

### **Bible Reading: Mark 4: 35-41**

#### Jesus calms the storm

<sup>35</sup> That day when evening came, he said to his disciples, 'Let us go over to the other side.' <sup>36</sup> Leaving the crowd behind, they took him along, just as he was, in the boat. There were also other boats with him. <sup>37</sup> A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. <sup>38</sup> Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, 'Teacher, don't you care if we drown?' <sup>39</sup> He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, 'Quiet! Be still!' Then the wind died down and it was completely calm. <sup>40</sup> He said to his disciples, 'Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?' <sup>41</sup> They were terrified and asked each other, 'Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!'

### **Jigsaw Puzzle Sale: for Christian Aid**

In Pips Café on Saturday March 7th from 10.30am.

Most puzzles £2: brand-new ones may be a bit more. Also, some other board games for sale. If you have any puzzles/games to donate, please bring them along to Pips on Thursday 5th or Friday 6th March or contact Libbie 771018 and she will collect. Thank you

### **Passion Play by Rise Theatre.** Wednesday 18th March 7.30pm

Don't miss this amazing event - Citifaith Church in Regent's Street 7:30pm. Doors open at 7pm. Under 14s to be accompanied by a parent, guardian or Youth Leader.

Tickets can be bought online

from [www.ticketsource.co.uk/risetheatre](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/risetheatre) - concessions are available.

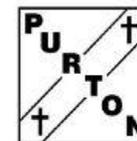
To watch a trailer for the play, follow this link [Reading Passion Play 2025 - RISE Theatre](#)



St Mary's  
Church Purton

## Purton Churches Together

"In partnership with  
other Christians in Purton"



Purton  
Methodist Church

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2026**

### **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

<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February</b>	10.30am	Communion at St Mary's with Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith
	10.30am	Service at Purton Methodist Church led by Pam Mullin
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup>	10.00am	Zoom Prayer Group Zoom ID: 907644918 Passcode:918865 <a href="https://us06web.zoom.us/j/907644918">https://us06web.zoom.us/j/907644918</a>
	1.45pm	Bible group at Pear Tree Close – The Gospel of John
Tues 24 <sup>th</sup>		
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup>	12 noon 7.30pm	Lent Lunches at Purton Methodist Church Lent group at Ringsbury Close
Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm 7.30pm	Funeral of the late Marjorie Sansum at St Mary's Church with Revd Judith Wells Lent Group at College Road
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Bellringing practice
Sat 28 <sup>th</sup>		
<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March</b>	8.00am	Communion at St Mary's with Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith
	10.30am	Church for All at St Mary's with Revd Ian & Celia Tweedie-Smith
	10.30am	Service at Purton Methodist Church led by Rachel Dowling
	6.00pm	Sunday Evening Music at Purton Methodist Church

**Prayer:** In February (in our cycle of prayer for those living and working in the Parish) we pray for those living and working in Blacklands, Red Gables Close, Ward Close, Highridge Close, The Masons, (*and from Ridgeway Farm*) Upper Mill, Ray Close and The Buffer Caring Hands (Wiltshire) Care Home at Battle Lake Farm. 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 families and friends of Sheila Fowler, Trevor Maxfield, Patricia Fryer, Tom Tickell, Jean Bamford, Reg Richardson, Derek Scuse, Marjorie Sansum, Robert Scott and Revd Trevor Day.

The funeral service for the late Derek Skuse will take place at St Mary's on 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 10.30am with Revd Judith Wells.

### **Eco-Prayer Calendar for February 2026**

Recent reports suggest that the world is on track to exceed a key global warming target soon. Pray that God will give wisdom to nations to honour the commitments they have made to reduce global greenhouse gas emissions; ask God to inspire scientists, industry and governments to find global solutions to the problem of generating clean affordable energy.

### **Collect: Lent 1**

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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.

### **Lent Groups**

This Lent we're running small groups using short clips from 'The Greatest Showman' to explore themes of hope, redemption, and new life through discussion and prayer. The groups run for five weeks, starting on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February, and are open to everyone—whether you've been part of a group before or are just curious to try one. For more information contact: Richard Harris 07854444663 [richard@harris-family.co.uk](mailto:richard@harris-family.co.uk) or Paul Dempsey 07796378136

**Readers:** 22<sup>nd</sup> Jean Belt 1<sup>st</sup> March Marie Dempsey

**Intercessions:** 22<sup>nd</sup> David Martin 1<sup>st</sup> March (tbc)

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