if you are NOT currently on the Electoral roll, but would like to be, and return this to Rosie Harris or Sandra Horsnall by Sunday 28th April at the latest. If you cannot remember whether you are already on the roll, please check the Electoral roll list which will be on the church notice board or ask Rosie: administrator@stmaryspurton.org.uk

Christian Aid

Don't forget the Christian Aid Quiz is still for sale if you want to be frustrated and entertained in equal measure! If it's easier you can ask for a copy to be sent electronically. You can also pay any donations into the Christian Aid JustGiving page at any time.

<https://justgiving.com/page/purton-christian-aid-2024>

Libbie: 771018 or Mary H:770505

Thank you to all who gave us jigsaws to sell and/or bought more to keep themselves busy throughout the next few weeks!

Christian Aid fundraising is so vital, especially during these days of hardship, climate change, war and deprivation. We raised nearly £250, with some artwork being sold as well. All the volunteers who helped, beforehand and on the day, were absolutely amazing ..so welcoming, so cheerful, so enthusiastic. Once again Purton has an amazing team. Thank you to all who took part in one way or another. Libbie and Mary.

Conference at the Pattern Church – Invitation to everyone

Everyday Faith. Together –

Saturday 11th May, Pattern Church, Swindon

We are very excited to share with you some of the highlights of our upcoming conference as we focus on

- how we encounter God in our daily lives?
- where is God during our daily lives?
- Finding God in the fullness of our everyday life?

For more information, including how to sign up, please read the separate attachment to the church notices.



**Purton
Churches
Together**

"In partnership with
other Christians in Purton"



Purton
Methodist Church

21st April 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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Church Events

Sunday 21st April	8.00am	Communion at St Mary's Church with Rev Judith Wells
	10.30am	Church for All at St Mary's Church with Rev Judith Wells
	10.30am	Morning Worship at Purton Methodist Church led by Joseph Musungu
Mon 22 nd	10.00am	Zoom Prayer Group Zoom ID:907644918 Passcode:918865
	12.30pm	Funeral of Ann Orr-Ewing at St Mary's Church with Rev Judith Wells
Tues 23 ^d		
Wed 24 th	5.00pm	Prayer Group
Thurs 25 th		
Fri 26 th	7.30pm	Bellringing practice
Sat 27 th		
Sunday 28th April	10.30am	Communion at St Mary's Church with Rev Ian Tweedie-Smith
	10.30am	Service at Purton Methodist Church led by Adrian German
	4.00pm	Messy Church at St Mary's Church

Prayer: In April we pray for Dogridge, Orchard Gardens, Waterfield, Ringsbury Close, Restrop View, (and from Ridgeway Farm) Dewpond Close, The Farm and Moses Mead, Quarrydene (Care Home) on Pavenhill. Methodist Circuit prayers this week are for Royal Wootton Bassett Methodist Church.

We give thanks to God for the lives of those who have recently died, and we pray for the families of Cynthia Huband, Clare Tweedie-Smith, Angie Woods, Ann Orr-Ewing and Jim Mannings.

'Eco-Prayer' for April

April 22nd is 'Earth Day'. This year Earthday.org is "*unwavering in our commitment to end plastics for the sake of human and planetary health, demanding a 60% reduction in the production of all plastics by 2040*".

<https://www.earthday.org/earth-day-2024/>

Prayerfully consider how we can better educate ourselves on this issue and what we can do to reduce plastic pollution.

Prayer for the 4th Sunday after Easter (The Collect)

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Reading: John 10:11-18

¹¹ "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹² The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. ¹³ The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

¹⁴ "I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me— ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. ¹⁷ The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up again. ¹⁸ No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father."

Readers: 21st Jane Smith 28th David Nettleton

Intercessions: 21st Madeleine Harvey 28th David Nettleton

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

If you have anything to include in the Church Notices, contact administrator@stmaryspurton.org.uk by first thing Thursday mornings.

