

**Go plastic free for nature this week and for the rest of July!**

*As you know St Mary's Church is working towards becoming an eco-church*

Plastic packaging has a huge impact on nature and people. It is estimated that plastic kills 1 million seabirds and 100,000 sea mammals, turtles and fish. Not only is plastic toxic for wildlife, but animals can become trapped and injured by plastic and it is disruptive to precious habitats leading to depletions in populations. Up to a million people a year die because of diseases caused by plastic pollution and waste. That's one person every 30 seconds. So, why not join millions of people pledging to reduce their plastic waste this July? You can sign up to avoid single-use plastic packaging or go completely "plastic free" and when you sign up you will receive weekly emails over the month to keep you motivated with tips, tricks and stories. Find out more at [plasticfreejuly.org](http://plasticfreejuly.org) and let us know if you're planning to take part in the challenge at [uk@arocha.org](mailto:uk@arocha.org).

**Christian Aid News**

Helen, our amazing Christian Aid Treasurer, has informed us she has banked **over £6,000** this year from Christian Aid Week activities. This is truly wonderful and Mary H and I want to thank each and every one of you for your constant and cheerful support, once again. I have been told that Sandra raised over £450 on her 70K walk...wowzers!..And the school raised money on their 70K challenge as well. Howard did an amazing job sorting all the envelopes (Over £1,000 there..) Jessie's Faith Alive concert was a wonderful bonus, raising oodles of money, love and delight. I could go on...there were breakfasts, the quiz, jigsaw sales and, of course, Lemon Drizzles, Bakewells and so much more. All we can say is thank you, thank you...it's the most amazing team effort and we are delighted and grateful in equal measure. Libbie and Mary and ALL the team...which is YOU!

**Readers:** 21<sup>st</sup> Jean Belt 28<sup>th</sup> Jane Smith

**Intercessions:** 21<sup>st</sup> Liz Martin 28<sup>th</sup> Howard Smith

St Mary's Church website is: [www.stmaryspurton.org.uk](http://www.stmaryspurton.org.uk)

During June: If you have anything to include in the church notices, contact Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith or Sandra Horsnall.



**Purton  
Churches  
Together**

"In partnership with  
other Christians in Purton"



Purton  
Methodist Church

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July 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

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## Church Events

<b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July</b>	8.00am	Communion at St Mary's Church with Rev Ian Tweedie-Smith
	10.30am	Church for All at St Mary's Church with Rev Ian Tweedie-Smith
	10.30am	Service at Purton Methodist Church led by Rev Joseph Ribeiro
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup>	10.00am	Zoom Prayer Group Zoom ID:907644918 Passcode:918865
	1.30pm	Bible group
	1.30pm	Year 6 Leaver's service at St Mary's Church with Rev Judith Wells
Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup>	7.30pm	Choir practice
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup>	5.00pm	Prayer Group – Lady Chapel
Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup>		
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Bellringing practice
Sat 27 <sup>th</sup>		
<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July</b>	10.30am	Communion at St Mary's Church with Rev Ian Tweedie-Smith
	10.30am	Service at Purton Methodist Church led by Adam Longhurst
	6.30pm	Dig Deeper into Philippians with Rev Ian Tweedie-Smith at the Vicarage

**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, South View and Ashgrove House Care Home on Station Road. 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. We pray for the family of Eric Spencer, Maureen, Pat Suddaby and Eileen Chamberlain.

### **Eco-Prayer Calendar for July**

Thank God for the beauty of the earth, particularly for the amazing variety of trees, plants and flowers and the colour they bring to our lives. Bring before God the decline of insects and bees. <https://friendsoftheearth.uk/>

### **Collect: Trinity 8**

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; 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.

### **Reading: Psalm 23**

*A psalm of David.*

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures,  
he leads me beside quiet waters,
- 3 he refreshes my soul.  
He guides me along the right paths  
for his name's sake.
- 4 Even though I walk  
through the darkest valley,  
I will fear no evil,  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff,  
they comfort me.
- 5 You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies.  
You anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.
- 6 Surely your goodness and love will follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD  
for ever.

