

### **Bible reading: Luke 13:10-21**

<sup>10</sup> On a Sabbath Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues, <sup>11</sup> and a woman was there who had been crippled by a spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over and could not straighten up at all. <sup>12</sup> When Jesus saw her, he called her forward and said to her, 'Woman, you are set free from your infirmity.' <sup>13</sup> Then he put his hands on her, and immediately she straightened up and praised God.

<sup>14</sup> Indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, the synagogue leader said to the people, 'There are six days for work. So come and be healed on those days, not on the Sabbath.' <sup>15</sup> The Lord answered him, 'You hypocrites! Doesn't each of you on the Sabbath untie your ox or donkey from the stall and lead it out to give it water? <sup>16</sup> Then should not this woman, a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has kept bound for eighteen long years, be set free on the Sabbath day from what bound her?' <sup>17</sup> When he said this, all his opponents were humiliated, but the people were delighted with all the wonderful things he was doing.

<sup>18</sup> Then Jesus asked, 'What is the kingdom of God like? What shall I compare it to? <sup>19</sup> It is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his garden. It grew and became a tree, and the birds perched in its branches.' <sup>20</sup> Again he asked, 'What shall I compare the kingdom of God to? <sup>21</sup> It is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into about thirty kilograms of flour until it worked all through the dough.'

**Readers:** 24<sup>th</sup> Christine Gill 31<sup>st</sup> Godfrey Fowler

**Intercessions:** 24<sup>th</sup> Sandra Horsnall 31<sup>st</sup> David Nettleton

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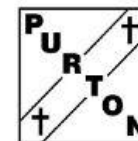
If you want to add an article into the church notices, please email Parish Administrator, Rosie Harris, by first thing Thursday mornings. [administrator@stmaryspurton.org.uk](mailto:administrator@stmaryspurton.org.uk)



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**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> August 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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Jesus heals a crippled woman on the Sabbath

## Church Events

<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> August</b>	10.30am	'Extended' Communion at St Mary's with Liz & David Martin (normal length service)
	10.30am	Service at Purton Methodist Church led by Robin Phoenix-Stone
	3.30pm	Visiting bellringers
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup>		
Tues 26 <sup>th</sup>		
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup>	5.00pm	Lady Chapel Prayer Group
Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup>		
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Bellringing practice
Sat 30 <sup>th</sup>		
<b>Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August</b>	10.30am	Communion at St Mary's (jointly with All Saints, Lydiard Millicent) with Revd Ian & Celia Tweedie-Smith
	10.30am	Own Arrangement Service at Purton Methodist Church

**Prayer:** In our street prayer cycle for August, we pray for Witts Lane, Jewels Ash, Waite Meads Close, Pear Tree Close (*and from Moulden View*) Mustang Way, Caring Hands (Wiltshire) Care Home at Battle Lake Farm. Methodist Circuit prayers this week are for Highworth Methodist Church.

We give thanks to God for the lives of those who have recently died. We pray for the families and friends of Valerie Kay, Ian Handy, Dave Taperek, Jean Hibbard, Ron Scott, Roderick Wightman and Ken Cox.

### **Collect: Trinity 10**

Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please you; 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.

### **Guitar concert**

We are very grateful to Aaron Notley-Jones and the Corinium Players, who came and did a wonderful guitar concert at St Mary's last week. The performances were superb - everyone has said how impressed they were and how much they enjoyed the evening. We are very grateful to them for committing the donations to the church - a very generous £368 was raised. This will make a welcome contribution to on-going costs for the care of the church building.

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### **Ride and Stride Saturday 13th September 2025**

This event raises money for the Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust. I have sponsor forms for anyone who wishes to cycle, walk or ride a horse to churches within Wiltshire. Half of any money collected goes to the Trust and the other half goes to a church of your choice in this county. Please contact me if you want a sponsor form on **772422 or [janersmith1@gmail.com](mailto:janersmith1@gmail.com)**

I am also looking for **volunteers to welcome** cyclists/walkers/horse riders to St Mary's Church between 10am and 5pm and give them refreshments. So if you could spare an hour on this day please let me know. Jane Smith

### **Ride and Stride**

I will be "Striding" in this year's Ride and Stride on 13th September and I'm looking for sponsors. The donations raised will be split 50/50 between St Mary's and the Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust. I have sponsor forms and all support will be most welcome.

Thanks, Paul Dempsey.

