

Save the date

Sat 11 October 2025 - **Harvest Supper and Barn Dance** at St Mary's Church, Purton starting at 6.30pm.

Free entry to this seasonal celebration with a Bring and Share Supper, please bring your own drinks and glasses. All very welcome, children please bring adults. No obligation to dance but it can be fun! Donations received will go towards the work of Africa Naturally in Mozambique. This is a charity that St Mary's Church continues to support.

Please contact Sandra 01793 770157 or David 01793 770171 to book your seats. Look forward to seeing you there...

Harvest

Any help with Harvest decorations for St Mary's will be warmly welcomed by Libbie and Jane as they decorate for Sunday 5th October. We shall be in Church on Saturday 4th (after having flu and covid jabs!) if anyone wants to join us! Flowers, fruits, garlands, sheaves of corn...anything harvest and seasonal will be welcomed with grateful thanks.

Other advance notices

- 'Come and Sing' Day - Handel's Messiah – on December 6th at St Mary's
- Walk Through the Bible – New Testament
Saturday 31st January 2026 – Details available soon

The Quiet Time - KickStart - Rachel Jones - 5.00 (RRP 6.99)

Have you thought about reading the Bible, but you do not know not know where to start. Or maybe you have started but more recently that time of quiet with God has gone a bit stale. Or perhaps you have been reading the Bible but now want to dig a bit deeper. If any of these descriptions fit your experience, then why not give your Quiet Times with God a boost with this book, which quite literally will give you a Kick Start and a friendly helping hand - why not give it a go from the beginning of September. Books available in Church or from the Vicar



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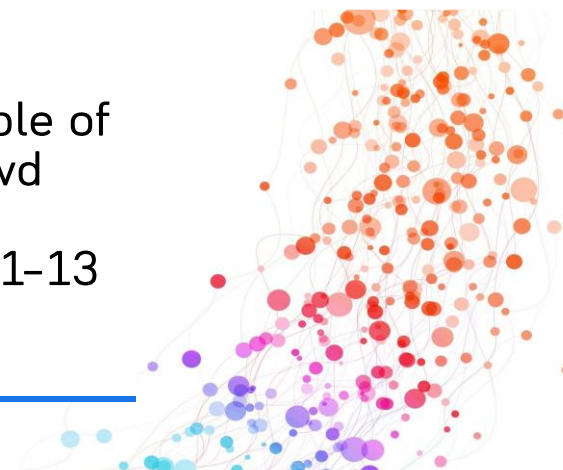
Sunday 21st September 2025

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

- The Vicar, Rev Ian Tweedie-Smith on 01793 770077
vicarage@stmaryspurton.org.uk
- The Methodist Minister, Rev Shirlyn Toppin on 01793 853197
shirlys8@hotmail.com
- If you have any Church Safeguarding concern:
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

The parable of
the shrewd
manager
Luke 16: 1-13



Church Events

Sunday 21st September	8.00am	Communion at St Mary's with Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith
	10.30am	Church for All at St Mary's with David & Liz Martin
	10.30am	Service at Purton Methodist Church led by Rev Shirlyn Toppin
	12.30pm	Bring & Share birthday celebration at St Mary's
Mon 22 nd	10.00am	Zoom Prayer Group Zoom ID: 907644918 Passcode:918865 Join Zoom Meeting https://us06web.zoom.us/j/907644918
	7.30pm	Bellringers – quarter peal for Graham Quincey's 90 th birthday
Tues 23 rd	7.30pm	Music group rehearsal (venue tbc)
Wed 24 th	9.30am-4.30pm?	Wall painting condition survey in Lady Chapel at St Mary's
	5.00pm	Lady Chapel Prayer Group
Thurs 25 th		
Fri 26 th	7.30pm	Bellringing practice
Sat 27 th	9.30am-5.00pm	Church maintenance day – St Mary's
Sunday 28th September	10.30am	Communion at St Mary's with Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith
	10.30am	Harvest Thanksgiving Service at Purton Methodist Church led by Adrian German
	4.00pm	Messy Church 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; Cotswolds Rise Care Home on Ridgeway Farm.

Methodist Circuit prayers this week are for Toothill Church.

We give thanks to God for the lives of those who have recently died. We pray for the families and friends of Ron Scott, Roderick Wightman, Ken Cox and Nigel May.

Prayer (Trinity 14):

Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: 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.

Birthday Lunch Invitation

As some of you will know, Mary Wooding turns 80 on the 21st September. She would like to invite you to a Bring & Share lunch starting at 12.30 on her birthday in St Mary's church, Purton after the 10.30 service. She says that she would love a card to mark the occasion but does not want any presents. If you insist on giving something, then she would appreciate a small contribution to her next trip to visit family in New Zealand. Please would you RSVP to Mary Nettleton on marynettleton@hotmail.co.uk or 01793 772298 so we know how many plates/glasses/drinks we need to get organised. PS this is not a surprise party! She knows all about it. PPS You are welcome to bring partners.

St Mary's Church Maintenance and Cleaning Day

Saturday 27th September 9:30 - 16:30

Yes, another one! Our lovely Grade 1 listed building needs continuing attention. Many jobs to be done ranging from cleaning gutters and gullies to cobweb removal. **Please save the date and come for whatever time you can spare.** A snack lunch will be provided. So tools and materials can be resourced in time, please sign sheet in Church or contact Howard Smith on 01793 771493 before 15th September. Thank you.

Readers: 21st David Nettleton 28th Liz Martin

Intercessions: 21st Liz & David Martin 28th Howard Smith

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

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

